



Children and Worship

Basic Training
Spring 2017

Children and Worship is a ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, Reformed Church in America and the Christian Reformed Church



Saturday May 6th and Saturday June 10th
Guildwood Community Presbyterian Church
Scarborough, Ontario

What is Basic Training?

This twelve-hour event (spread over two days) features presentations, demonstrations and hands-on practice for those beginning the program, or for churches who want to support an existing program by training additional leaders. Participants become acquainted with the philosophy, content and administration of the program; they learn how to present Bible stories and see how to create an environment that cultivates the imagination and invites children to experience the wonder and mystery of God.

What is Children and Worship?

Children and Worship is a unique and innovative way to worship with children. This multi-sensory approach, influenced by the philosophy of Maria Montessori, invites children to experience God through worship in an environment especially prepared for them. Children are surrounded by biblical stories which have been carefully chosen to connect with their deepest faith needs, and which are presented using beautiful wooden figures and other materials. Children are encouraged to respond freely to the stories out of their own experience.

Children and Worship is **ecumenical** and **cross-cultural**. It is used throughout the world in Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox churches as a Sunday morning or mid-week program, in Christian schools, hospitals and other settings.

Children and Worship was developed by Sonja Stewart and Jerome Berryman and is described in their book *Young Children and Worship*. It is one of the most effective ways of nurturing the faith of children and preparing them for worship with the whole congregation.



Trainer: Laura Alary

Laura stumbled across the book *Young Children and Worship* while working at Knox College Library and was captivated. She has been sharing God's stories with children (and adults) ever since. Laura was trained in Children and Worship by Linda Shaw and Sonja Stewart.

In addition to being a Children and Worship leader and trainer, Laura is a Christian educator, teacher, preacher, mother of three and author of numerous picture books for children.

**Training will take place at Guildwood Community Presbyterian Church
140 Guildwood Parkway, Scarborough, Ontario
Saturday May 6th and Saturday June 10th
9:00am – 3:30 pm**

Cost: \$135 per person (cheques made out to *The Presbyterian Church in Canada*)

Presbyterians may apply to the Lay Bursary Fund for financial assistance. Application forms are available online at <http://presbyterian.ca/funds>

**Please Bring: a bag lunch (drinks will be provided)
and a copy of the book *Young Children and Worship*
available through Faith Alive Resources (1-800-333-8300) or online at www.faithaliveresources.org**

Registration Form (Please Print Clearly)

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____ EMAIL: _____

CHURCH: _____

Does your church already have a C&W Ministry? _____

Please send completed Registration Form and Fee (by April 30th) to Laura Alary

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