



## **Godly Play Stories for Each Season**

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### **The Beginning of the Year (Fall)**

Common stories to tell on the first day of the program year include: The Holy Bible, Circle of the Church Year, Holy Family, and Creation

### **Great Green Growing Sundays Before Advent (Fall)**

Plan old testament core stories. How many Sundays from program year start to the beginning of Advent? We can never fit in all the Core Old Testament stories and do want to add in enrichment stories for the older children. For example, tell the Great Family and follow with Abraham and Sarah the next 2 Sundays. Or do these side by side if time permits.

### **Advent, Christmas, & Epiphany (Winter)**

Schedule the core Advent story or perhaps add in The Mystery of Christmas for the older Godly Playrooms. Plan for how many Sundays you are actually in Godly Play as it may not be 4. Each church is different in their schedule for Christmas and Epiphany, here you may have a one room school house for low attendance days or be able to tell the Epiphany story on Epiphany. It will depend on your church's practice and the calendar.

### **Great Green Growing Sundays before Lent (Winter)**

How many are there this year? In 2020 there will be 7 (Jan 12-Feb 23). Decide what theme you would like to focus on, typically this is parables. Perhaps schedule a side by side for older children. Perhaps tell a saint story from Volume 7.

### **Lent (early Spring)**

Faces of Easter for the younger children. Faces of Easter or the Greatest Parable for older children. Synagogue and the Upper Room and Jesus and Jerusalem for older children if you are blessed with having the materials.

### **Easter and Pentecost (mid-late Spring)**

Jesus in a New Way is the Core story for the Easter season. You may choose to tell a blend of stories such as Good Shepherd and World Communion or Saul Changes. You may want to mix in Jesus and the Twelve, again for older children. For Mother's Days, consider Mary the Mother of Jesus (an extension story), Ruth (an extension story, or Teresa of Calcutta (After the Biblical Era). These stories have some tough parts, so may be better for the 6 to 12-year-olds.

During Pentecost, consider The Mystery of Pentecost and Jesus and the Twelve (this story can be abbreviated for younger children).