



## WoRM (Workshop Rotation Model)

Sunday mornings this fall will find children in Kindergarten through 5th grades experiencing God through workshops in Storytelling and Drama, Video, Art, Bible Skills and Games, Music and Movement, Computer and Science labs, and Cooking. WoRM is a different approach to Sunday school. Over a 4-5 week period, children will repeat the same story from the Bible, learning through a different workshop each week. Because they repeat the same story several weeks in a row, and because the emphasis is on active learning, children have better recall of the story and a deeper understanding of its meaning.

Our goal is to aid children in forming a lasting personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. The use of rotating workshops makes this an energetic, innovative, and relevant experience for all ages. Children go to one of the following workshops each week:

**The Coliseum** (Dramatic Play) – a variety of activities take place here! Children use puppets or put on Bible costumes to act out the story; interpret a story to music; or create modern day situations that reflect the teachings from scripture. Adults also dress the part as they tell “their” story in the Bible.

**Cinema on the Mount** (Movie Theatre and Cooking) - Children visit the video theatre with a large movie screen, VHS and DVD equipment, and a popcorn machine! This will be one of their favorite workshops as they munch on popcorn and watch movies of the Bible story or children’s movies that bring out a theme covered in the scripture lesson. This workshop will also serve as the Cooking Workshop where children will prepare food which directly relates to the Bible story.

**The Marketplace** (Art) – Children will respond to the Bible stories they hear and experience through different forms of art. The emphasis is on encouraging children to create their own artwork rather than copying a craft model. This is truly art for art’s sake!

**Temple Time** (Games, Music and Movement) – The Temple is where the Bible story is heard, read and experienced through games, puzzles, quizzes, maps, and Bible searches. Children play games to learn and understand the Bible story, the story sequence, or a memory verse. The Temple is also where children will interpret the Bible story through singing, dance, movement, and instruments.

**Thy Kingdom.com** (Computer and Science Lab) – Children will interact with animated Bible teaching tools, play learning directed games on the computers, and use computer software to make their own Bible games and quizzes. This workshop will also serve as a Science workshop in which children will discover God’s world through research and experiments.

## Teachers/Volunteers in the Workshops

**SHEPHERDS** - Adults who volunteer to work with one age level of children throughout the year beginning in September. Shepherds are very important in the lives of the children in their class, as they offer a warm, loving, nurturing relationship. Shepherds commit to being present one Sunday a month. Their responsibilities include keeping attendance records and overseeing the journal reflection time. In many ways, the Shepherd serves as a lay minister for the children.

**WORKSHOP LEADERS** - Adults who lead one of the five workshops by preparing experiences for the children based on the Bible story or faith concept of the month from the curriculum. One lesson is prepared and presented each Sunday with minor adjustments for age level abilities. Workshop leaders volunteer to serve 4-5 weeks; this short commitment guards against burn-out and encourages enthusiasm.

**SUBSTITUTES** – Substitutes will be needed for Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade Shepherds. Please sign us as a shepherd if you cannot make a 4-5 week commitment as a Workshop Leader.

### Sample Schedule

Date	Kind & Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
Sept. 16	Dramatic Play	Computer	Games	Art	Movie
Sept. 23	Movie	Dramatic Play	Computer	Games	Art
Sept. 30	Art	Movie	Dramatic Play	Computer	Games
Oct. 7	Games	Art	Movie	Dramatic Play	Computer
Oct. 14	Computer	Games	Art	Movie	Dramatic Play

If you are interested in helping with the WoRM program by volunteering as a shepherd, workshop leader, or substitute, please contact Betsy Tyson at 288-2867, ext. 313 or by e-mail at [btyson@saintstephensrichmond.net](mailto:btyson@saintstephensrichmond.net).