



Godly Play
NEW ZEALAND

Core Training Information

Monday 15, Tuesday 16 and

Wednesday 17 July 2019

9am – 5pm

VAUGHAN PARK RETREAT CENTRE,
Long Bay, Auckland

What is Godly Play?

Godly Play teaches children and adults the art of using Christian language to help them become more aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives.

Godly Play is a way to draw closer to God and to make meaning of our lives. This approach is different from the traditional model in which a teacher tells children what they need to know and believe.

Godly Play helps children and adults discover God for themselves.

Godly Play connects the stories of God's people with the child's own experience and relationship with God. The goal of Godly Play is to show how to be open to the Holy Spirit, the Creator, and the Redeemer all at once and all the time in every place.

Godly Play is not only for children and has also been used in other contexts. Godly Play is being researched and used extensively in aged care ministry, hospital ministry and many chaplaincy settings in workplaces, prisons and universities.



*Discover
Godly Play
from the
inside out.*



There are lots of things you can learn from a lecture, but Godly Play must be learned from the inside out. This training will enable that to happen. You will experience and tell Godly Play stories, and learn how to set up and manage a Godly Play space and session. You will deepen your understanding of the spirituality of children. You will achieve greater clarity about the foundations of Godly Play, and leave spiritually refreshed. All learning will take place in a prayerful atmosphere of give and take with accredited and experienced Godly Play trainers.

Prior experience with Godly Play is helpful but not absolutely necessary for this training. To get the most out of your experience, we highly recommend reading *Teaching Godly Play: How to Mentor the Spiritual Development of Children and/or Children's Spirituality* by Rebecca Nye before attending the training. A Godly Play Certificate of Accreditation will be awarded upon completion of all sessions.

You will examine key relationships:

Community of Children
Doorkeeper and Storyteller
Parents and Congregations

You will experience 3 story genres:

Sacred Stories
Parables
Faith Practice Stories

You will discover new ideas:

Sacred Space, Silence
Spirituality of the Child
Community of the Circle

Our Godly Play Trainers



Elke Keeling:

Elke first read about Godly Play in an article written by Jerome Berryman many years ago. She attended her first core training in Australia in 2014 and was intrigued by this approach to Children's Spirituality. She helped organise the first core training in New Zealand in 2015. Godly Play feeds Elke's soul and she loves to sit in a circle with preschoolers telling stories. Elke was accredited as a Godly Play trainer in 2017 and continues to allow the stories to transform her faith, as she pursues research in Children's Spirituality



Lorraine Henry:

Lorraine encountered Godly Play in 2012 and being fascinated with it, did her first of many Core Trainings as Story Teller/Door keeper in Australia in 2013. She is passionate about developing Godly Play in New Zealand and journeying alongside others. Lorraine was accredited as a Godly Play Trainer in 2017. She continues her theological studies at Carey Baptist College and her teacher training at Bethlehem Training Institute.

Possible Third Trainer yet to be confirmed:

Important Registration Information

COSTS and REGISTRATION: The registration fee is \$425.00, including lunch and morning teas, and training manual. (There is also a free, optional 2 hour making session on Tuesday evening). When fees are paid and registration forms received you will be allocated a place at the training. Please Note: We cannot confirm any bookings until they have been paid for.

REFUNDS AND CANCELLATION: Fees can be transferred to another participant for the current Core Training. Fees are non-refundable. In the event that the training is cancelled for any reason, all fees will be reimbursed minus an administration fee of \$20.

ACCOMMODATION AND EXTRA MEALS: Accommodation and EXTRA meals are the responsibility of participants. Vaughan Park offers live in single rooms as well as breakfast and dinner. These can be booked through us with your registration. Please do not contact Vaughan Park directly but refer all your questions to Elke Keeling. Thank you.

To register for the core training, please complete the separate registration form and email it to Elke Keeling at keelingelke@gmail.com. An invoice will be sent to you. Please pay by direct banking as per invoice.

For more information about this event please contact either

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