

Moot Godly Play Planning 23.4.06

Attending:

Vanessa, Ian, Aaron, Lisa, Andrew, Carey, Trine, Juliet.

Planning Notes & Action

1. Name

- Using the word sacred made a sacred/profane duality – all agreed that we would go back to calling it the 'Moot Godly Play Service'

Action:

- This name will be used for Sept onwards – now to late for May – Aug as this has gone to the printers for the paper versions
- Ian to update events info using Godly Play term.

2. Understanding it

- Too many people think it is about children learning about God creatively & don't understand that is a form of worship that allows for participation of adults and children together.

- It has been clear that parents/adults have sat back and watched the children rather than fully participate, which creates a different dynamic & not a helpful one for all concerned.

- Some parents have thought it was form of Sunday school so have become frustrated when simple solutions are not put forward i.e. knowing more facts about God. Those lose the focus of it as a form of worship to know God more through experience, through transcendence as an act of worship.

- All attending agreed it would be good to put some training nights on for this. A Saturday was suggested for this – for Mooters & Parents.

Action:

- Ian to send minutes of planning meeting round the list.
- Ian to explore using May Spredbury Diocesan Children Advisor to help provide a more theoretical introduction to Godly Play to help Mooters & Parents understand it.
- Ian to request info when best to provide around list – week day evening or Saturday afternoon or Sunday 3pm??

3. Space

- The room worked well as a space, but worked better keeping food outside until the right time.

- Suggestion that the space would work better as a special space – if people were not allowed until 5mins before the start – being quite – with good welcoming, and then to find a place in the room.

- To encourage people to put coats and bags in the corridor with wall hooks and to remove shoes.

4. When

As well as doing formal Godly Play sessions, it was suggested that we have socials – and try to go to the park & have a picnic & plan for ball games and Frisbees and such things, with a fall back option if it rains, to having indoor games at STMW. This will help build relationships between all concerned.

Action:

- For May – Aug one picnic and three Godly Play sessions are planned. Godly Play Social/Picnic is 28th May, with 2x Godly Play sessions 25th June and 23rd July – all at 3pm.
- For Sept – Dec – 1x social in September, 3x Godly Play sessions in Oct, Nov, Dec – dates to be confirmed.
- Ian to send proposed dates to check that they fit with school times to Vanessa & Carey.

5. Team to make it happen

- It was agreed that we need to break formal godly play worship sessions planning to rota for three people. 1 to prepare story and work with Ian about props & equipment, 1 to do welcoming & get a team to help set up and take down & plan for going to the park afterwards, and 1 to organise food.

- Further we need to develop a story telling team. Three people volunteered for this, who were Vanessa, Juliet, Carey & Ian.

- Discussed the need for formal training for story tellers and also to develop skills by meeting & planning.

Action:

- Ian to create a Godly Play Worship section to the secure section and put templates for rotas into it, as well as links and resources.
- Ian to liaise with Diocesan Children's worker re: financial resources for training people.
- Ian to include Moot Godly Play in discussions about developing it in other parts of the church.
- Ian to email round to see if other people are interested in being involved in story telling in the Godly Play approach.
- Ian to talk to Trine to see if she is interested, who is very skilled in working with children.
- Ian to email round whether people would lead on sorting food on a rota.

6. Ending & Clearing Up

- At the end of the 3 sessions – there was an unfortunate split between families who went to the park with kids, and Mooters/singles left to clear up and then go to the pub. It was agreed that this did not work to the building of relationships. The plan is to integrate going to the park say with a football and Frisbee and play for a bit, and then who are still around and want to go to the pub, can do so. This will need a rota for people to clear up.