

## Service & Leadership

At The Church of Our Saviour, children are encouraged to participate fully in our parish life, including in service and leadership roles, as they are able. These may range from joining our clean up efforts after parish lunches, to helping lead our worship as acolytes, to taking part in service and outreach projects alongside adult parishioners.



## Fun & Fellowship



Throughout all of our programs and activities for children & families, we place an emphasis on fun, fellowship, and spending time getting to know each other. We want our children to know "church" as a place where they are loved deeply, both by God and by our parish community.

For more information, contact Fr. Chris Miller, Rector, at rector@coosatl.org or Amy Wells, Director of Children's Formation at formation@coosatl.org, or call our parish office at 404-872-4169.

### THE CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

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# Children's Formation



## **Special Events**

Many special events and activities for children and adults to participate in together occur throughout the year, including Blessing of the Backpacks, Blessing of the Animals, an All Saints pageant, Advent Wreath Making, a Family Christmas Eve Service, an Epiphany Pageant with Burning of the Greens, a Children's Stations of the Cross, and an Easter Egg Hunt.



## ON SUNDAY MORNING

**Godly Play:** We use a Montessori-based approach to children's formation known as Godly Play. Using this model, we want to impart to children the language to understand and share their experiences with God, to connect with each other and with Christians past, and to participate fully in the life of our parish.

**Children's Assembly:** Ages 3 and older meet together in the Lady Chapel at 9:40 for a children's assembly, which includes some basic choral instruction, with an emphasis on participation in the liturgy. Periodically, the children learn an anthem to sing during worship. From this assembly, the children proceed to their classrooms with their teachers.

#### TODDLER COMMUNITY

AGES 15-35 MOS.

Toddlers may be dropped off in the nursery anytime after 8:15. At approx. 10:00, they will be invited in to Godly Play by their teachers. They share a story and then prepare a feast to enjoy together. Afterwards, they enjoy washing and drying their dishes. They return to the nursery to play at approximately 10:30 and may be picked up afterwards.



Sitting in the circle, listening to the story



Hands on engagement with the story materials

#### PRIMARY COMMUNITY AGES 3-6 YRS.

After the Children's Assembly, primary students will proceed to Godly Play with their guides. They hear a story and then are invited to make an individual response, using art supplies and other materials. They then share a feast together and go outside for a recess at 10:40. They may be picked up at that time, or they may return to their Godly Play room for an optional extension through the Peace at the 11:00 mass, at which they will join their families.



Taking care of the classroom Listening intently to a more materials together



complex story

#### **ELEMENTARY COMMUNITY** GRADES 1-6

Elementary students move with their guides to Godly Play from the Children's Assembly. They hear a story and then have time for individual or group responses, followed by a feast. Elementary students may be picked up at Garrison Hall upstairs at 10:40.



Working together with peers Sharing a prayer time in response to a story



together before the feast