



# Playing in the Light: Godly Play®/Faith & Play™ Training for Quakers February 23-25, 2018

Hosted by Sandy Spring Friends Meeting  
and sponsored by the BYM Religious Education Committee\*

This powerful way of being with children can transform your First Day program for children, and nurture your own spiritual life. Learn and practice skills to help children explore the existential limits of their lives through wonder, play, and core stories from the Bible and Quaker faith and practice. Discussions include:

- exploring the spirituality of children
- considering the "unspoken" lessons of the teaching space and classroom structure
- supporting the circle of children and working with multiage groups and diverse needs; using stories in multigenerational settings
- weaving Godly Play/Faith & Play stories into a children's program with other religious education resources available to Friends



**See schedule on reverse.**

**Please register by February 9!**

**Link to register:**

**<https://goo.gl/forms/pLpW9oKm3v9GR9GS2>**

**Times:** Friday 6-9pm; Saturday 8am-6:30pm; Sunday 9am-3pm

**Location:** 17715 Meeting House Rd, Sandy Spring, MD 20860

**Cost:\*** \$110 Payable to Sandy Spring Friends Meeting (Includes \$100 fee for training and \$10 for hospitality at SSFM.) Dinner Friday, lunches and snacks will be provided.

**\*The BYM Religious Education Committee supports this opportunity for Friends to learn more about Godly Play and Faith & Play as resources for their meetings. Friends who would be helped by scholarship support to attend should first make a request of their local meeting, and if there is still a need should contact the BYM RE Committee co-clerk, Windy Cooler ([windycooler@gmail.com](mailto:windycooler@gmail.com)).**

## Playing in the Light:

### Friday, 6 - 9pm

6:00	<i>Dinner</i>
7:00	Welcome and Building the Circle
7:30	Sacred Stories: Experiencing a full story session
8:30	Selection of stories to practice and share
8:45	Closing circle

### Saturday, 8am - 6:30pm

7:30	<i>Arrivals and coffee/tea available</i>
8:00	Building the circle
8:15	Debriefing Sacred Stories: Spoken and Unspoken Messages
9:00	Sacred Story practice time for participants
10:00	<i>Break</i>
10:15	Participants present Sacred Stories
12:00	<i>Lunch</i>
12:30	Spirituality of Children
1:00	Introduction to Parable Stories
1:45	Parable practice time for participants
2:45	Participants present Parable stories
4:30	<i>Break and snack</i>
4:45	Introduction to Faith & Play Stories
5:15	Faith & Play practice time for participants
6:15	Check-in and Closing circle

### Sunday, 9am - 3pm

8:30	<i>Arrivals and coffee/tea available</i>
9:00	Supporting the Circle of Children: Space, Time and Relationships
10:00	Participants present Faith & Play stories
<b>11:00</b>	<b><i>Meeting for Worship with host meeting</i></b>
12:30	<i>Lunch</i>
1:00	Participants present Faith & Play stories, continued
2:00	Q & A and Closing thoughts
3:00	Endings that are beginnings

Workshop facilitator **Melinda Wenner Bradley** is a co-creator of the Faith & Play stories and an accredited Godly Play® trainer. Since 2010 she has worked with Quaker meetings and Friends schools to support adults sharing these resources with children and their communities. Melinda is a member of West Chester Meeting (PhYM) and serves Philadelphia Yearly Meeting as the Youth Engagement Coordinator.

*"In Godly Play, the invitation is given not for play in general but for play with the language of God and God's people; our sacred stories, parables, liturgical actions and silences. Through this powerful language, through our wondering, through the community of players gathered together, we hear the deepest invitation of all: an invitation to come play with God."*

Jerome W. Berryman (*The Complete Guide to Godly Play*, vol. 1, p. 12)