

## Children's Devotion Time

### at St. Paul, Hardy

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month  
at the end of coffee time

1. **Adults and children gather** around the back table in the East Room. Smaller children should be on laps, and older children will need to have an adult sitting next to them.
2. **Choose three volunteers:** one to lead the opening prayer, one to read the story out loud, and one to lead the closing prayer. They may be adults or children who are confident readers.
3. **Introduce one another.** Not all of our children know your names! Introduce yourselves each week, and give each child the opportunity to say their name, too. You might also list a silly fact about yourself, like “my favorite flavor of ice cream is...”
4. **Pray together.** Adults and readers pray out loud, and new readers/pre-readers repeat each phrase.
5. **Read the story** from the *Whirl Story Bible* as a group. One adult can read the whole thing, or a confident young reader can read it. Ask the question in the story, and give each person (children and adults) a chance to answer.
6. **Work in pairs.** Give each child and adult pair a children's bulletin. Each child and adult will work through the bulletin together, with the adult doing the reading (or helping with/listening to the child read it out loud). Adults are encouraged to listen to the answers of the children, and also to answer for themselves. They will benefit from your wisdom!
7. **Encourage the child** to do each of the activities, helping them if they get stuck. Art supplies will be provided. Depending on the attention spans of the kids, this should last no longer than 15 minutes.
8. **Work with our hands.** When you have finished working on the bulletin together, proceed to the craft, led by Sarah Kirchhoff. Assist your child, as needed.
9. **Conclude with prayer.** If everyone finishes around the same time, say the prayer provided together (or in repeat after me fashion). If your pair finishes early, say the prayer together or in repeat-after-me fashion.

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