

Story Teller Duties

1. Please be in the Story room (*library*) by 9:45 am.
2. Know your story and how it can be told appropriately to children.
3. As the children enter the room, help the shepherds to direct them to appropriate spots for sitting on carpet squares.
4. Use the following opening ritual since we want this part to be consistent for the children.

a. First say, **“When we come into this sacred space, we speak softly, we walk quietly, we sit with our legs crossed, and our hands in our lap. (*Wait for compliance*) The sacred stories that we tell here are one of the best ways that we know to hear God’s voice. I want you to be ready to listen, watch, think, and most of all to remember.”**

b. Candle Lighting – Say, **“Once there was a man who told such wonderful stories and did such amazing things that people began to ask him who he was. And he said, (*Light the candle and pause a bit*) “I am the light of the world.”**

4. Tell the story with the figures from the box (or alternatives) and ask “wondering questions” for the children to think about. Close with a prayer.

5. Sing “Go Now In Peace.” (#429 in the Hymnal)

6. If it is the second group for the day, please help collect their name tags and return them to the appropriate room’s bulletin board.

7. Have fun with the story and the children.

Ending song:

Go now in peace, Go now in peace,
May the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

Darrell’s suggestions: At the end of the story time, I designate one child to help me blow out the candle and then to demonstrate putting his or her carpet square away neatly. That child then gently taps the other children on the shoulder to dismiss them to put their carpet square away while the group sings the song.

I also invite the children to help me say the candle litany.