

Lead Godly Play Storyteller First Baptist Church Halifax

First Baptist Church Halifax, an inclusive and progressive congregation, seeks a **Lead Godly Play Storyteller** to lead our Godly Play Team to develop and implement our Sunday morning Godly Play program for children and young adolescents.

The **Lead Godly Play Storyteller** will work approximately five hours weekly, developing the plan through preparation and training in July-August, leading the programming from September-June.

More detailed information including required competencies, experience, and primary responsibilities are available on the church website:

<https://fbchalifax.ca/job-openings/>.

Interested applicants are invited to submit a resume to Chair of Search Committee, Janet Margeson at jobopening@fbchalifax.ca. Screening of applications will begin on May 1, 2023.

Primary Responsibilities

- Lead and strengthen our Sunday morning Godly Play program, expanding our implementation of the spiral curriculum to support children of various ages
- Prior to worship, set-up Godly Play Room, ensuring stories and supplies are in place for storytelling circles
- Inform the church office when supplies are needed
- Participate in welcoming children and families as they arrive for worship and communicate information about Godly Play opportunities with all families
- Join children for the children's story; as appropriate assist ministers and lay leaders in supporting children during this time
- Lead the Younger Grades storytelling circle (in 2023-2024, this will be all children except those in the older/Middle School group). In future years, determine with Board of Christian Education and Godly Play Team where you are most needed to support the full implementation of the curriculum
- Communicate information about stories told in Godly Play to the church office for a weekly FBCH Family News update sent out following worship each Sunday. Along with the stories told and a provided link to family pages (as available), share other important information for families to know about Godly Play.
- Willing to receive formal training in Godly Play

Experience and Competencies

- Experience as a teacher, or in leadership of children and implementing curriculum
- Understanding of the progressive Christian faith tradition and an appreciation for Baptist heritage and values ([see our church website](#) for information on Baptist freedoms)
- Outgoing personality, interpersonal attributes that connect well with children and their families
- Storytelling and communication skills
- Group management strategies
- Understanding of pedagogy regarding stages of child development