



Playing in the Light: **Godly Play®/Faith & Play™ Training for Quakers** **with Melinda Wenner Bradley**

This experiential approach to religious education can transform your program for children and nurture intergenerational spiritual community. Learn and practice a method of storytelling grounded in deep respect for children, that explores the existential limits of their lives through wonder, play, and stories from the Bible and Quaker faith and practice. Discussions include:

- nurturing the spirituality of children
- exploring the “unspoken” lessons of spaces and methodology
- supporting children and families in the meeting community
- working with multiage groups and diverse needs
- weaving Godly Play/Faith & Play stories into a children’s program with other religious education resources available to Friends.

Online: **January 19 & February 2, 2025**
4:00 - 5:30pm ET on Zoom
+ 1-2 online sessions after 2/15/25

Onsite: **February 15, 2025, 9am-6:30pm**
at Purchase Friends Meeting

**All times online/onsite are required - see reverse*

Cost: \$150/person
\$500/meeting (4+ participants)

Please register by January 17
using QR code or linked URL:



<https://forms.gle/DX1ZZZHCJTJpV2Da8>

Melinda Wenner Bradley is a licensed Godly Play Trainer and the Director of Communications and Training for Faith & Play Stories, Inc. Since 2005, she has been sharing Godly Play and Faith & Play stories in children's programs, intergenerational worship, school classrooms, teacher workshops, and international gatherings of Friends. Her teaching ministry weaves together interests in children’s spiritual lives, program development, and support for families and teachers in faith communities and schools. Melinda believes we need to shift religious formation away from scholastic models and toward experiential, belonging-focused ways of being with children and inviting them into spiritual community with all ages. The Godly Play method and stories, and for Friends the Faith & Play stories, are vital resources for making that change and nurturing growth in Quaker communities.

Playing in the Light Schedule

Pre-Reading: Asynchronous reading will be shared before first online session

- Book: *Teaching Godly Play: How to Mentor the Spiritual Development of Children*
- Selections (PDF) from the Faith & Play Stories publication provided by the trainers

Online Sessions: on Zoom; all are required

Sunday, January 19, 2025 — 4-5:30pm (ET)

Sunday, February 2, 2025 — 4-5:30pm (ET)

+ 1-2 online sessions post onsite date TBD

Onsite Full Day: Saturday, February 15, 2025 — 9:00am-6:30pm

Hosted at Purchase Friends Meeting, West Harrison, NY

Friends are asked to bring a bag lunch and snacks to share