

Goals for St. Stephen's Children's Programs

1. Help children know that there a God who created them and all things. Guide them to understand that they are responsible for caring for all of God's creation.
2. Help children discover their individual assets and how they can serve others through the use of their particular talents and abilities.
3. Help children understand and feel that God loves them, forgives them, wants to be in communication with them, and wants them to be happy.
4. Help children feel that they are important parts of the St. Stephen's Family. Teach them that we surround each other with love, support, and care.
5. Help children to see themselves as part of God's larger family, understanding that God loves all people. Help children to understand that we are asked by God to care for each other, and that everyone deserves justice and mercy.
6. Encourage children to ask questions and to explore many sources and ways of looking at God, throughout their spiritual journeys. Help each child develop a personal faith that brings them closer to God and to others.