Interested in seeing God as a child again?
Interested in joy and mystery and wonder?

Join us as an adult assistant. We would love to have you!



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## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at St. Martin's Episcopal Church

**Sundays at 10:15** from the Second Sunday of September through Father's Day



## At St. Martin's

We use Catachesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) with our children from 2 ½ to ~12 years old. Each Sunday children can attend a session in the atriums. Typically they have time to work with materials; contemplate a passage of scripture, liturgical moment or sacred geography; and pray. During our circle time, we model prayers of thanksgiving. Many family members, pets, friends receive prayers each week.

A wooden sheepfold with a shepherd and sheep is presented as a way for the child to remember the story to work with later.





Our youngest children bask in the love of the Good Shepherd, "The Good Shepherd calls his own sheep by name and the sheep listen to his voice." As first through third graders, children contemplate the possibility that God needs us, "I am the vine and you are the branches. Abide in me." Our oldest children take this one step further and start to answer the question, what role will I play in God's plan?

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd works on a three-year cycle, with each of the main themes covered each year but with different scripture verses and materials. Children can contemplate them in a completely different way.

