Playing in the Light:  
Godly Play®/Faith & Play™ Training for Quakers

A weekend with Melinda Wenner Bradley

Faith & Play™ is a Montessori-inspired resource that helps children find words and images for expressing the experiences of holy mystery and wonder in their lives. This powerful way of being with children can transform your Friends meeting’s program for children and nurture your own spiritual life. Inspired by stories, materials, and methods from the popular Godly Play® program, Quakers created Faith & PlayTM to add elements of Quaker faith and practice to the Bible stories in the Godly Play collection.

Learn and practice skills to help children explore the existential limits of their lives through wonder, play, and stories scripted and tested to work well with multiage groups of children. An experienced, certified trainer will model the stories, and you will have opportunities to practice them with your peers. Discussions include:

- exploring the spirituality of children;
- considering the “unspoken” lessons of the teaching space and classroom structure;
- supporting the circle of children and working with multiage groups and diverse needs; using stories in multigenerational settings; and
- weaving Godly Play/Faith & Play stories into a children’s program with other religious education resources available to Friends.

Melinda Wenner Bradley is a teacher, writer, and religious education consultant. After becoming a Godly Play® storyteller in 2005, she co-wrote Faith & Play:™ Quaker Stories for Friends Trained in the Godly Play® Method. An accredited Godly Play® Teacher Trainer, Melinda works with Quaker meetings and Friends schools around the country, training them to use these resources. A co-founder of the Quaker Religious Education Collaborative, she serves Philadelphia Yearly Meeting as the Youth Engagement Coordinator.