

## **New Model Coming for Children's Sunday School!**

In September we will begin using a new model for children's Sunday School. The Workshop Rotation Model (WoRM, for short) was created in 1990 by a Presbyterian pastor and a Presbyterian Christian Educator who were trying to find a better way to teach the Bible to children. The model they created teaches major Bible stories and concepts through kid-friendly multimedia workshops such as Art, Drama, Games, Science, Cooking, and many other media. The same Bible story is told through different workshops for four weeks, rotating the kids to a different workshop each week. The same teachers teach the same workshops each week for one Bible story, making minor age-appropriate adjustments.

By concentrating on the major stories of the Bible and telling them over and over, children develop a lasting memory of the class and an understanding of the content. The creative methods used in teaching provide various ways to touch the diverse learning styles of the children. The colorful and engaging learning environment presents a welcoming space where kids want to come and participate in the variety of activities each week. Everything works together to engage children in learning Bible stories, not just putting information into their minds but helping them to take the stories into their hearts. *(adapted from "The Workshop Rotation Model: A Brief Introduction & History" by Neil MacQueen)*

**Our Theme is The B.A.M. (Bible and Me) Caravan.**

We will journey through the Bible stories, following the paths of many others who have traveled before us. We will stop along the way at the Marketplace, homes in Town and at a Desert Oasis, and at the Gathering Tent.