

RE Classes for 2015-2016

Class	Curriculum Name	Curriculum Description
<p>Nursery Ages birth-3 Year-long</p>	<p>“Song, Story, and Snack”</p>	<p>Taught by members of our Youth Group, the Nursery is a place for our smallest ones to begin to learn what church school is about. This group will light a felt chalice and learn the opening words that our littlest ones recite, will sing a song, hear a story, and have a snack. The group engages in free play for most of the time, but as the children are ready for more structure, we will provide it. Last year’s babes in arms rapidly become this year’s play-dough theologians.</p>
<p>The Flying Fish Grades PreK-2 Ages 4-7</p> <p>Two semesters</p>	<p>Fall: <a href="#">Creating Home</a></p> <p>Spring: UU Superheroes Spirit Play</p>	<p>In this Tapestry of Faith curriculum, we learn about our family home and our faith home as we center ourselves in a labyrinth.</p> <p>Inspired by the <i>UU Superheroes</i> curriculum by Gaia Brown, this class investigates our real-life UU Superheroes using Spirit Play inspired storytelling.</p>
<p>The Flaming Hedgehogs Grades 3-6 Ages 8-11</p> <p>Two semesters</p>	<p>Fall: <a href="#">Toolbox of Faith</a></p> <p>Spring: <a href="#">Harry and UU</a></p>	<p>In this Tapestry of Faith curriculum, we use a toolbox as a metaphor for life skills and faith skills we need during our lives. The bonus? Getting to play with actual tools. We apologize in advance for the Hammer of Justice.</p> <p>In this <i>Imagine RE</i> Curriculum, we chase seven Horcruxes—Illiteracy, Hunger, Poverty, Child Slavery, Sickness, Animal Cruelty, and The Environmental Horcrux in an effort to destroy them with our UU Magic Wands.</p>
<p>The Moderately Beige Sardines Grades 7-9 Ages 12-15</p> <p>Full year with intermittent curricula</p>	<p>Curriculum 1: <a href="#">The Fifth Dimension</a></p> <p>Curriculum 2: We Believe.</p>	<p>Did you know that Rod Serling, the creator of <i>The Twilight Zone</i>, was a Unitarian Universalist? Serling believed strongly that it was important to talk about controversial issues and used the science fiction format of his show to bring these topics to the public (and past the censors!) In each of 15 sessions the class will watch an episode and discuss the social issues they see.</p> <p>In this curriculum designed to prepare our middle school kids for Coming of Age, we will explore the history and theology of our UU faith as well as our church’s role in our wider faith.</p>

		Guest speakers will present many sessions. Dates forthcoming.
Special Programming and Rites of Passage	OWL for grades 8-9 Meets 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday from Oct-June at FP Waltham.	Our Whole Lives, the Lifespan Sexuality Education program developed by the UUA and UCC, not only gives our kids medically correct information about sex, but also explores how our lives as humans of faith can lead us on a path toward loving relationships with our bodies and our spirits and with other people.
	First Chalice	Takes place in the spring. Our Second Graders will create their first chalice to take home, and will explore what it means to be UU.
	First Mentor	Program begins in late spring and culminates with a ceremony in November. This program matches each rising 6 <sup>th</sup> grader with an adult from our community.
	Coming of Age	In this year-long program, our 9 <sup>th</sup> grade youth and their mentors learn about faith, develop trusting relationships, and mentors help the youth craft a Credo Statement to be presented at our culminating service in June.

