

RE Notes: November and December 2014

North Chapel Children's RE 11/16/14

Anthea Teaching

The Natural World with Anthea

14 Children attending

With Winter on its way, we studied the science of snow. We discussed the water molecules that make each flake 6-sided. The unique conditions (temp, humidity) that each falling flake experiences, makes each one different and special. We discussed how this reminds us of our own experiences and lives and how, even though we may live side by side, we are each on and shaped by our unique paths :) We also used a magnifying glass to take a close look at some household crystals (sugar, salt). Then we used clear beads and Styrofoam balls to craft our own one-of-a-kind snowflake crystal.

A large but enthusiastic and cooperative group!

North Chapel Children's RE 11/23/14

Geraldine Teaching

Tapestry of Faith - Conscience: Hearing The Inner Voice

9 Children attending

Why look for truth in distant lands? Seek it in the depths of your own heart.- Buddhist saying, adapted

On Sunday we heard a Buddhist story about conscience, or inner voice, in which a child recognizes that no matter what he does, or who else is watching, he always sees his own actions. We played a "have you ever...?" game, whereby children see that their own experiences are important and that they share at least some of these experiences in common with some of their peers.

We also spent a great deal of time talking about Visal - our friend from the North Chapel House at the Life and Hope Association and brainstorming ideas of things the children could do to help him feel better.

No Children's RE on 11/30/14

North Chapel Children's RE 12/07/14

Geraldine Teaching

10 Children attending

The children have shown a great deal of interest in Visal, who lives in the North Chapel House at CDV in Cambodia (Life & Hope Association). Visal has recently been diagnosed with leukemia and is facing a huge challenge. The children want to send him a "Comfort Bag" with some crafts and things to say that they are thinking of him and wishing him well, so we have been spending time working on a plan to make crafts and raise the money needed to mail the package to Visal. More about our initiative will come soon.