

C.R.O.S.S.(Children's ROtational Sunday School)

First Church uses an exciting curriculum for Christian Education in the Children's Ministry. This teaching method is called the Workshop Rotation Model. It reorganizes the way teachers teach, not what they teach. Our Workshop Rotation has the following creative, kid-friendly experiences:

- Art@Thou Art Studio
- Games@Arcade of the Covenant
- Drama@Stages of Faith
- Cinema@Biblemax Theater
- Cooking@The Lord's Kitchen
- Science@The Holy Lab

Children rotate by class into a different workshop each week for a four-week period. During that period of time, the Bible lesson they learn is the same in each workshop. Children love repetition, and need repetition to remember their lessons. Because each of the workshops is geared to a different learning style (auditory, visual, kinesthetic (body sense), etc.), chances are increased that the children will 'get' the lesson, and the children don't get bored. Instead, they have more fun, get more involved in a project, and get more time to think and do. Each class has a "shepherd" that rotates with the class for the four-week period. This person stays with the class during their Sunday school time.

Each workshop has a prayer time, and has time for the children to read (or listen to the reading of) the Bible. The same memory verse and lesson objective is used in all workshops. No two rooms are alike, and they are changeable. From time to time, rooms may be converted into all sorts of exciting places.

Everyone learns in different ways and this approach gives all children exciting ways to learn! The teachers stay in their same workshop and teach in the workshop of their strength and interest for the four-week period. The teachers only have to plan one lesson and adjust it each week for the varying age groups.