



Ages and Stages of Faith

***Intersection of Human Development
and Faith Development
in the Lutheran School, Center & Classroom***

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Ages & Stages & Developmental Theories

What about Faith Development

Integration into the Day

Contributions & Ideas from Your Peers

The School-Home Connection

Other Resources to Support a Child's
Wholly, Holy Development



Ah Ha!



When did the concept of a child's "development" capture your imagination?



Developmental Theorists –

Freud	1856-1939
Montessori	1870-1952
Watson/Skinner	1878-1958
Gesell	1880-1961
Piaget	1896-1961
Erickson	1902-1994
Haim Ginott	1922-1973
Burton White	1929- 2013
Kohlberg	1955-1987



Developmental Domains –

Cognitive ...

Social & Emotional ...

Speech & Language ...

Fine Motor Skill ...

Gross Motor Skill ...

Moral...

How does a child or youth experience each of these areas in your center and classroom?

What is something you collected when you were between the ages of seven and ten?





What about ... **Faith Development?**

*How does an awareness of “age and stage”
impact one’s approach to
faith development in the classroom?*



James Fowler 1940-2015

John Westerhoff 1933-

Jerome Berryman 1937-

According to Fowler, faith is a developmental process of ages and stages.

For Westerhoff, faith is a process of formation, not instruction and education

Berryman developed Godly Play based on a Theology of Childhood



“Faith is a profound sense of trust, a way of knowing a higher power, something larger than one’s self, and giving meaning and purpose for living.”

As Christians our faith is informed by: the Bible and Scriptures that tell us about an active, present and forgiving God; our beliefs and practices as disciples of Jesus; and as ELCA Lutherans – traditions and rituals that form our particular communities of faith – all these we desire to share and nurture in our children.

“Is God Bigger than Hank?”





Indicators in child's life...

Play – Parallel, Associative, Cooperative

Playing Board Games, *Collecting Things...*

Posters on walls & Intrigue with Super Heroes/
Heroines

Your Daily Observations and Conversations ...

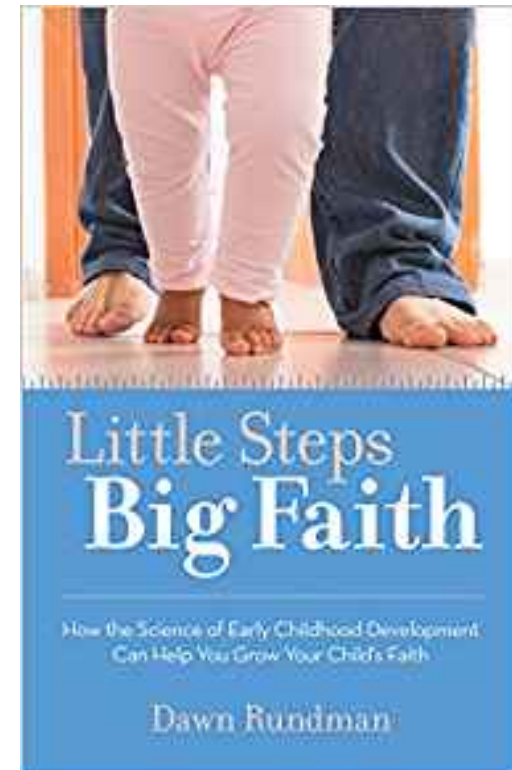


Examples from your Peers/ Colleagues...

Church - School - Home Connection



Resources





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