

# Our Lady of Good Counsel

## Noah's Ark Childcare and Church Readiness Program

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2011/2012 *Journey of Faith* aboard *Noah's Ark*! The *crew* looks forward to getting to know your child, and sharing our faith and love with them.

***In order to ensure a year of smooth-sailing, please note the following:***

- ***Boarding Time*** for passengers begins **10 minutes before each sailing.** ***Crew Members*** arrive 15 minutes before each session.
- Please bring children to the proper *deck*:
  - 1 year to 3 years           **Lower Deck**       *(front room)*
  - 4 years to Kindergarten   **Upper Deck**       *(rear room)*
- Due to limited space, we ask only one adult to enter classroom with your child.
- **Adults only are to sign-in and sign-out children on the weekly attendance sheet.**
- Due to food allergies and choking hazards, **snacks are not permitted.**
- For the sake of your child, other passengers, and our volunteers, **please do not bring children who are ill to Noah's Ark.**
- Children are invited to participate in activities that are laid out.
- ***Comfort toys***, such as blankets and favorite stuffed animals are welcomed, especially with our younger, newest passengers.
- Parents of very young passengers, or those needing adjustment time, are welcomed to stay and assist until their child is comfortable with the routine.
- Children in process of ***potty training*** are asked to visit the classroom bathroom with their parent upon arrival. Please inform our volunteers, so we may assist your child, as needed, during the session.
- ***The Crew*** will change diapers as needed. A supply of disposable diapers is maintained aboard ***The Ark***.
- Parents are welcomed to volunteer and join the crew! One Sunday a month is most helpful to the program.

Volunteers are given *shore leave* on holiday weekends, so they may spend time with their families. Please note the following weekends ***The Ark*** will not be in port:

11/13 - NJ Teachers' Convention	1/15 - Martin Luther King Jr.
11/27 - Thanksgiving Weekend	2/19 - Presidents' Day
12/25 - Christmas Day	4/8 - Easter
1/1 - New Year's Day	4/15 - First Communions

I look forward to another wonderful year of working with your children!

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