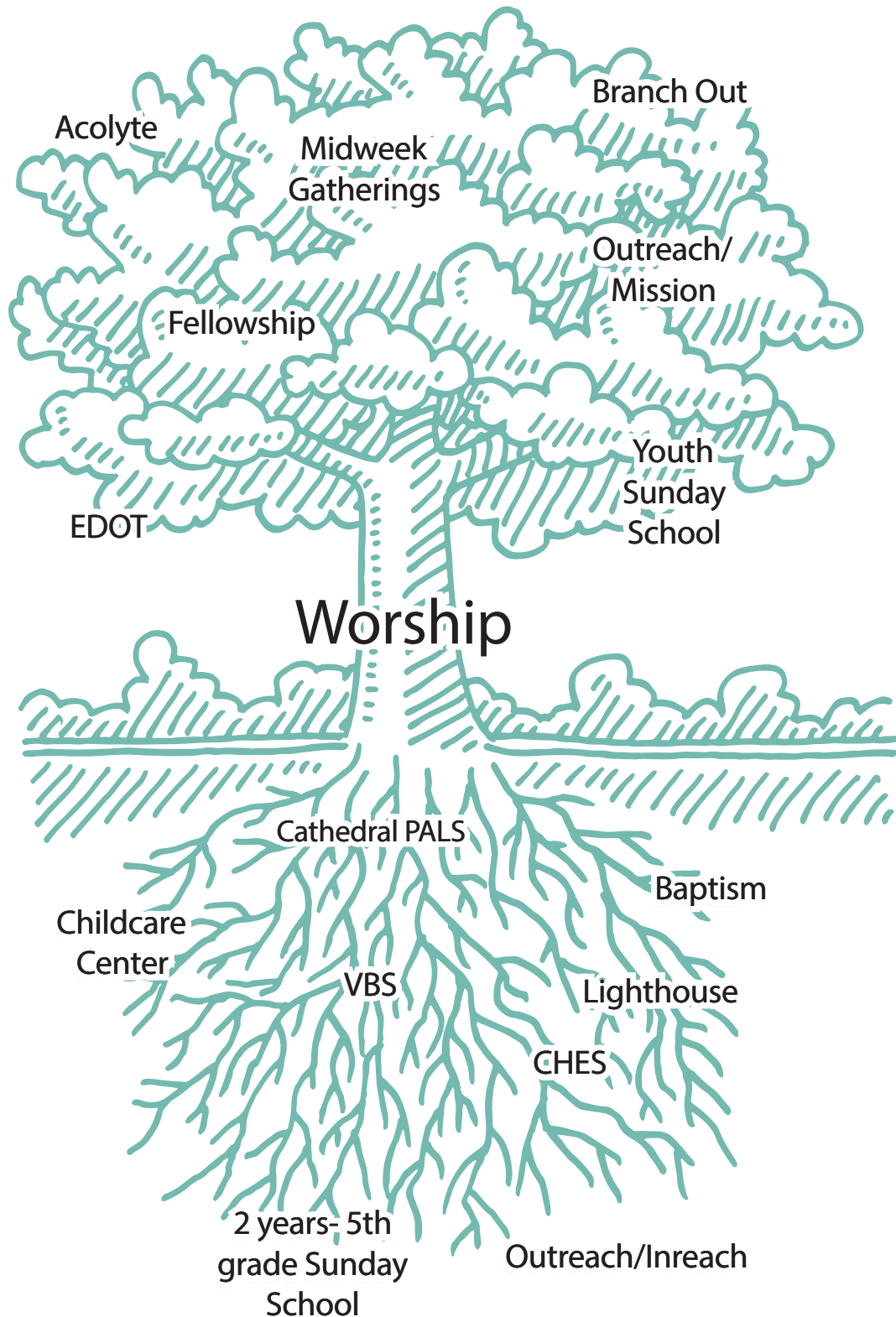


ROOTS TO FRUITS



Christ Church Cathedral Children and Youth Ministries

ROOTS TO FRUITS is Christ Church Cathedral's holistic vision for children and youth spiritual formation and community service. It is a comprehensive program of Christian education designed to track alongside the developmental stages (physical, cognitive, social-emotional) of children and youth from birth through high school.

Here's a brief outline adapted from the Learning Goals for Children found on the EDOT website:

PRESCHOOL – 1ST GRADE

to know God loves the child deeply.
to talk with and respond to God.
to know that we're God's children, created by God to love.
to experience church as a lively, secure place where people care and listen to them.

to know teachers' and classmates' names.
to explore Old Testament stories and many New Testament stories, especially stories of Jesus.
to learn key phrases from the church's liturgy: And also with you. Thanks be to God.

to understand at baptism we are washed with water and welcomed into God's family.
to understand at communion we eat bread and drink wine, happy that God loves us.
to know the names, colors, and symbols of the liturgical seasons.

2ND – 5TH GRADE

to begin to understand and relate to God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.
to feel comfortable with spontaneous prayer and to have experienced various kinds of prayer (intercession, thanksgiving, and praise).
to understand God creates and loves our world and we in turn are responsible for caring for it.

to know the Bible stories that recount Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost events.
to understand Jesus' acts, as recounted in the Bible, that lead to our celebrations of Baptism and Eucharist and recognize the actions of both sacraments as experienced in worship.

to understand key phrases from worship — the Nicene or Apostles' Creed, The Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments.
to experience church as a welcoming community, knowing they are an important part of the people of God.

JUNIOR HIGH

to begin to expand a role in the church family: serving as an acolyte, volunteering at Youth Service days.
to memorize and understand key phrases from worship services and biblical passages: the Nicene Creed, the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Confession, certain prayers.

to master Bible skills; to be able to read and discuss short biblical passages.
to explore the plot and characters in Jesus' parables.
to become familiar with stories of Jesus' care for the sick, the poor, and the outcast.
to gain an understanding of Church seasons, colors, and symbols, creating symbols with personal meaning.

to explore the liturgies for Eucharist and Baptism, connecting the sacraments with biblical events and our relationship to God today.
to explore promises we make to God (Baptismal vows), connecting them to daily actions.
to pursue study leading to a choice about Confirmation.

SENIOR HIGH

to begin building a more mature self-image, more stable relationships (outside of the family), and a more coherent understanding of the world.
to continue involvement in ministry and outreach.
to begin to identify one's gifts and interests.
to be able to explain the biblical story of God's people and the life of Jesus.

to begin to reflect on scripture and its meaning in our lives.
to understand the format of the lectionary and how it ties to the liturgical calendar.
to reflect on and discuss moral issues with integrity and love.
to gain a sense of responsibility for belonging to large and small communities.

to become familiar with books related to the Episcopal tradition (Bible, The Book of Common Prayer).
to understand the basic governing structure and polity of the Episcopal church.

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Birth, Preschool, Kindergarten

- Worship Sundays Services at 8, 9, 11, 1, 5
- Baptism
- Childcare Center safe and loving childcare to support families and their growing needs
- CHES Cathedral House Episcopal School (SAES accredited Montessori preschool)
- VBS Vacation Bible School

Elementary

- Instruction in Eucharist
- Lighthouse Programming for children with special needs
- Cathedral PALS
- Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday offering
2 YEAR OLDS: SPARK Twos (lectionary-based faith foundation)
K – 1ST GRADE: Cathedral Godly Play (Montessori-based faith formation)
2ND – 5TH GRADE: Rotation Sunday School (workshop Bible story-based faith formation)
- VBS
- Outreach/Inreach

Junior & Senior High

- Acolyte at the 9, 11, and 1 o'clock services
- Fellowship
- Confirmation (Confirm not Conform, an Episcopal Curriculum)
- Youth Sunday School (Living the Good News, an Episcopal Lectionary Curriculum)
- Midweek Gatherings
- EDOT: Episcopal Diocese of Texas
- Outreach/Mission
- Branch Out: Meeting with students outside the walls of the Cathedral

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