



## Playing in the Light: Godly Play®/Faith & Play™ Training for Quakers with Melinda Wenner Bradley

This experiential approach to religious education can transform your program for children and nurture intergenerational spiritual community. Learn and practice a method of storytelling grounded in deep respect for children, that explores the existential limits of their lives through wonder, play, and stories from the Bible and Quaker faith and practice. Discussions include:

- nurturing the spirituality of children
- exploring the “unspoken” lessons of spaces and methodology
- supporting children and families in the meeting community
- working with multiage groups and diverse needs
- weaving Godly Play/Faith & Play stories into a children’s program with other religious education resources available to Friends.

**Online:** **February 8, 2026** - Required Online Session  
Final Plenary – Date TBD with participants

**Onsite:** **February 13-15, 2026**  
See *schedule of times on next page*  
Quaker Hill Conference Center, Richmond, IN

**Training Cost:**  
\$200/individual  
\$650/4+members of same Friends Meeting  
\$100 for previously trained participants

**+ Hospitality Cost:**  
\$115 for commuter  
\$250 Friday & Saturday overnight at Quaker Hill  
*Includes: Friday dinner, Saturday B/L/D, Sunday breakfast and snacks F/S*

**Questions?** Email [melinda@quakerfaithandplay.org](mailto:melinda@quakerfaithandplay.org)

**Please register by  
February 1st**

using QR code or link below:



<https://forms.gle/xjgdiYk5TWgBCyEMA>

## Meet Your Trainer:

Melinda Wenner Bradley is a licensed Godly Play Trainer and serves as the Director of Communications and Training for Faith & Play Stories, Inc. Since 2005, she has been sharing Godly Play and Faith & Play stories in children's programs, intergenerational worship, school classrooms, teacher workshops, and international gatherings of Friends. Her teaching ministry weaves together interests in children's spiritual lives, program development, and support for families and teachers in faith communities and schools. Melinda believes we need to shift religious formation away from scholastic models and toward experiential, belonging-focused ways of being with children and inviting them into spiritual community with all ages. The Godly Play method and stories, and for Friends the Faith & Play stories, are vital resources for making that change and nurturing growth in Quaker communities.

## Playing in the Light Schedule

**Reading/Reflection:** Asynchronous reading before introduction session

- Book: *Teaching Godly Play: How to Mentor the Spiritual Development of Children*
- Selections (PDF) from the Faith & Play Stories publication provided by the trainer

**Required Online Sessions:** (Zoom)

- Introduction — Sunday, February 8, 2026 — 4-5:30pm (ET)
- Final Plenary — Date TBD with participants

**Weekend at :** [Quaker Hill Conference Center, 10 Quaker Hill Drive Richmond, IN](#)

- Friday, Feb. 13, 7:00p – 9:00p (Dinner 6pm)
- Saturday, Feb 14, 9:00a – 8:00p (Breakfast 8am)
- Sunday, Feb. 15, 9:00a – 12:00p (Breakfast 8am)



Materials for "Love's Way" and "Ways of the Spirit" from Faith & Play Stories