

# The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for Children Ages 3-12

## What is the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd?

CGS is a Montessori-based Catholic faith formation program where children can grow in their relationship with God through a deep engagement in Scriptures and liturgy.

## God and the Child

CGS is based on the belief that God and the child are already in relationship. Our work as adults is to provide a place for the child and God to come together and grow.

## The Atrium and Materials

The Atrium is a specially prepared room where children can come to know Jesus, the Good Shepherd. The Atrium is prepared with materials that aid the children in meditating upon the essentials of the faith found in Scripture and in liturgy.



## Benefits to Participation

- An opportunity to fall in love with Jesus, the Good Shepherd that will lead to a meaningful relationship with God that will last a lifetime.
- A solid, age-appropriate grounding in the church's theology and liturgy.
- An opportunity to foster a natural spirit of wonder and gratitude towards God.
- Builds a solid foundation for future moral instruction.
- Membership in a community, time for quiet, spiritual reflection, and a rest from the busyness of daily life.

- The foundation of every activity in the atrium is to help children foster a “fully conscious and active participation in liturgical celebrations” (Sacrosanctum Concilium).

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*“...the silent plea of the child: “Help me to draw closer to the Word by myself.”*

-Sofia Cavaletti

Founder of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

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### Level I: Ages 3-6 years

Sunday mornings 8:30 AM-10:00 AM  
Begins Sunday, September 19, 2021.

### Level II: Ages 6-9 years

Monday evenings 6:30 PM -8:00 PM  
Begins Monday, September 20, 2021

### Level III: Ages 9-12 years

Monday evenings 6:30 PM -8:00 PM  
Begins Monday, September 20, 2021

**All children are welcome to participate.**

\$25 Instructional Fee

Additional information about CGS is available at [cgsusa.org](http://cgsusa.org).

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Please contact the church office at  
330-821-5880 for more information  
or to register your child(ren).