

Second Parish in Hingham, 685 Main Street, will present a new program, *Sunday School on the Run*. This program, designed for elementary school children of busy parents, will meet monthly, March through June, from 4:30 to 5:30 on Sunday afternoons.

If the thought of trying to get your children organized and into church on a Sunday morning overwhelms you, you're not alone. The *Atlantic Monthly* reported on a survey that "suggests the logistics of going to services can be the biggest barrier to participation." (August 23, 2016.)

Second Parish sees this reality. We see many families too busy to include church in their list of things to do. With two parents working, the demands of home, day care, and schools, sports and other activities, there is little time to spend with the family except perhaps Sunday morning.

*Sunday School on the Run* may be a perfect fit for busy families who would like their elementary school age children to have some religious education. Our goals are to present a fun and inspirational program that includes an introduction to the following:

- What is a church and what does it do?
- Character Education taught through the study of values. For these spring classes the values will be, Forgiveness, Gratitude, Courage, and Commitment.
- Famous stories from a variety of religions including the Hebrew Bible and the Christian Bible taught as part of Western Civilization.

Leigh Baltzer, Coordinator of Religious Education at Second Parish, will lead the program. She is enthusiastic, a locally-known puppeteer, and a former teacher with classroom experience. Members of the congregation who have educational experience will assist her. All adults in the program will be CORIED.

This program will meet only 4 Sundays this spring - March 11, April 8, May 6, and June 10 - as it is a trial program to see if we can meet the needs of young families in our community. It is our hope to make *Sunday School on the Run* a permanent program. If this sounds appealing to you and your children please bring your children to as many classes as you can. The class will last one hour and you are welcome to stay with your children or drop them off.

For more information call the church office at 781-749-1671.