

Youth Group Small Group Ministry (January 4, 2015)

Topic: Santa Claus (co-created by Gavin Infantino)

Advisor:

Opening Words & Chalice Lighting

“Take it back; Santa is so real!”

--*Every child around 10 years old*

Purpose: We come together to build connections and to talk about what deeply matters.

Reading of Group Covenant

Golden rule: Treat others how you want to be treated

Respect each other

No side talking

No phones except for time check

Don't take someone else's seat if they called 5's

Get outside together

When someone is breaking the Covenant, we'll say "Dharma."

Check-In: Each person shares how they're doing and what they did on Christmas break.

Activity: Draw your own picture of Santa Claus, and put each up on the wall to be voted on. Which captures the spirit of Santa best?

Questions

- △ Is Santa real and if so does he have magical powers?
- △ If Santa is not real in your opinion, is he a symbol of something and what is that?
- △ Has your belief about Santa changed? If so, how and when? What was that like for you?

Check-Out & Confidentiality Check: Is there anything that you shared here today that you would like to be held confidential? Otherwise this is a reminder that we treat each others' sharing with kindness and respect.

Closing

"There are three stages of a person's life: He believes in Santa Claus, he doesn't believe in Santa Claus, he is Santa Claus." - Author Unknown

“He sees you when you're sleeping; he knows when you're awake; he knows if you've been good or bad, so be good for goodness sake, ooooh....” -- from *Santa Claus Is Coming to Town*.