

What Do Unitarian Universalists Teach Children?

In most UU religious communities, children's religious education is part of the program. The children are taught to think for themselves while receiving guidance on moral and ethical behavior aimed at living responsibly and productively. They learn stories from the world's great religious texts and talk about them, allowing their individual beliefs to unfold without a dogmatic interpretation.

The children are presented with thought-provoking themes and are given the space to develop their own points of view and convictions. They are encouraged to respect differences in others' theologies while developing their own theological attitudes. Children learn about the beliefs and practices of the world's major religions.

Many congregations, such as ours, include the children in part of the main worship service each Sunday before they go to another part of the building for religious education classes.