Tapestry of Faith
Weaving the Fabric of Our Faith
A new era of curricula for all ages that nurtures...
Tapestry of Faith nurtures . . .

UU Identity
Tapestry of Faith nurtures . . .

Spiritual Growth
Tapestry of Faith nurtures . . .

Vital Communities of Justice & Love
What's New about Tapestry?

Tapestry curricula are all available free online!
What’s New about Tapestry?

Emphasizes Community, Interdependence, and Relationship
What’s New about Tapestry?

Consistently uses anti-racist anti-oppressive multi-cultural lenses
What’s New about Tapestry?

Draws from all six UU Sources
What’s New about Tapestry?

Family Friendly
What’s New about Tapestry?

Intentional about faith development
What’s New about Tapestry?

Intentional about UU growth
What’s New about Tapestry?

Adaptable for diverse methodologies
What UUs want from Tapestry

- Spiritual Life
- UU Identity
- Own Faith
- Life Skills
- A Religious Home
- Lived Values
- World Religions
- Own Faith
Tapestry of Faith is focused on outcomes including . . .
Spiritual Growth
Ethical Development
UU Identity
Sharing in the Living Tradition

Universalist Heritage:
love, faith, hope
UU Identity
Sharing in the Living Tradition

Unitarian Heritage: freedom, reason, tolerance
UU Identity
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Principles and Sources
UU Identity
Sharing in the Living Tradition
Grounded in religious community
Ethical Development: Becoming Our Best Selves

Living our values and Principles
Ethical Development: Becoming Our Best Selves

Moral agency: making the world a better place
Ethical Development: Becoming Our Best Selves

Right relationship
Ethical Development: Becoming Our Best Selves

Good citizens of wider communities
Ethical Development: Becoming Our Best Selves

Good stewards of religious community
Ethical Development: Becoming Our Best Selves

Good stewards of the earth
Spiritual Development: The Longing of the Soul

Feelings of wonder, awe, mystery, holy
Spiritual Development: The Longing of the Soul

Connection to God, ultimate, transcendence
Spiritual Development: The Longing of the Soul

Sense of being part of something larger
Spiritual Development: The Longing of the Soul

Spiritual mindfulness, spiritual practices
Spiritual Development: The Longing of the Soul

Worship, rituals, sacred texts
Faith Development:
Growing in Faith Together

Making meaning and
finding purpose
Faith Development:
Growing in Faith Together

Acting on values,
reflecting on action
Faith Development: Growing in Faith Together

Addressing the Big Religious Questions
Faith Development: Growing in Faith Together

Exploring, articulating one’s theology, philosophy, beliefs
Faith Development:
Growing in Faith Together

Knowing what I set my heart to
Faith Development: Growing in Faith Together

Finding a sustaining faith in Unitarian Universalism
Our Stories: From our Sources, affirming our Principles
Praxis

Belonging

Story

Reflection

Action

Meaning
We envision children, youth, and adults who:

know that they are lovable beings in the service of life
We envision children, youth, and adults who: accept that they are responsible for a community of faith.
We envision children, youth, and adults who:

affirm that they are part of a Unitarian Universalist religious heritage
We envision children, youth, and adults who:
realize that they are moral agents, acting in the service of diversity, justice and compassion
We envision children, youth, and adults who:

affirm the importance of family, community, connection
We envision children, youth, and adults who:

value spiritual practice and living faith
We envision children, youth, and adults who: experience hope, joy, mystery, healing, and personal transformation in the midst of life’s challenges.
Children
The Wonder Years
An integrated curriculum for grades K-6 that will bring in families, and keep kids coming
Tapestry of Faith offers our children programs that hold them in love, ignite their passion for justice, and satisfy their need to know more deeply the diversity and wholeness of our Unitarian Universalist faith.
Children need:

To learn with their minds, hearts and hands.
Children need:

To engage in integrated experiences that are anchored by soul-stirring narratives.
Children need:
To learn faith
by doing faith
Children need:
To be empowered as knowers, practitioners, and creators of Unitarian Universalism.
Children need:
To know the transformative power of justice and love
Children’s programs include:

Central narratives
or core stories
Children's programs include:

Activities that engage children in active, meaningful learning.
Children’s programs include:

Community building
Children’s programs include:

Faith in Action activities for children and multi-age groups
Children’s programs include:
Enrichment materials for teachers
Children’s programs include:

Follow up and outreach activities for families
Children’s programs include:

Flexibility for different sizes and models of religious education
Children’s Program: A Snapshot
Toolbox of Faith: Grades 4 - 5

Unpacks symbolic tools of our faith that shape a UU identity and personal call to action for children. 16 sessions

Author: Kate Tweedie Covey
Toolbox of Faith Sessions

Duct tape symbolizes flexibility

Hammer symbolizes power

Seashell symbolizes listening

and 13 other sessions on Faith, Questioning, Humor, and more…
Toolbox of Faith: Sample Activities

• Expression through Music
• Heaven and Hell Game
• Kore Chant
• Clown Painting
• Tambourine Making

...and many more
Toolbox of Faith: Sample Stories

- Answer Mountain
- Creation
- Fire, Water, Truth, and Falsehood
- Stargazer who Discovered a Comet

... and many more
Toolbox of Faith: Sample Faith in Actions

- Integrity Bulletin Board
- Candlelight Vigil
- Oral History
- Congregational Stewardship

... and many more
Youth Program: A Snapshot
Families

For Jr. or Sr. High
Explores the functions of families, and
includes a multi-generational photo-documentary project. 12 workshops

Authors:
Helen Bishop, Susan Grider, Tracey Hurd
Families

Our Families

Methods of Gathering Narratives And Texts

Claiming a Point of View

and 9 other sessions on Families Functions, Stories, Celebrations, and more…
Activities from Families

- Family Continuum
- Creating a Group Covenant
- Writing Family Prayers
- Families, Emotions, and Change
- Media Awareness
- Photography as Interaction

...and many more
Families: Sample Faith in Actions

• Absent Loved Ones
• Honoring the Work of Families
• Weight Discrimination
• Identity in a Changing World

... and many more
Adult Program: A Snapshot
Spirit in Practice

Multiple paths to spiritual growth from meditation to social justice.
10 workshops

Author: Erik Walker Wikstrom
Spirit in Practice Workshops

Personal spiritual practices
Communal worship practices
Spirituality and the mind
Spirituality and the body
Spirituality and social justice

and 5 other workshops toward a rich and meaningful Unitarian Universalist spirituality
Spirit in Practice: Sample Stories

- The Wandering Teacher
- Siddhartha’s Awakening
- Mind Meets Body
- The Wise Fool

... and many more
Spirit in Practice: Sample Activities

- Naming Our Experiences
- Discussion with the Minister
- The Mind and the Religious Journey
- Justice Work as Spiritual Practice
  . . . and many more
What does Tapestry look like online?
Each session or workshop gives useful questions and ideas to help teachers reflect and get perspective on the curriculum experience.
Taking It Home

Summarizes key learnings in each session or workshop and gives activity ideas and suggestions to continue the learnings at home and elsewhere.

One generation plants the trees; another gets the shade. — Chinese proverb

IN TODAY’S SESSION...

The group talked about ancestors — both family and faith ancestors — and the legacies they leave for future generations. The children heard a story, "The Farmer’s Legacy," in which a farmer coaxes his adult children to continue farming the land he plans to leave them, by telling them as he dies that a treasure is buried in the land. You can find the story on the Tapestry of Faith website. Select this curriculum, Creating Home (Living Faith, Kindergarten/First Grade).
Activities

Easy Access to all activities within a session or workshop – You pick and choose!

Step by Step hands-on activity instructions, meeting various learning styles and accessibility needs of students.

Activity 4: Toolbox Of Covenant (15 minutes)

Materials for Activity

- Newsprint, markers, and tape
- Markers, glitter pens, or other media for writing and decorating the covenant
- Large sheet of poster board, for Toolbox of Our Faith poster
- A separate sheet of poster board, for group covenant
- Optional: Paper strips to add items to the covenant, and pencils or pens
- Hardware store ads for cutting out pictures of tools, toolboxes, tool belts, etc. to decorate the poster
Stories

Find the core story for every session or workshop conveniently from the “List of Stories” page.

List of Stories: Spirit in Practice Beta Test

- Workshop 1, The Wandering Teacher
- Workshop 2, Pablo Casals
- Workshop 3, She’d Had Enough
- Workshop 4, The Shape of the Spirit
- Workshop 5, The Mystic and the Scientist
- Workshop 6, Mind Meets Body
- Workshop 7, A Painter’s Creative Process
- Workshop 8, The Wise Fool
- Workshop 9, Siddhartha’s Awakening
- Workshop 10, Understanding the Elephant
Find handouts for every session or workshop conveniently from the “List of Handouts” page.
Leader Resources

A variety of resources: content background and special information to further support your teaching.
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