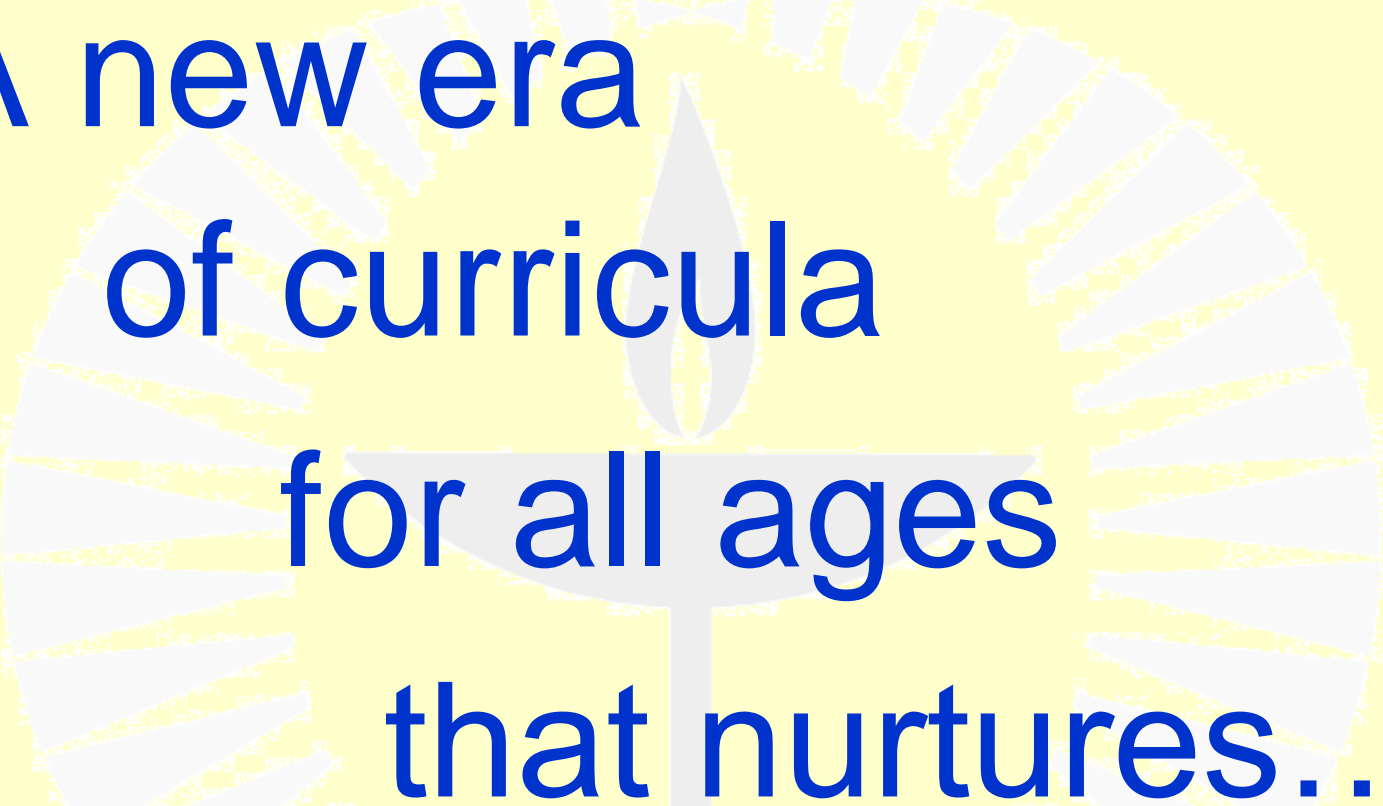




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Weaving the Fabric of Our Faith



A new era
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for all ages
that nurtures...

Tapestry of Faith nurtures . . .

UU Identity

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Tapestry of Faith nurtures . . .



Spiritual Growth

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A Transforming Faith

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**Vital
Communities of
Justice & Love**

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**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

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Family Friendly



What's New about Tapestry?



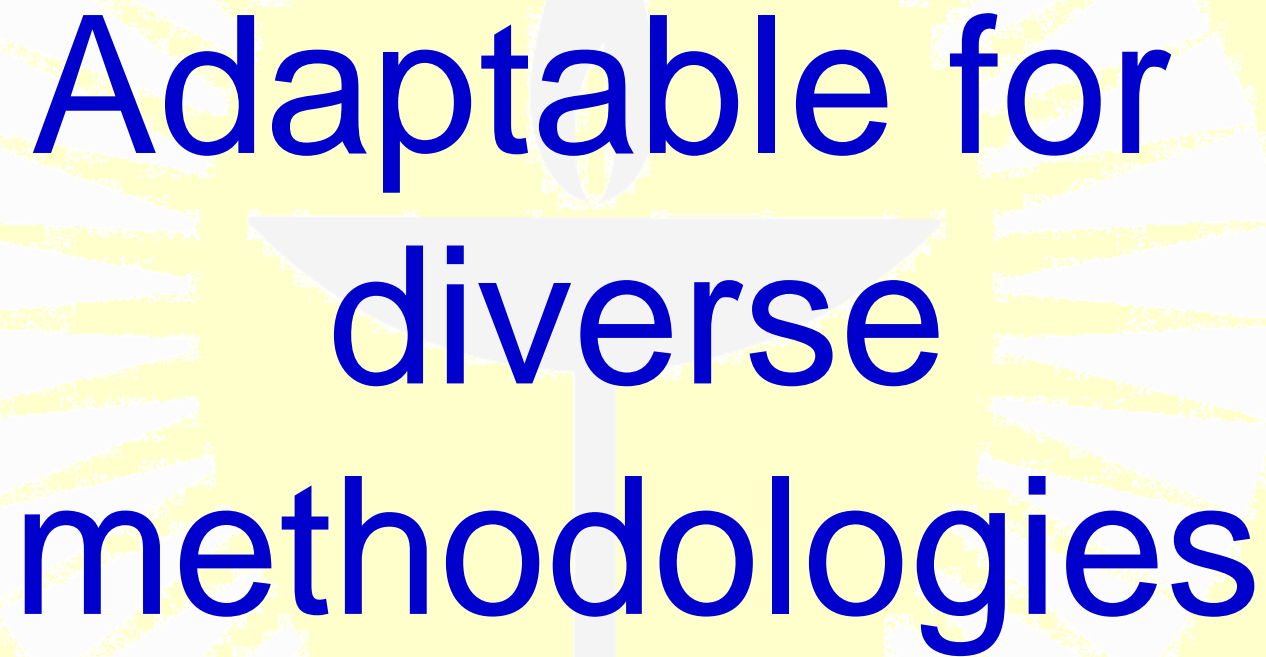
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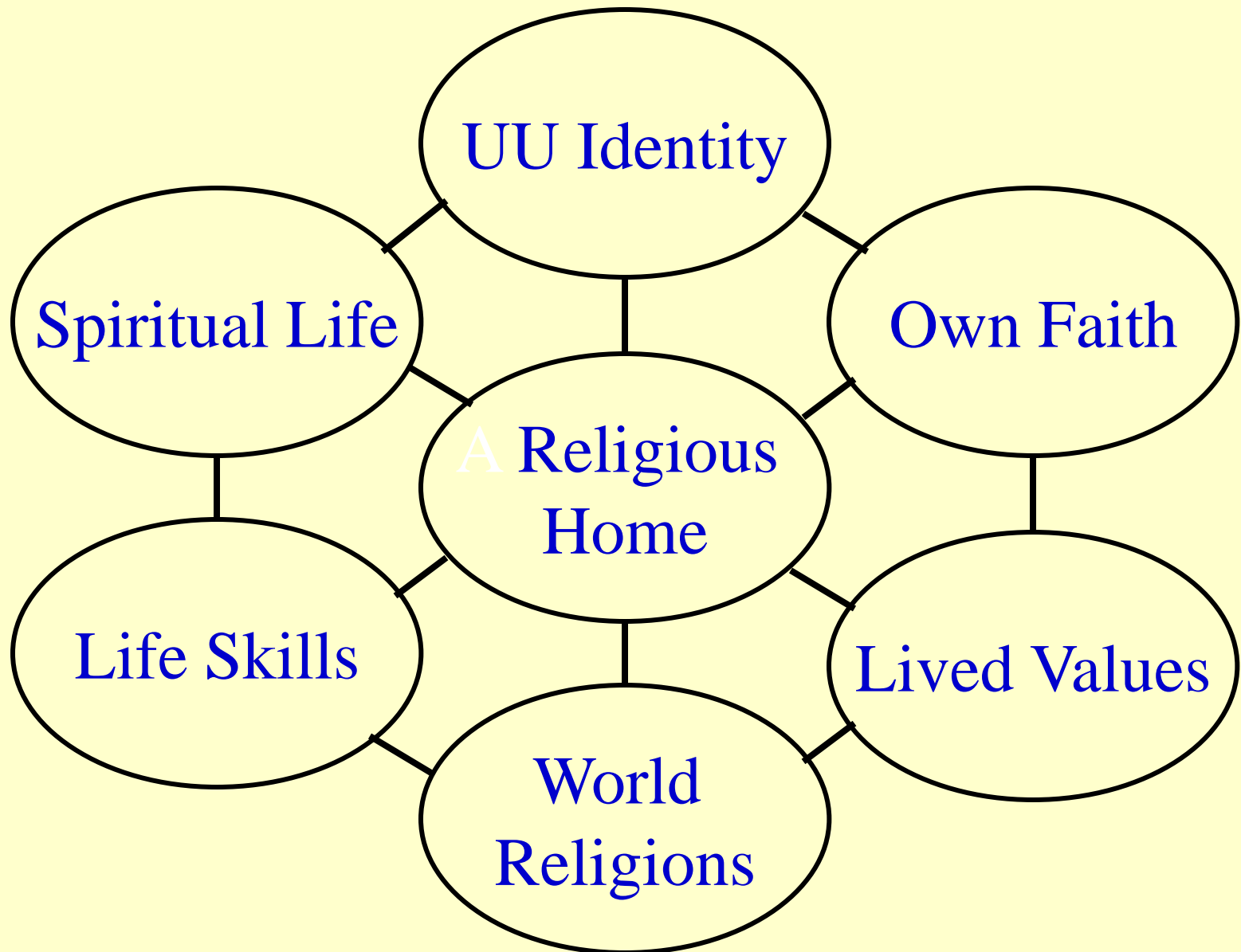


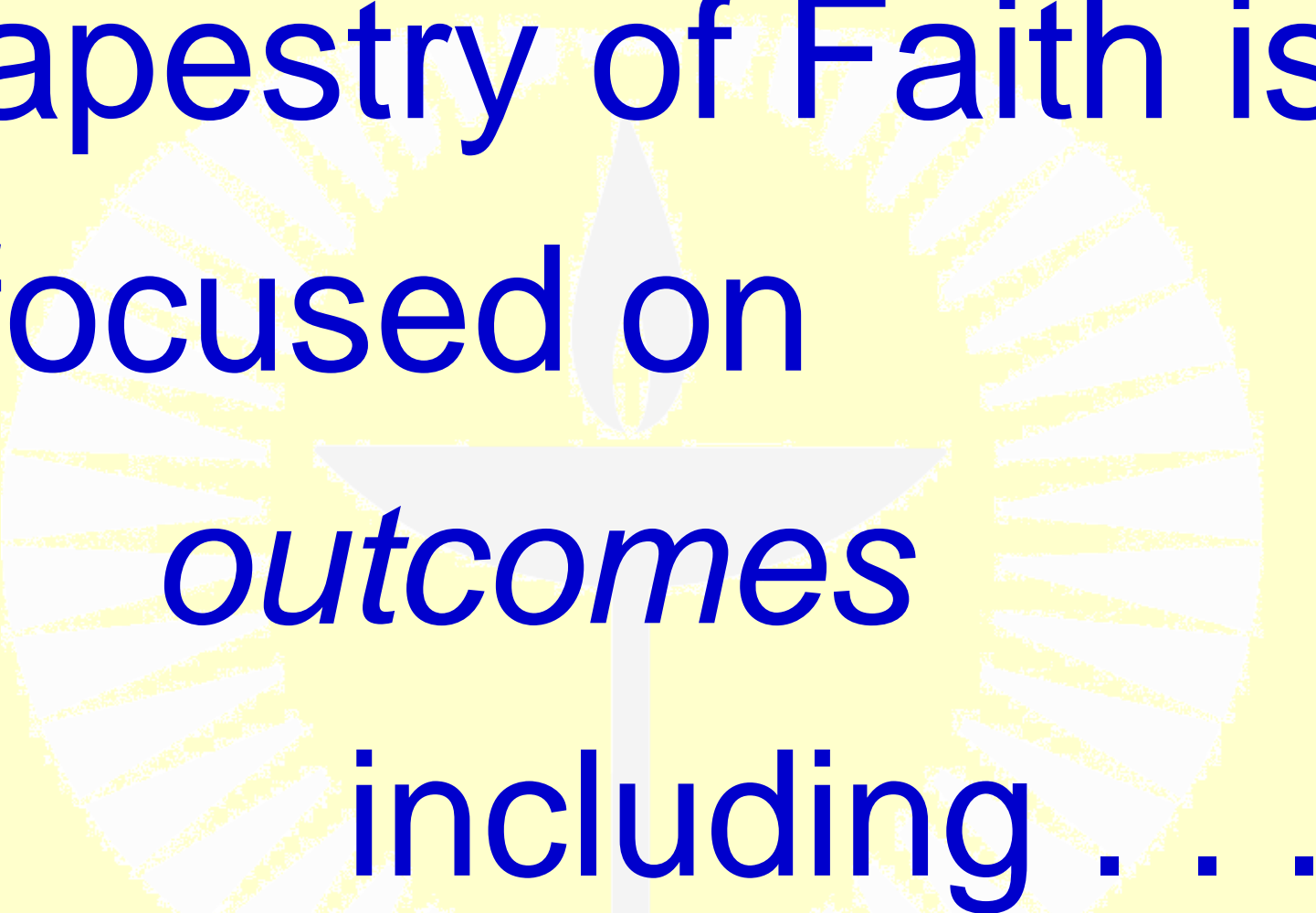
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**Adaptable for
diverse
methodologies**

What UUs want from Tapestry





Tapestry of Faith is
focused on
outcomes
including . . .



UU Identity



Spiritual Growth




Ethical Development



Faith Development

UU Identity
Sharing in the Living Tradition

Universalist Heritage:
love, faith, hope



UU Identity

Sharing in the Living Tradition

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Unitarian Heritage:
freedom, reason,
tolerance

UU Identity Sharing in the Living Tradition

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UU History

UU Identity

Sharing in the Living Tradition

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



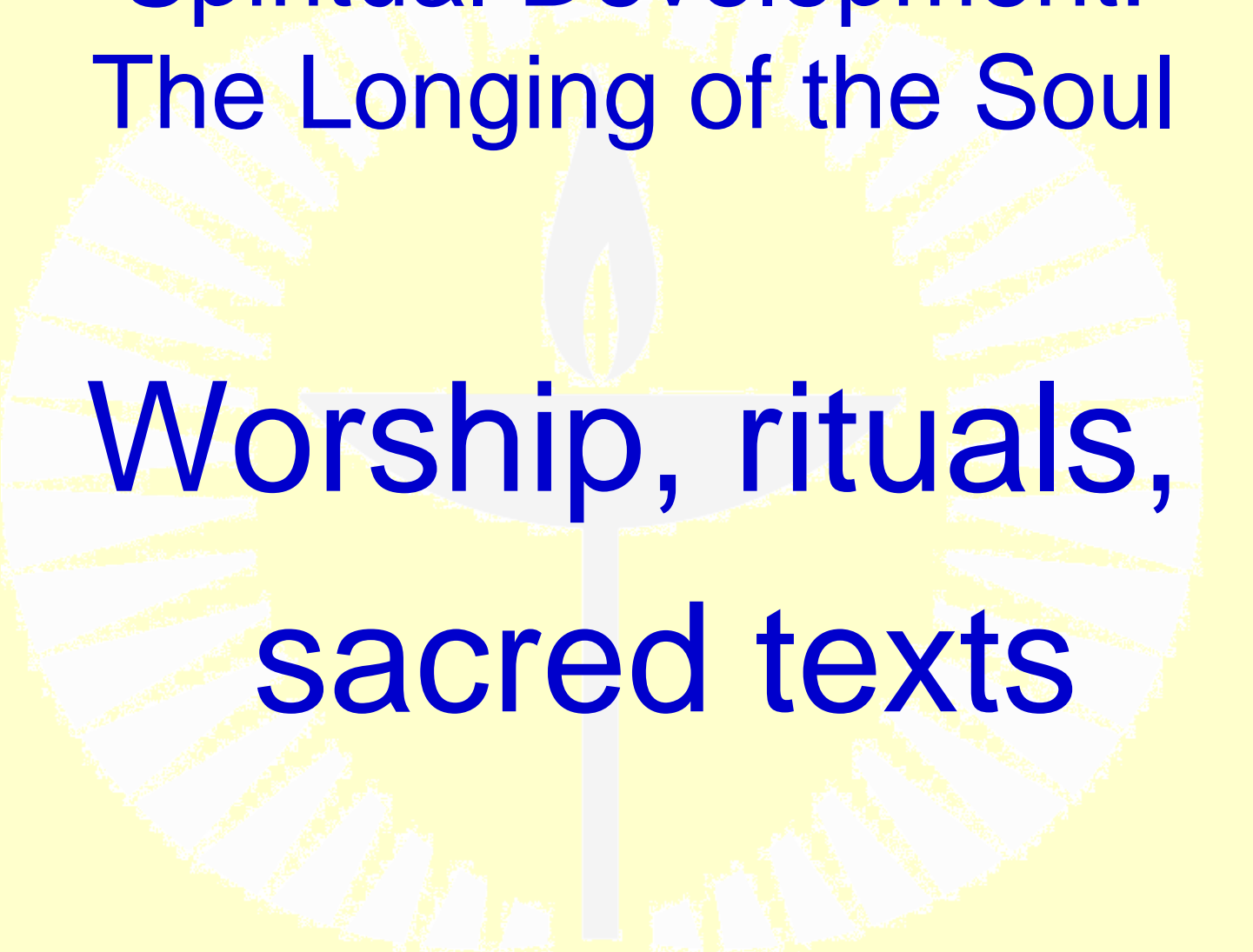
Spiritual Development: The Longing of the Soul

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

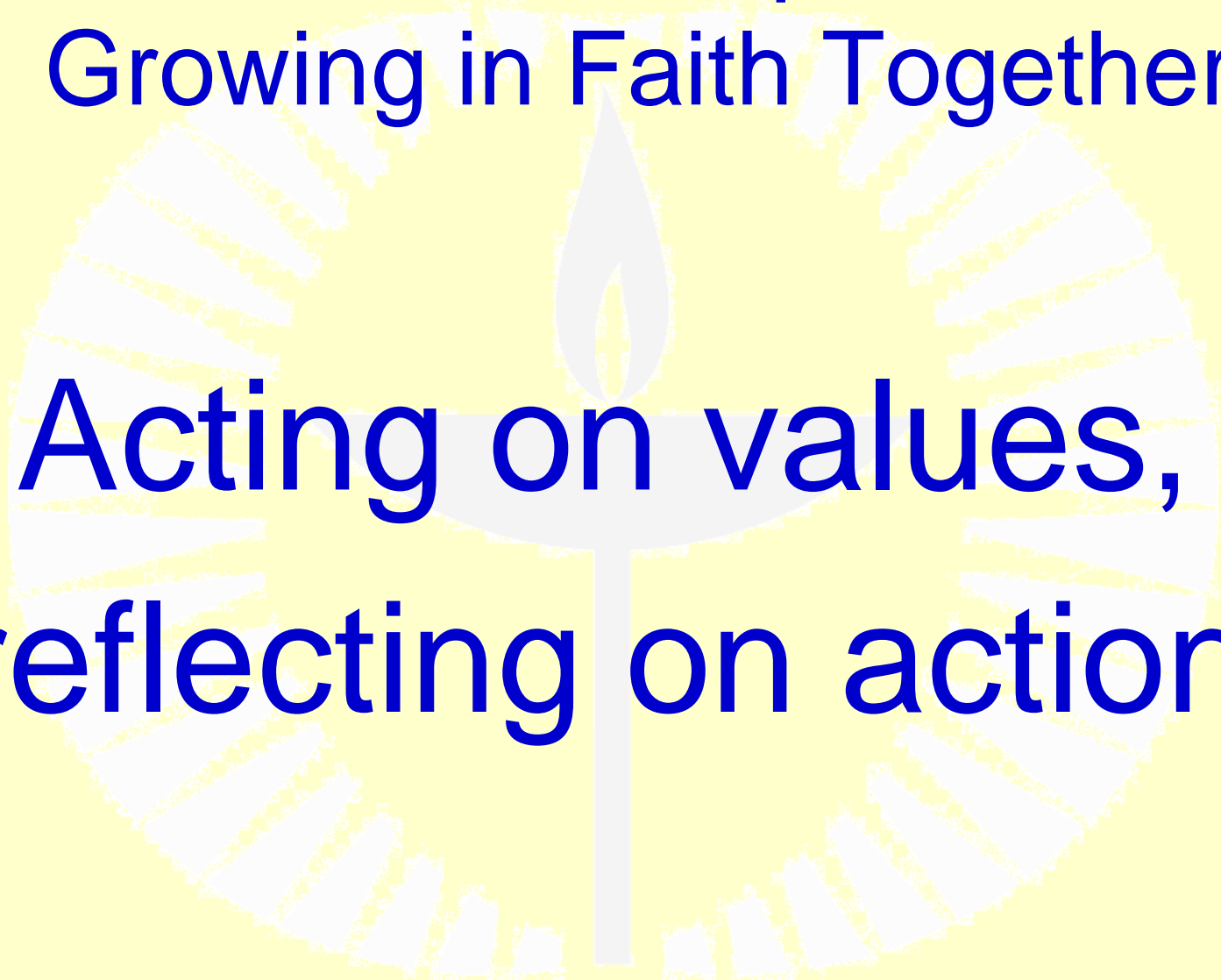
Faith Development:
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Making meaning and
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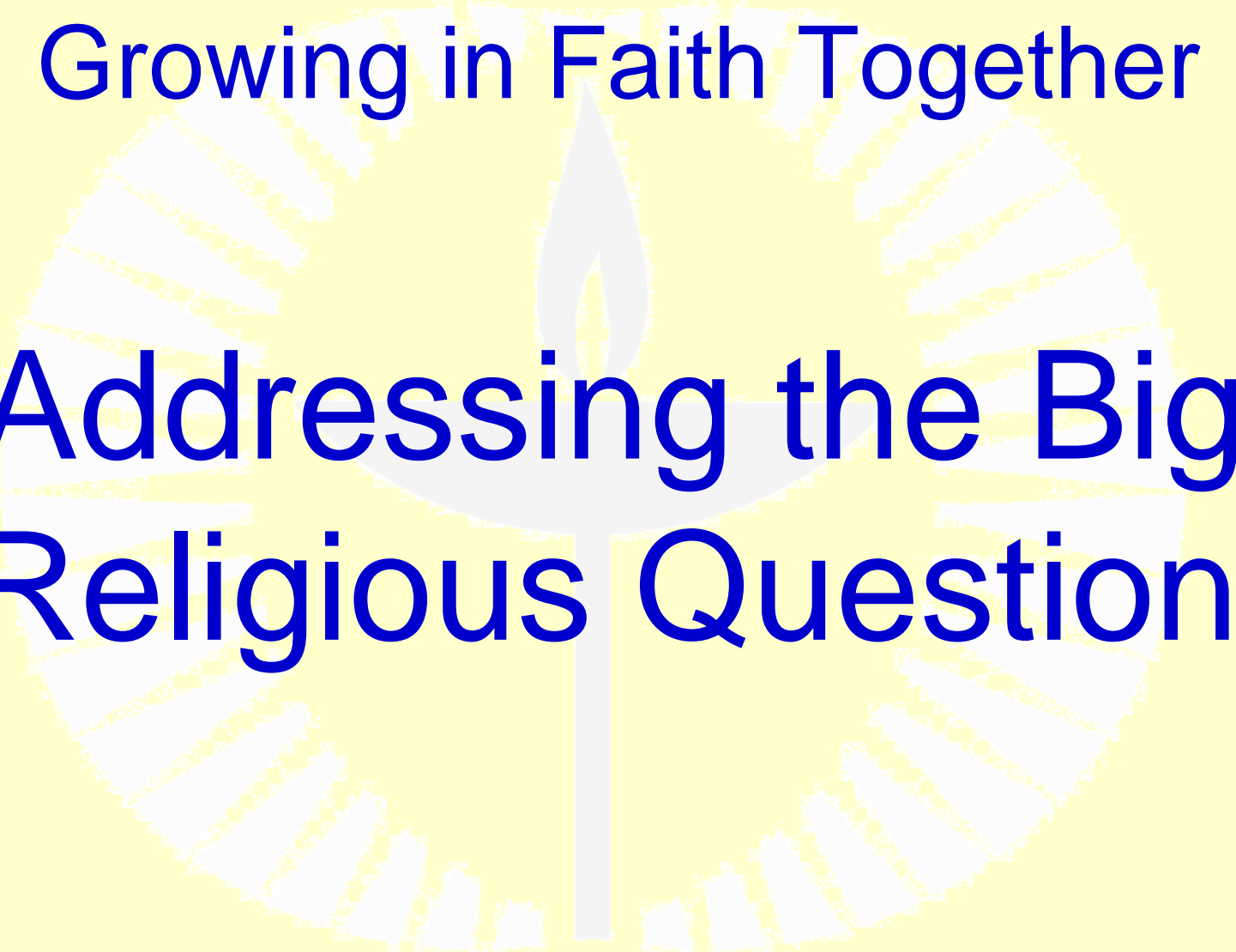
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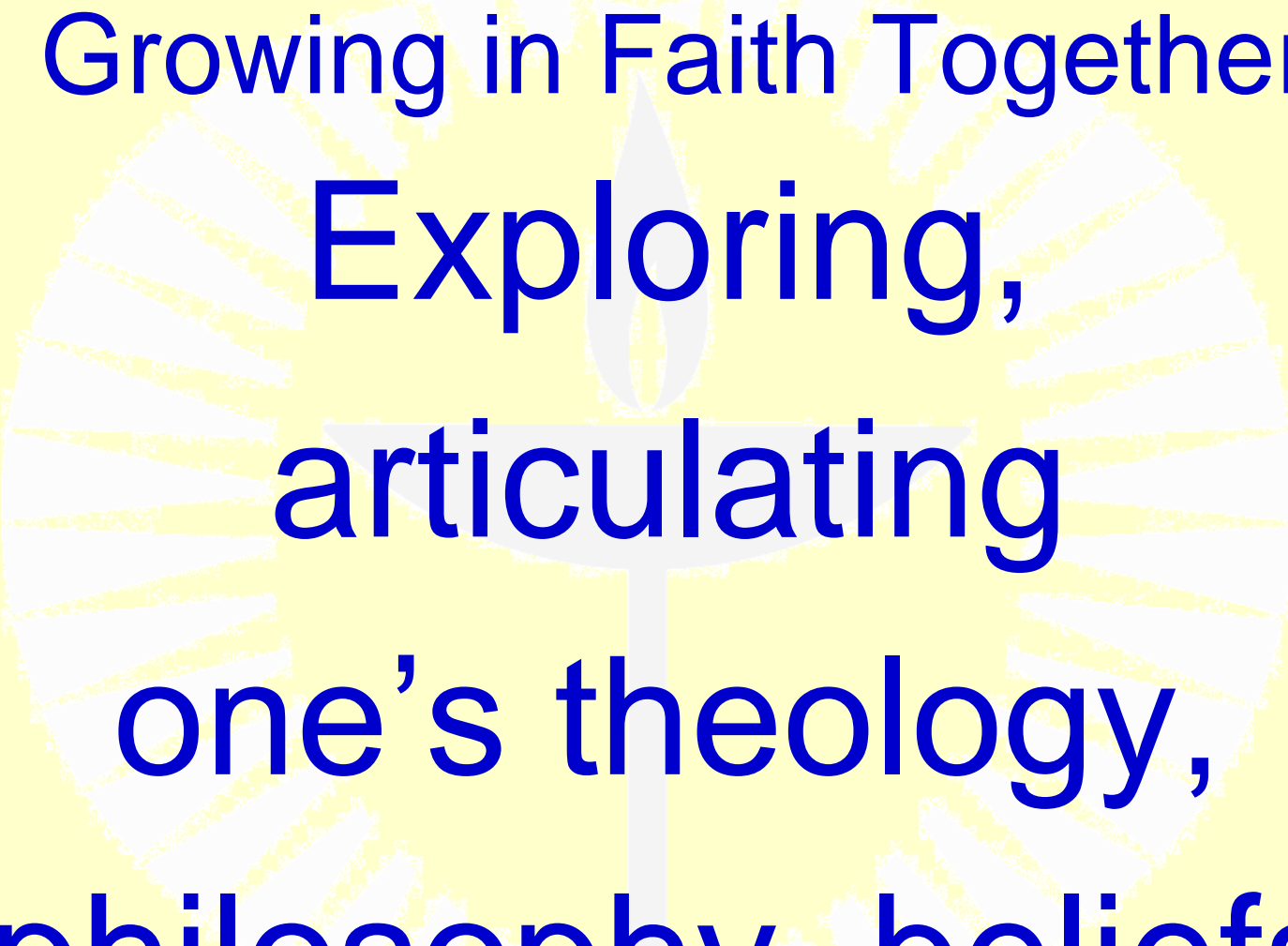
Acting on values,
reflecting on action



Faith Development:
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Addressing the Big
Religious Questions

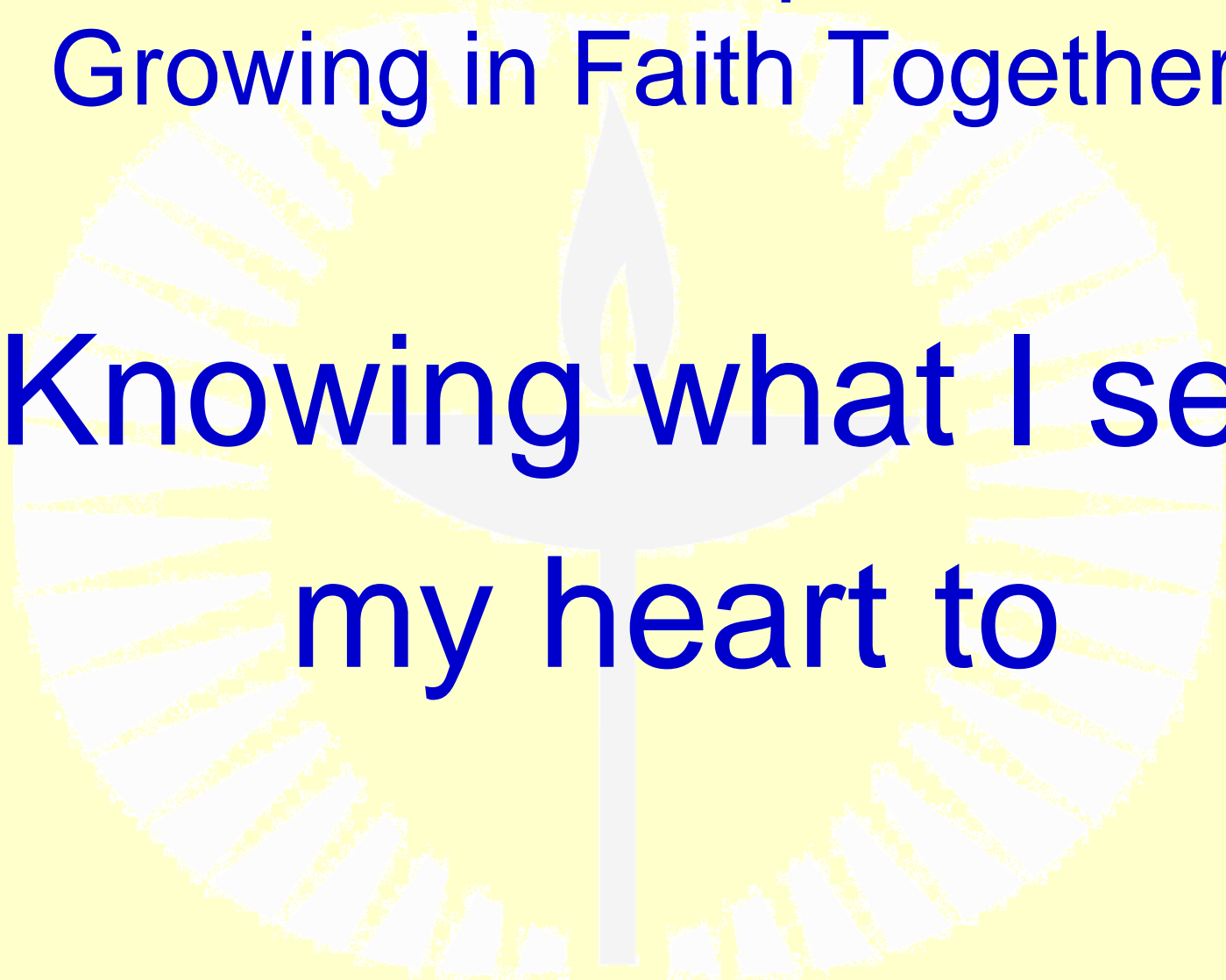




Faith Development:
Growing in Faith Together
Exploring,
articulating
one's theology,
philosophy, beliefs

Faith Development:
Growing in Faith Together

Knowing what I set
my heart to

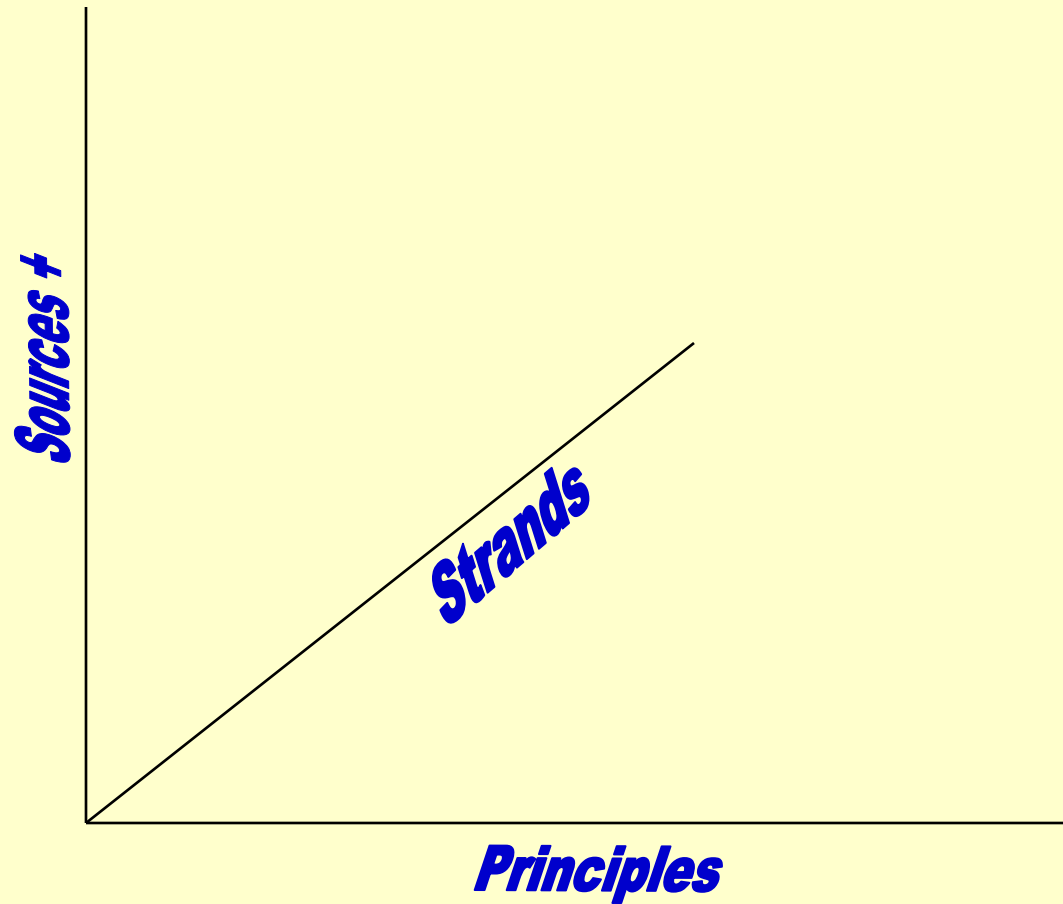


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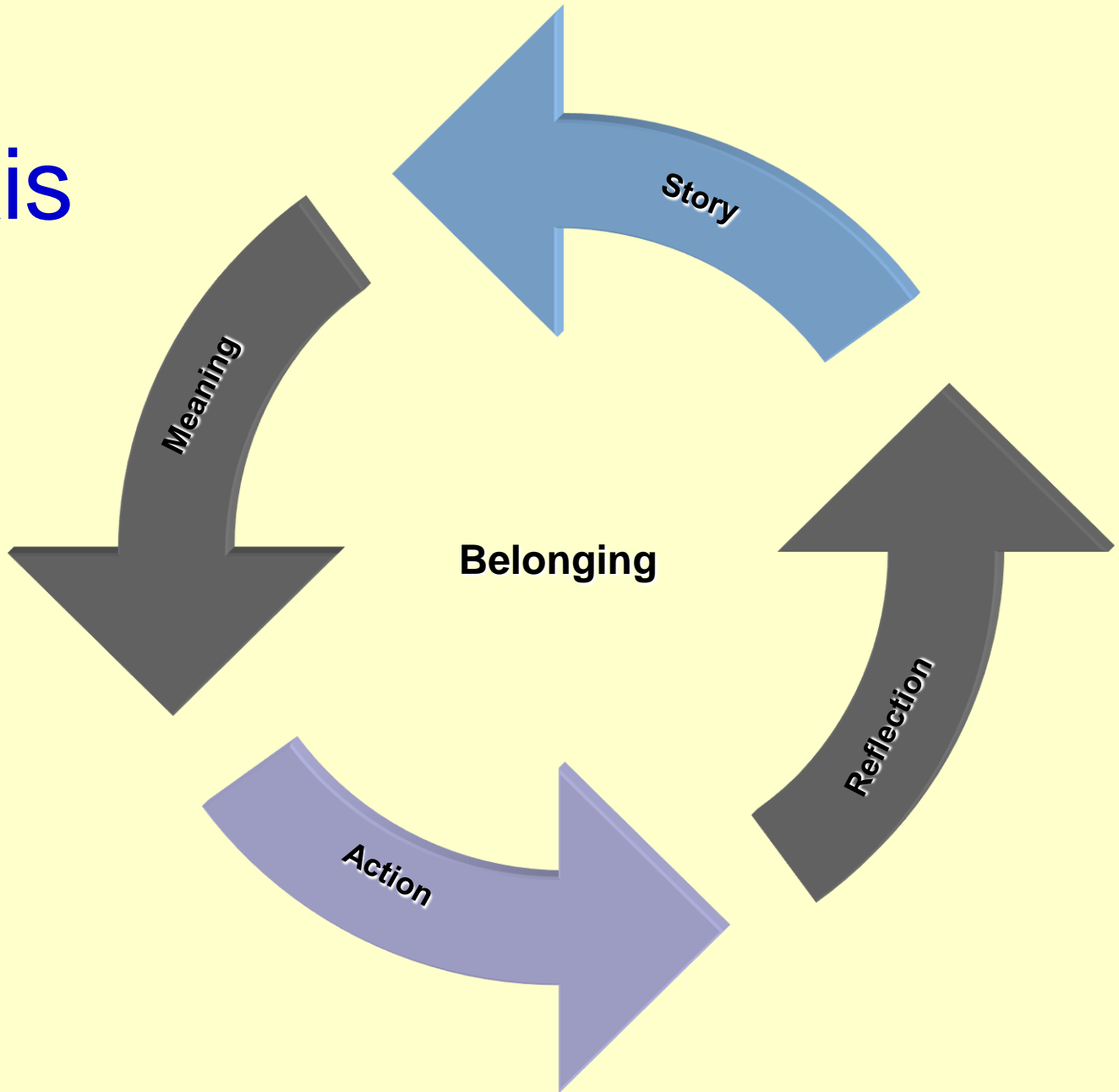
Finding a sustaining
faith in UUism



Our Stories: From our Sources, affirming our Principles



Praxis



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

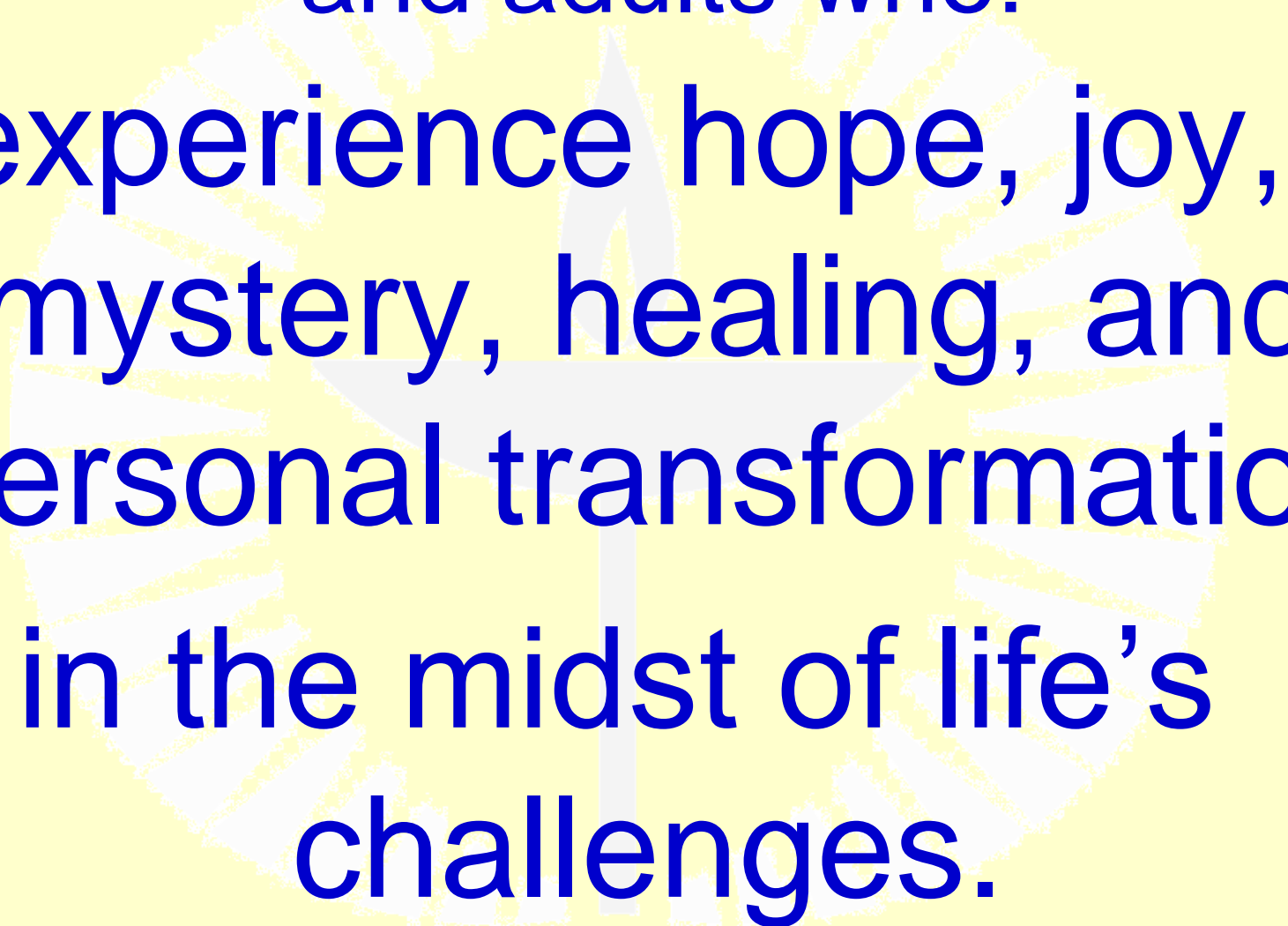
We envision children, youth,
and adults who:

affirm the importance
of family,
community,
connection

We envision children, youth,
and adults who:

value spiritual
practice and living
faith



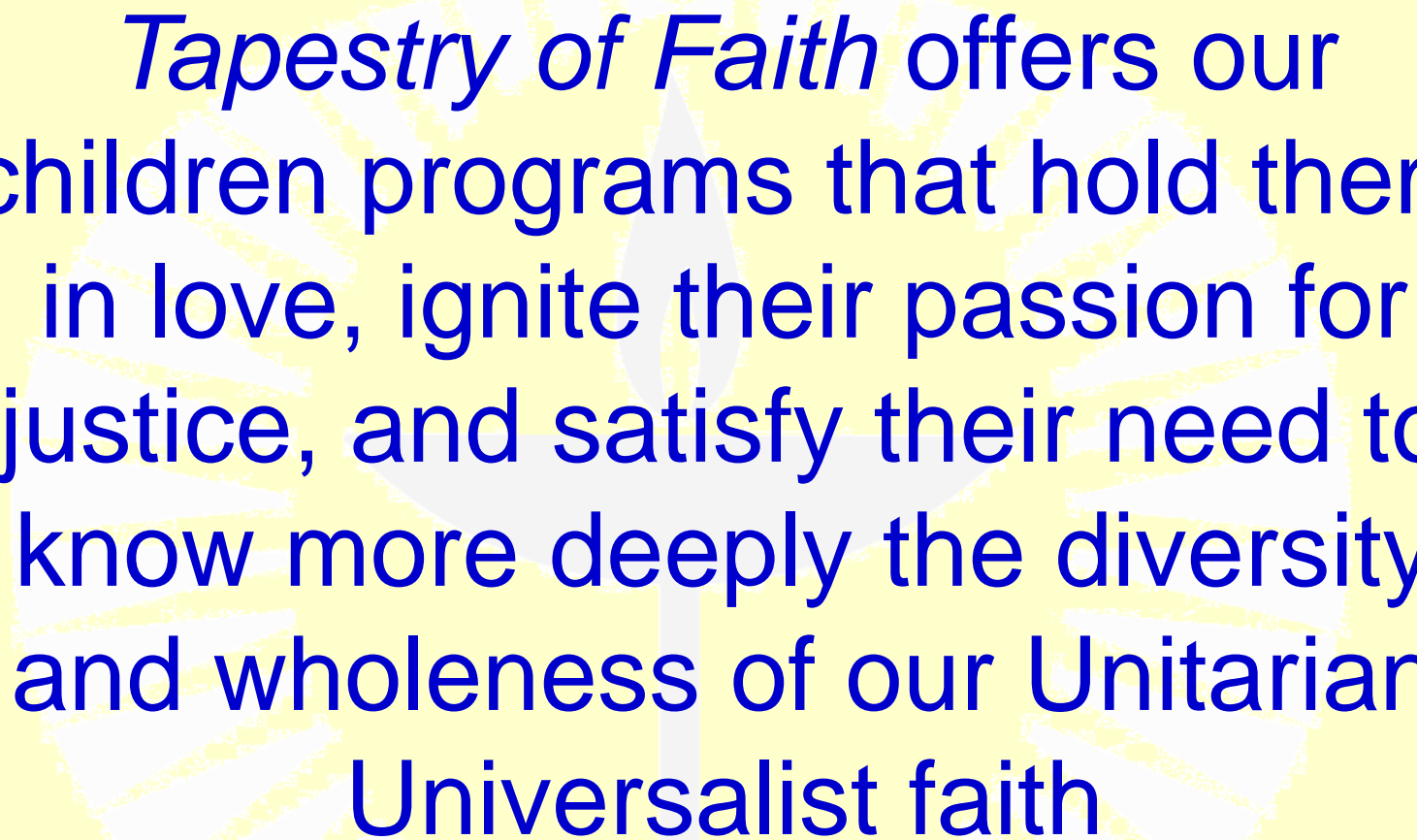


We envision children, youth,
and adults who:
experience hope, joy,
mystery, healing, and
personal transformation
in the midst of life's
challenges.

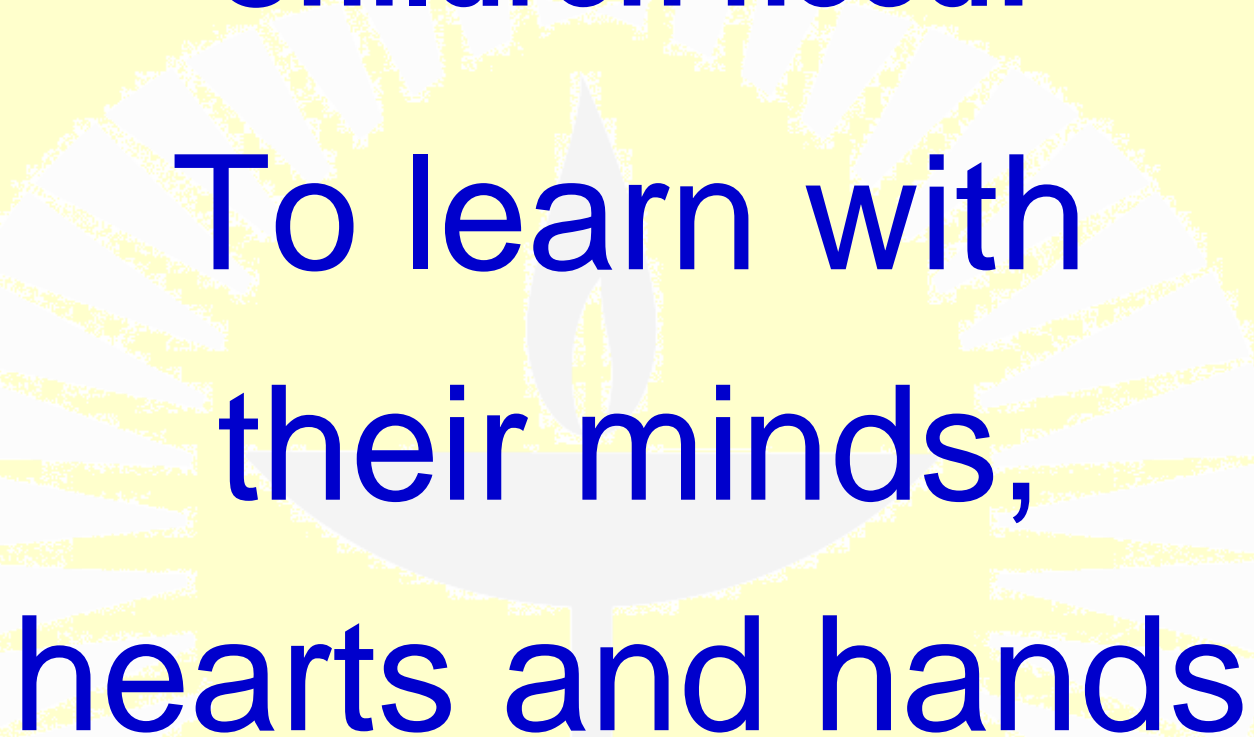


Children The Wonder Years

An integrated curriculum for
grades K-6 that will bring in
families, and keep kids
coming



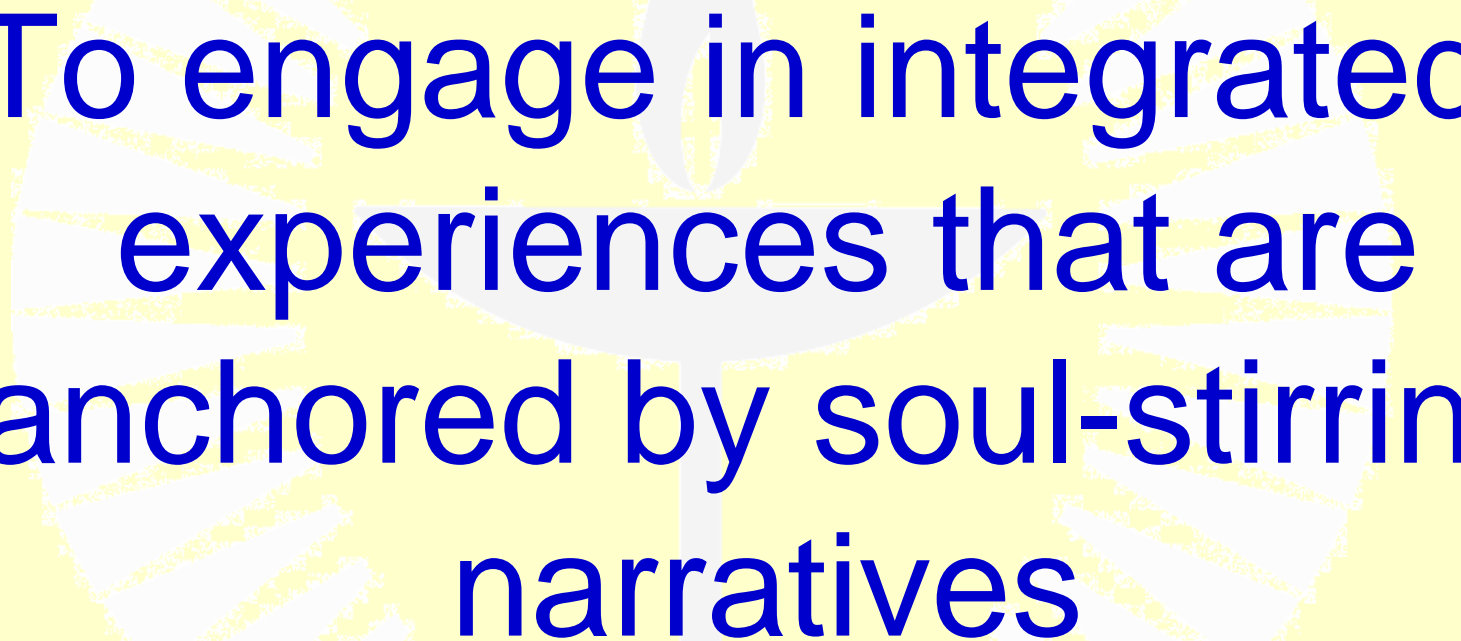
Tapestry of Faith offers our
children programs that hold them
in love, ignite their passion for
justice, and satisfy their need to
know more deeply the diversity
and wholeness of our Unitarian
Universalist faith



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:

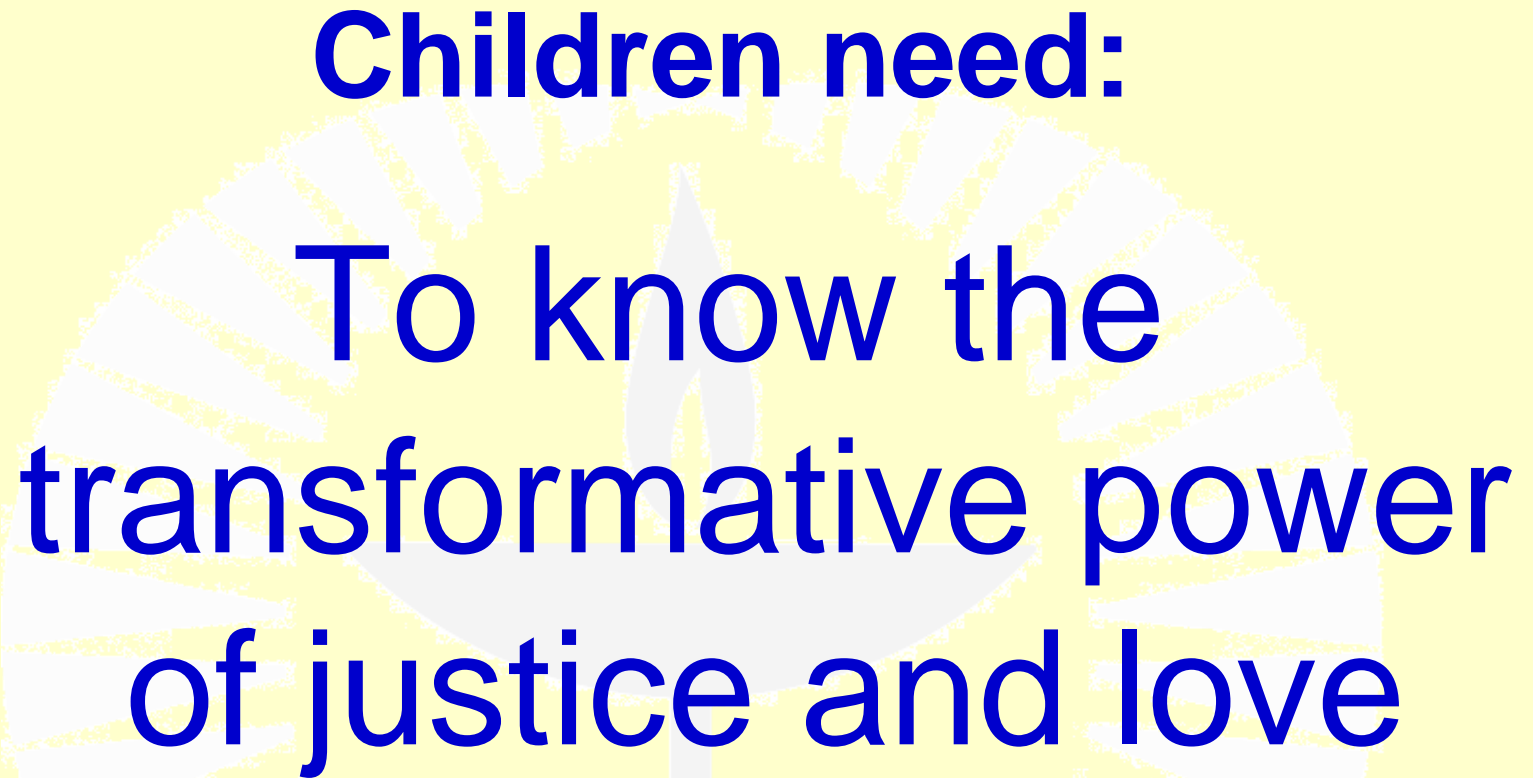
**To learn faith
by doing faith**



Children need:

**To be empowered as
knowers, practitioners,
and creators of
Unitarian Universalism**

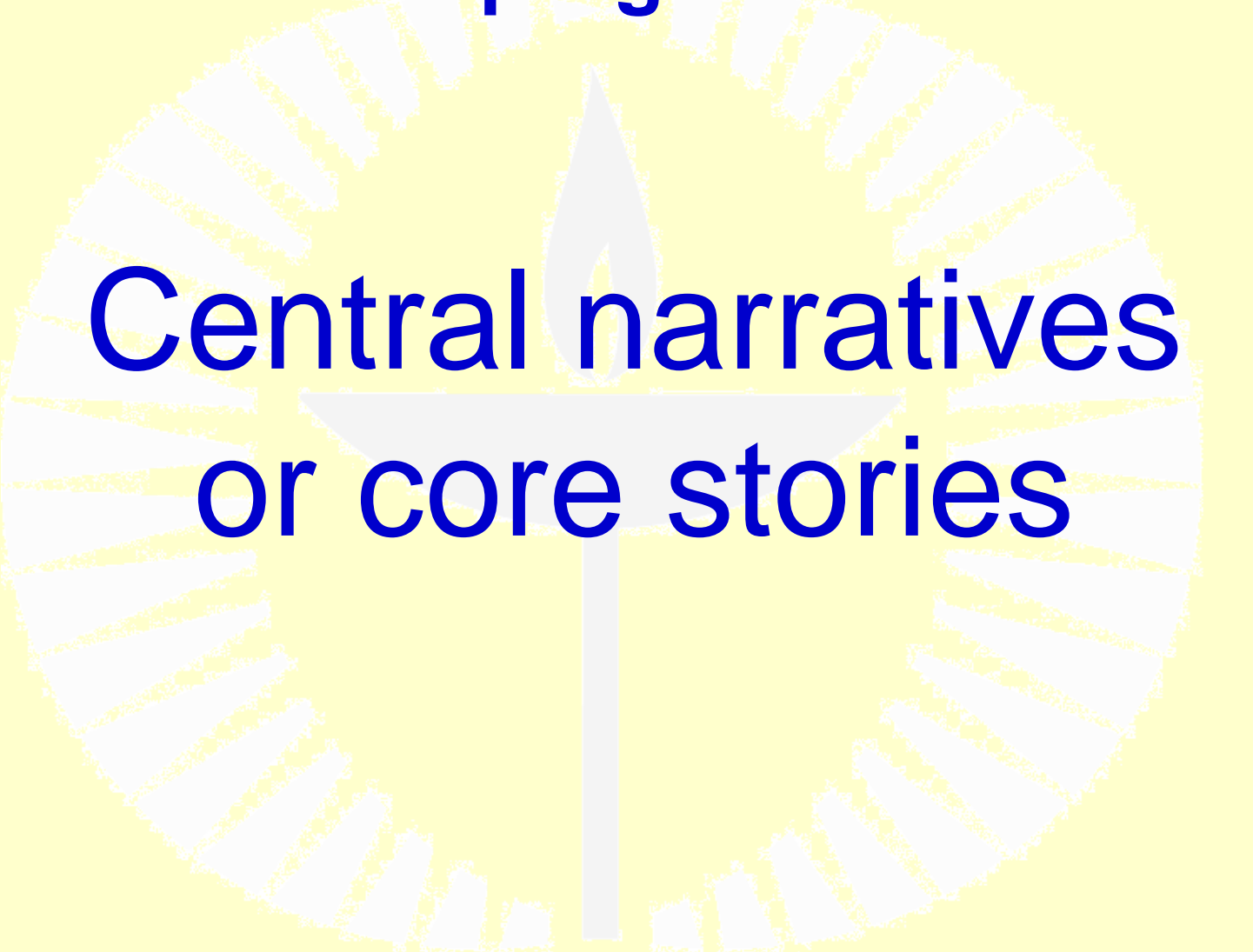




Children need:
**To know the
transformative power
of justice and love**

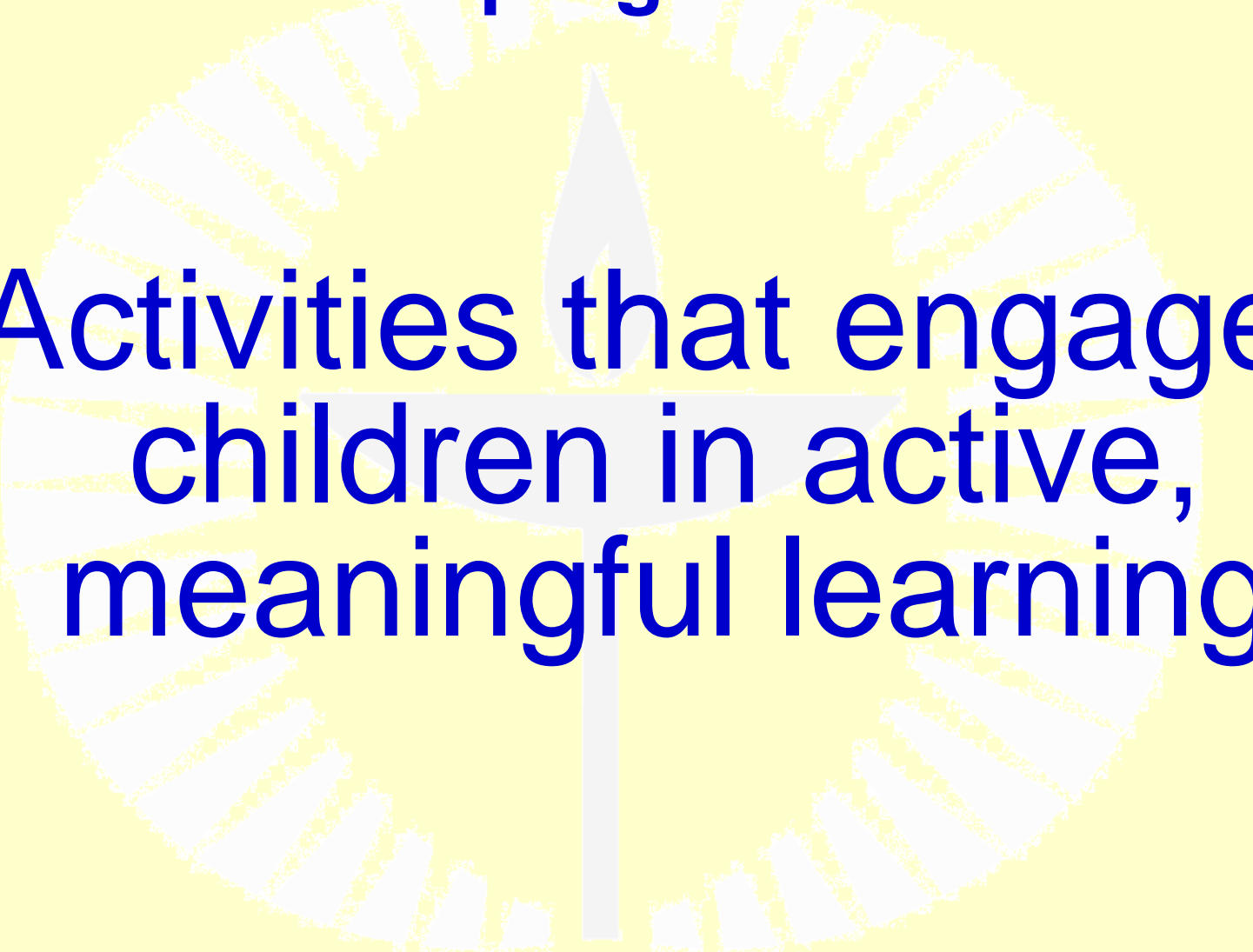
Children's programs include:

**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**



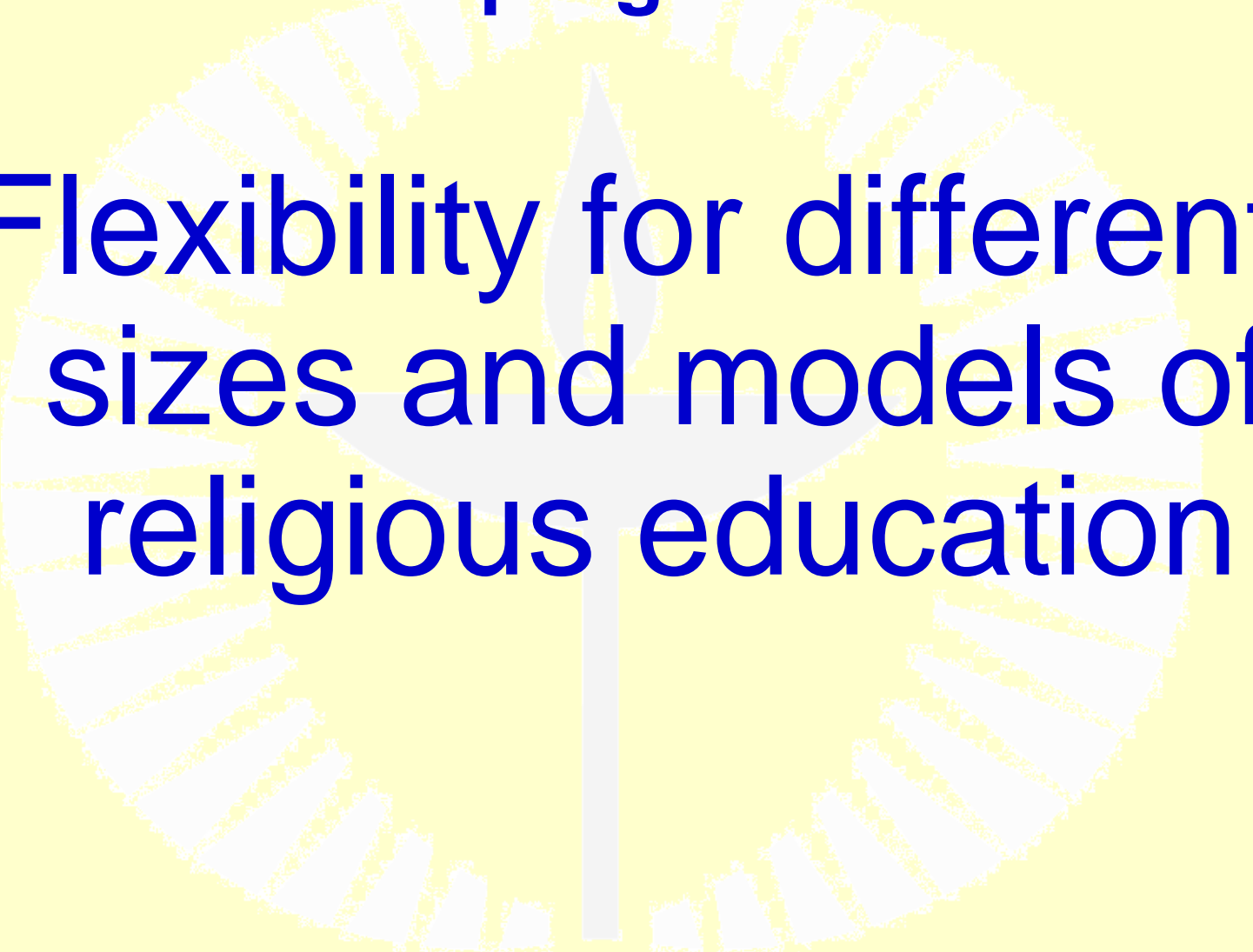
Children's programs include:

**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

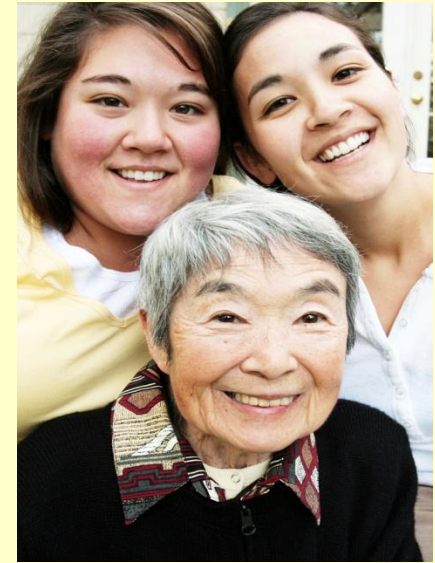
Families

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

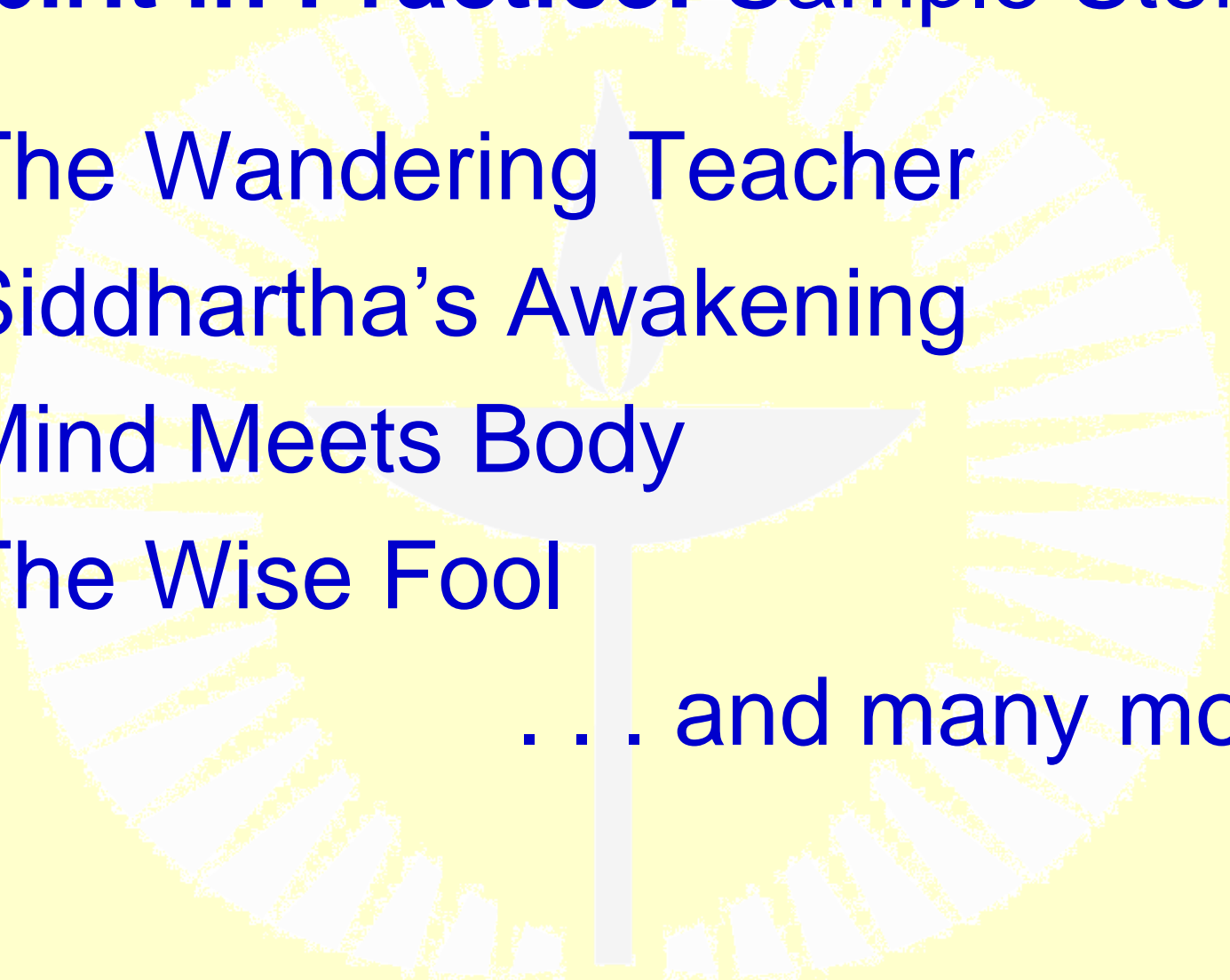


and 5 other workshops toward a rich and
meaningful Unitarian Universalist spirituality

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




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Leader Reflection and Planning

This session has the potential to cover quite a bit of Unitarian Universalist history. Some children will be interested, some not. Do you feel you did a good job of tracking the group's interest level and adjusting as needed?

How did the children react to the rituals around the altar? If they liked the altar and you are able to keep it intact in your meeting space, you may find ways to use it again in later sessions.

Each session or workshop gives useful questions and ideas to help teachers reflect and get perspective on the curriculum experience

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Taking It Home

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).

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

Activities



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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.

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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

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

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