

The first of three interfaith teacher workshops in storytelling will be in one week!

Tuesday, November 15

3:45 to 5:15

Bishop Gibbons High School
2600 Albany Street
Schenectady, NY

Led by Gert Johnson, founder of the Interfaith Story Circle of the Tri-City Area, the workshops will be hands-on and interactive in nature, with a strong emphasis on story sharing. Much of the teaching will take place through telling. Teachers will be provided with numerous handouts, exercises, practical tips and resources that they can use during the school year. The following is a partial list of topics for all three workshops:

- Learning the background of participants/ introductions / expectations
- Role of story in your religious tradition (narrative vs. legalistic approach)
- Guidelines for sharing stories with people of other faiths
- Unearthing the storyteller in each of us: sharing through story prompts and modeling a non- critical appreciation of tellings
- Bringing your lessons to life with story
- Why use story in the religious school classroom?
- Tips for learning and telling a story
- A “sharing/ gifting” rather than a “performance” approach
- Encouraging students to tell, and adopting a non-critical coaching response to student tellings

The workshops will be held in three different locations: Bishop-Gibbons School, the Muslim school and the Hindu temple or a synagogue. There will be another meeting in January, and one in March; meeting dates and times to be discussed.

This project has engendered a lot of enthusiasm and we are excited to be meeting with all of you! Hope to hear from you soon.

Please call Gert Johnson at 374-0637 or email GRJohnson@aol.com to RSVP