"I BLESS YOU
FATHER, LORD
OF HEAVEN AND
EARTH, FOR
HIDING THESE
THINGS FROM
THE LEARNED
AND CLEVER
AND REVEALING
THEM TO MERE
CHILDREN."

**MATTHEW 11:25** 







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## CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD





# WHAT IS CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD?

CGS is a Montessori-based method of faith formation

A child does not merely learn about God but through exposure to prayer, scripture, and liturgy, encounters Him, developing a personal relationship.

#### WHO IS IT FOR?

Level 1: Children aged 3-6 Level 2: Children aged 6-9 Level 3: Children aged 9-12

#### WHAT IS THE ATRIUM

The atrium is not simply a classroom, it is a sacred place of encounter where Christ is the true teacher. The atrium is a place of concentration, and contemplation, where the child is given the freedom to listen to Christ who forms the heart through work and prayer.

# WHAT HAPPENS DURING A SESSION?

A session begins with prayer, followed by a presentation by the catechist. Then children are free to engage in work of their own choice: Working with models of the Good Shepherd, the nativity, the Last Supper, or a small altar with replica Mass vessels, drawing, painting, and many other works.



CGS is rooted in the educational principles of **Maria Montessori**. It was founded by **Sofia Cavalletti** and **Gianna Gobbi** in Rome and has spread to almost every continent.



### "MOM, DID YOU KNOW THAT THE GOOD SHEPHERD KNOWS MY NAME?"

A COMMENT FROM A CHILD IN A LEVEL ONE ATRIUM IN 2019.

