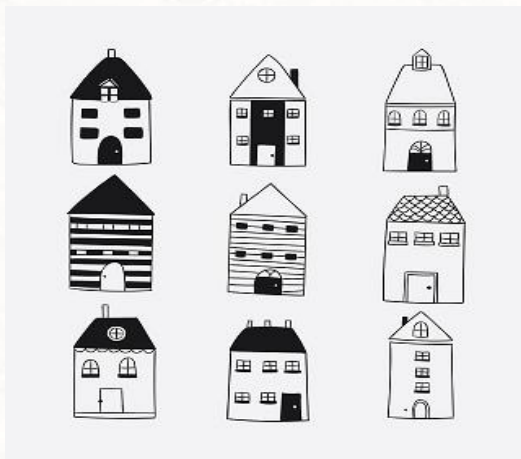


Journeys in the Spirit



All together worship @ Yearly Meeting 2023

Truth and Joy



At Yearly Meeting this year the children will be thinking about Truth and Joy. Part of their exploration will be about being true to ourselves – about believing in who we are, being comfortable with who we are, and being honest about who we are.

Read

[‘What We’ll Build’ by Oliver Jeffers](#)

In the story, a little girl and her dad go on a journey to build their lives together. They discover what is important in life including being true to themselves and to others.

At one point they meet some people who are different, and they are not sure if they like them. They feel a bit threatened by them, so they keep them out. However, they can see the people have feelings, much like they do, and they don’t want to hurt them, so they invite them in for tea and the truth is *that* brings them joy.

This story will be read as prepared ministry in [All Together Worship at Yearly Meeting](#) on 30 April 2023.

Wonder

What a lot of important things are needed to build a house, or to build who we are! Here are some wondering questions to help with thinking:

I wonder what was most important in that story for you.

I wonder what are the things we love the most and that help us be true to who we are?

I wonder what you might need to help you be true to yourself?

I wonder what the challenges and joys are of being true to yourself?

Activity

Photocopy the house template overleaf for each person, or people can draw their own house. Fill each home with drawings or words of the things that they love the most about home.

People might want to share their thoughts or pictures. They may prefer to sit quietly and uphold in silence those doing the activity.



