

Working with mixed ages – an overview for leaders

There are some links to articles, resources and community that may be useful.

Articles from the Parenting for Faith website

Some articles that may be helpful:

- [Conversation starters for Sunday groups](#) – some examples of conversation starters you might use.
- Originally for parents and carers, here are [101 questions to start a great conversation](#) with kids.
- Ideas for having [great conversations with children and young people](#).
- [A Facebook Live](#) on praying with kids and teens.
- [A Facebook Live](#) on thinking about what to include and why when you're planning a curriculum.
- [A Facebook Live](#) with three children's leaders about how they adapt resources to suit their context.

Community

- The Parenting for Faith [children's, youth and family leaders Facebook page](#) always has lots of people ready to share their top tips and ideas – do join in!

Creative ways to explore Bible stories and themes from other people

A few places that might be helpful:

- [Ten ways to explore a Bible story together](#)
- Mina Munns' [Flame Creative Kids site](#) – hundreds of straightforward ways to explore the Bible, indexed by Bible story, character and theme.
- [Muddy Church](#) website.
- [Messy Church](#) – free sessions and ideas.
- Tried-and-tested ideas for working with children and young people from [BRF Ministries](#).

Other team training videos from Parenting for Faith

- [Helping children and young people connect with God in church groups](#).
- [How to plan a Sunday session](#).
- [Including everyone – SEN inclusion in church children's and youth groups](#).

We do hope these notes are helpful. If you'd like to explore more fully how to create a church culture where Parenting for Faith can flourish, we have a book, [It Takes a Church to Raise a Parent](#), and [a course in partnership with Cliff College](#), which both unpack these ideas and will help you apply them to your unique situation.

If you would like to join our Parenting for Faith community, do join our [Facebook page for children and youth leaders](#), or consider coming along to one of our [Forge retreats](#).