

Kids Friendly Training Workshops



Kids Friendly can provide training workshops on a number of Kids Friendly topics for your church or Presbytery. Possible training topics include:

Help there's a child in my church – worshipping with children

This workshop explores reasons for including children in some part of the all age worship service and introduces creative ways to engage, involve and value children in worship.

A Kids Friendly Sunday

This workshop explores how Kids Friendly churches welcome children, engage and involve children in all age worship (for part of the service) and provide a Kids Friendly Sunday School.

Building Bridges – connecting with community

This workshop explores why “We”, God’s church, should reach out to children and families in our communities and introduces some ideas and opportunities for effective outreach. A response to Jesus’ call to “Go” into our communities and serve.

Partnering with parents

“Parents are the primary faith teachers, mentor and role models for their own children with church as reinforcement – not replacement – of the parent’s duties.” (Faith Inkubators).

This workshop explores how we, “the church” can help:

- Transform parents’ beliefs about their role as spiritual nurturer
- Facilitate parents to teach and practice faith in their homes
- Support parents by offering an inclusive and inspirational worshipping community for them and their children

Faith@Home

This is as fun and interactive workshop for parents to inspire them to share their faith with their children and explore opportunities and ways to do that. We aim to empower and equip parents to be the prime spiritual nurturers.

Tell us another one

This workshop explores the power of storytelling and teaches creative ways to share the good news of Jesus with children in church and children’s programmes.

Planning your children’s ministry year

This workshop explores why we minister to children, what is children’s ministry in Aotearoa and how do we develop a strategic plan for our children’s ministry.

Creative teaching skills

This workshop explores how children best learn and introduces creative and engaging ways to teach children including sharing scripture through storytelling and puppetry, learning memory verses, praying with children.

We also develop a template for planning a creative "Sunday School" lesson within each church's context and culture.

Sunday School Leaders Training

The Kids Friendly Coach works with the leadership team to identify their children's ministry values and goals for the year and resource them to achieve these. Each workshop is designed specifically to meet the needs of the participants.

A Kids Friendly Advent and Christmas

This is a fun and interactive workshop that explores ideas for including children in the four Sundays of Advent worship and creative ways to share the Christmas story in Sunday School. It also introduces lots of practical ways to connect with community children during the Christmas season and to help children and families reflect on the meaning of Christmas at home. Workshop participants receive a range of takeaway resources to help them in their ministry.

An Egg-citing Kids Friendly Easter

This fun, hands-on workshop explores ways to bring the Easter story alive for children including art & craft activities, drama, stories, puppets and themed games. It also introduces ideas for helping children and families to reflect on the Easter story in their home during the season of Lent. Participants receive a range of takeaway resources to help them in their ministry.

Growing Leaders

This workshop explores why we should encourage leadership in our young people and ways to do this. Lots of inspiring stories from our churches are shared and research on the benefits of mentoring and involving children is included.

The Kids Friendly Coaches are willing to design training workshops to specifically meet your needs. For more information contact:

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