

## Ideas and resource links

During our recent events for leaders and children's workers, lots of great ideas and resources were shared in the discussion groups as well as in the talks. We've compiled many of those here – we hope you find it helpful!

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## Supporting parents

During the event we explored the value of encouraging and equipping parents and carers in their role to nurture faith at home. Parents are the biggest influence on their children, and can help them see what it means to live in relationship with God in everyday life. These resources can help with that.

- **Raising Faith:** six free sessions to help parents explore how they can inspire faith in their children at home - [Raising Faith](#)
  - **Inspire:** a stand-alone introductory session to get parents talking – or you could simply use the discussion starters during an informal meeting with parents - [Inspire](#)
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## Activity ideas

- Activity and Bible resource packs for families to do together as well as activities that children can do themselves
- Pen-pal partners with the older generation
- Face to face visits, walks and phone calls with parents
- If you already have a relationship with the local school – offer virtual assemblies
- Teatime church online – using a family devotional with families
- QR Nativity trails – see Muddy Church below
- Encourage the older generation to get involved. E.g. Ask a 'church grandparent' to read a story for the children
- Host a virtual Sunday school live instead of a pre-recorded video – some have done this 30 minutes before the main service begins

## More activity ideas

- Have children interview their parents – sharing their stories of the good things God has done in their life
  - Zoom party for the whole family – parents really enjoy it!
  - Quizzes, online socials and treasure hunt challenges have gone down well with the whole family
  - 'Ask your parent ...' – A great way of connecting the parents into the children's church session
  - Activity journey through the church building. Families book a time slot to come and explore a story together through crafts and activities as they walk through the church building
  - Give parents the opportunity to have time together to talk through these things without the children around – maybe by hosting a parenting course or by using a pack of discussion questions over a coffee
  - Stay flexible – keep things fresh and try new things
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## Helpful resource links

Encounters with Jesus – Bible story series for families with Andy Frost - <https://www.sharejesusinternational.com/encounters-with-jesus/>

Parenting for Faith course - <https://parentingforfaith.org>

Dr Sarah Holmes' research into how to increase the impact of online children's work - [Online Children's Work Research](#)

Muddy Church - <https://www.muddychurch.co.uk/>

Virtual Sunday School - <https://www.virtualsundayschooluk.com/>

The Bible Chat Mat from Bath and Wells Diocese - [Bible Chat Mat](#)

Church activity sheets from Diocese of Bristol - [Growing faith at home activity sheets](#)

The Barnabas Family Bible - <https://www.brfoonline.org.uk/products/the-barnabas-family-bible>

Prayer Spaces in Schools - [50 ideas for interactive prayer activities that families can use at home](#)

## More helpful resource links

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Storykeepers Creator – helping facilitate online children’s ministry videos - [www.storykeepersedu.com](http://www.storykeepersedu.com)

The greatest story ever – discovering the story of the Bible together as a family - <https://thegreateststoryever.org/get-started/>

Games to play on Zoom - [www.methodist.org.uk/media/16728/games-to-play-on-zoom.pdf](http://www.methodist.org.uk/media/16728/games-to-play-on-zoom.pdf)

A useful resource on Lament can be found here - <https://yfc.co.uk/gather-the-family-lament/>

Faith in Kids resources - <https://faithinkids.org/>



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