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2023 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE

with the Family in Mind

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WELCOME TO THE SMBC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE!

Just as children come in lots of shapes and sizes, so do our families. When the kids come to our church, school or holiday ministries, they're coming to us from different family contexts. And when they leave our ministries at the end of the fun and the stories and the Bible lessons, they go back to those varied contexts too.

So how do we minister to children and care for families? How can we help families to keep those important lessons about God and Jesus in kids' minds long after the craft and activities are done?

We've got a great program ready for you today to learn biblical and creative ways to minister to the kids in our lives with the family in mind...

PROGRAM

- 9.00am **Introduction**
- 9.05am **The Continuity of The Gospel** – *Mark Stephens*
- 9.40am **Presentation** – *Quiz Worx*
- 10.00am **Morning Tea**
- 10.45am **Children's Ministry with Families in Mind** – *Ed Drew*
- 11.45am **Family Discipleship Workshop** – *Ed Drew*
- 12.00pm **Lunch**
- 12.50pm **Seminar 1: Kid's Church with the family in mind**
– *Steph Kyme & Kerry Rudder*
- 2.00pm **Afternoon Tea**
- 2.25pm **Seminar 2: Kid's club and holiday programs with the family in mind** – *Adam Jolliffe*
- 3.45pm **Finish**

COLOSSIANS 2:6-15

⁶ So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹ For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰ and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹ In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³ When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

BIBLE TALK

THE CONTINUITY OF THE GOSPEL - *Mark Stephens*

Early lessons

Aligned with the foundation

Growing deeper by staying put

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How you were converted is how you walk (vv.6-7)

Christology is essential for the Christian life (vv.8-10)

Made alive in Christ (vv.11-15)

Why this matters for children's ministry

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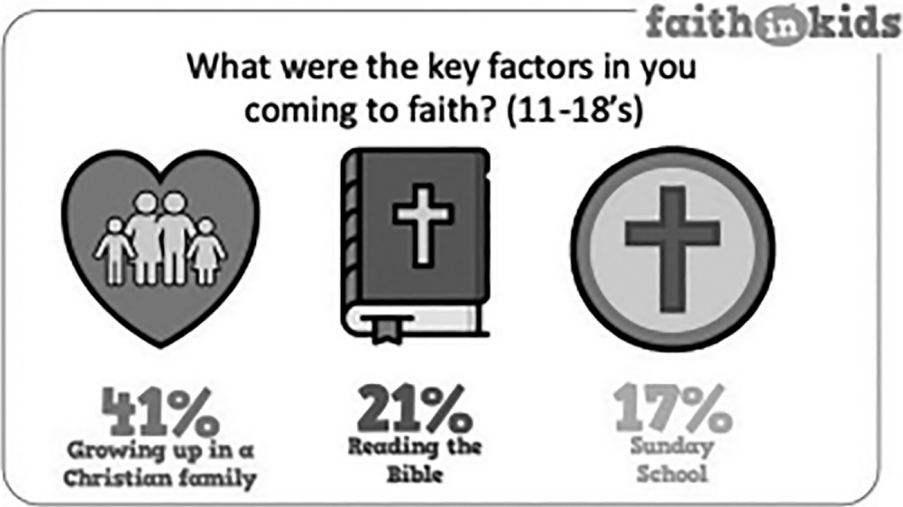
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WITH FAMILIES IN MIND - *Ed Drew*

Keep the shared goal in mind!

1. The little family Ephesians 6:1-4

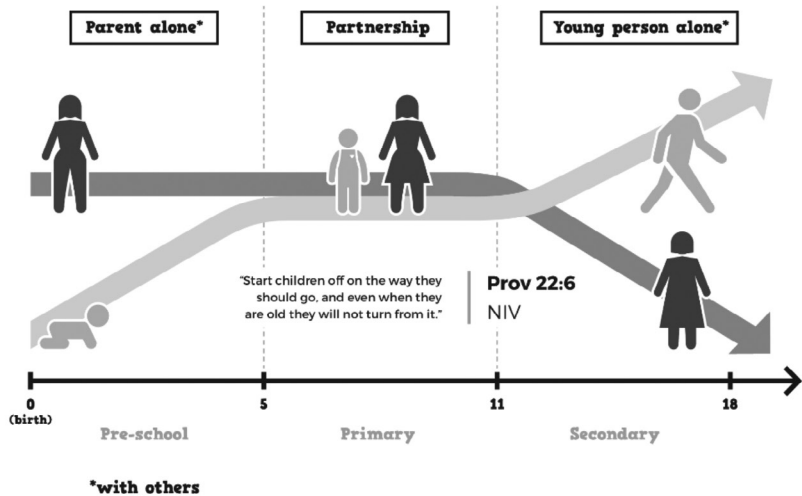
2. The big family 1 Timothy 5:1-2

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[Source “Talking Jesus- perceptions of Jesus, Christians & Evangelism amongst 11-18 year olds”; 2017]

SEASONS OF LIFE



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A way forward

[From Family Ministry Field Guide by Timothy Paul Jones]

1. From doing to being

2. From expecting to equipping

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3. From assuming to acknowledging

4. From segmentation to synchronisation

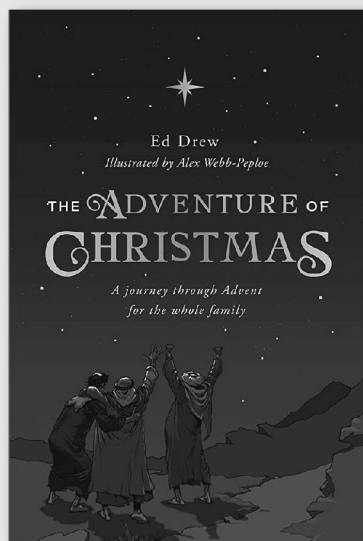
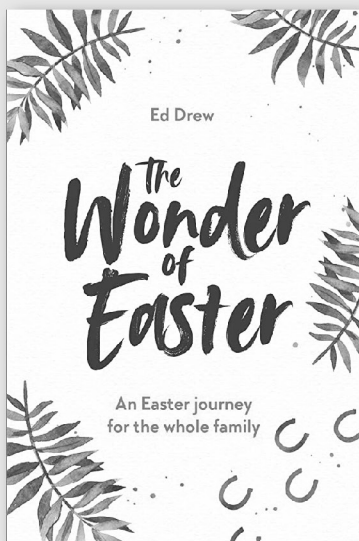
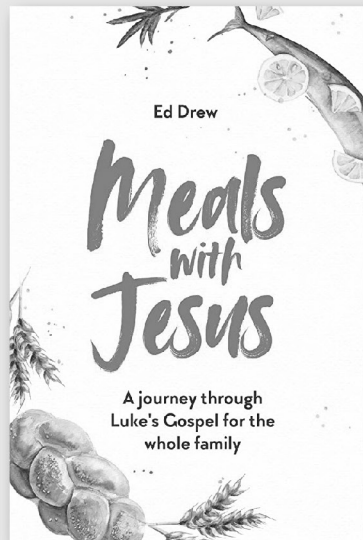
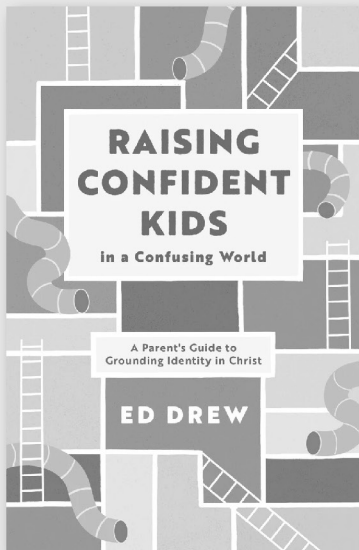
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Let's reflect

- **Keep talking about the vision. Keep inspiring and equipping.**
- **It is not about you. But you are the right person to walk with others.**
- **What are your gifts? What are the barriers?**

One learning? One next step?

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SEMINAR 1

KID'S CHURCH WITH THE FAMILY IN MIND

– Steph Kyme & Kerry Rudder

Some things to keep in mind

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Foundations

Discipleship

Discipleship together with families and the broader church family

SEMINAR 1

Fruit

Content

Connections

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Celebrations

Conversations and habits

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Other ideas!

What will you take away?

What can you try straight away?

What will you commit to praying and thinking more about in your long term plan?

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SEMINAR 2

KID'S CLUB AND HOLIDAY PROGRAMS WITH THE FAMILY IN MIND

– Adam Jolliffe

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the bridge

SMBC's GAP YEAR
FOR 18-21 YEAR OLDS



GLOBAL MISSION

Be part of God's global mission! Get into hands-on weekly activities centred on mission, mission lectures plus a mid-year cultural trip to South East Asia.



PURPOSEFUL LEARNING

Gain a greater understanding of God's character and purpose with deep and relevant study of the Old Testament, New Testament and mission. Be transformed by God's word.



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