



SMBC
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2025 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE

JOHN'S GOSPEL
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THAT
THEY MAY BELIEVE



WELCOME

Our prayer is that you will be refreshed and encouraged in the privilege of discipling Jesus' littlest ones.

The apostle John finishes his gospel with a summary: *“these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”* JOHN 20:31

That's our deepest desire too – to prepare and partner with you to help bring children to Jesus so that they may believe.

We hope you enjoy this event,

The SMBC Children's Ministry Conference Team



PROGRAM

9.00am **Bible Talk**

Bill Salier

10.10am **Morning Tea**

10.45am **Presentation**

Quiz Worx

12.00pm **Lunch**

12.50pm **Seminar 1**

'Take heart!' – AI and Children's Ministry with Simon Hood

2.00pm **Afternoon Tea**

2.25pm **Seminar 2**

'Eat my flesh!?' – Reaching Unchurched Families with the Gospel with John & Kristen Young

3.30pm **Finish**

BIBLE TALK

INTRODUCING JOHN INTRODUCING JESUS - *Bill Salier*

1. John's different

The spiritual gospel?

2. John's purpose

John 20:30-31

BIBLE TALK

3. John's Story

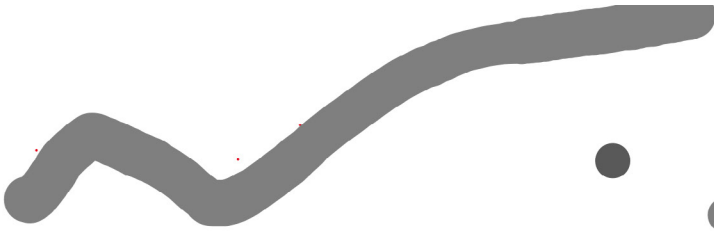
John 1-4: Getting to know you

John 5-12: Challenging Jesus

BIBLE TALK

John 13-17: Return to Sender

John 18-21: The Greatest Love of All



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

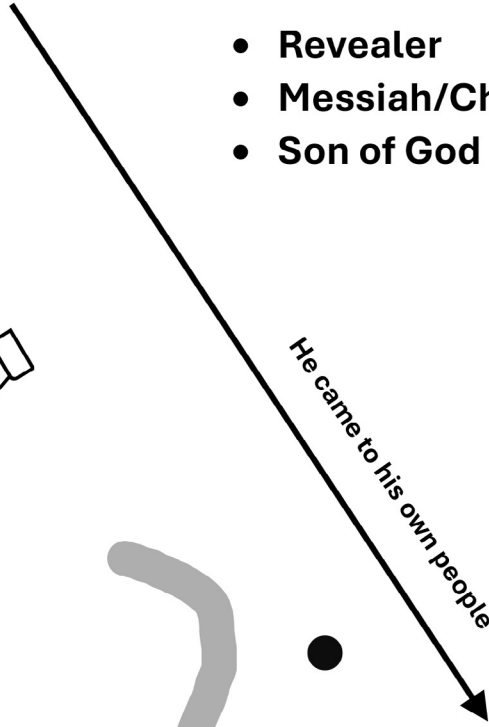
Introducing the Big Jesus

'Count the titles'

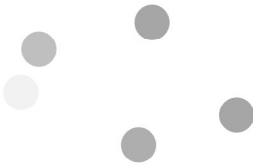
'Behold I make all things new'

JESUS

- Revealer
- Messiah/Christ
- Son of God

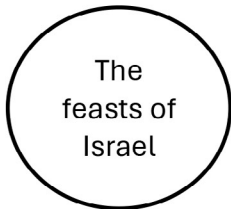


He came to his own people

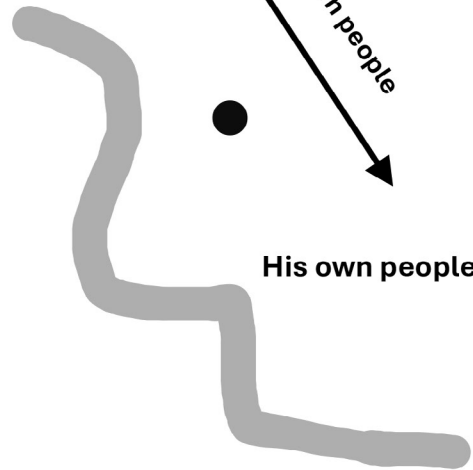


CHALLENGING JESUS

A good sign was had by all



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His own people

THE GREATEST LOVE OF ALL

- Life-Giver
-Now
-Then

The mission continues



Crucified
Dead
Buried
Risen

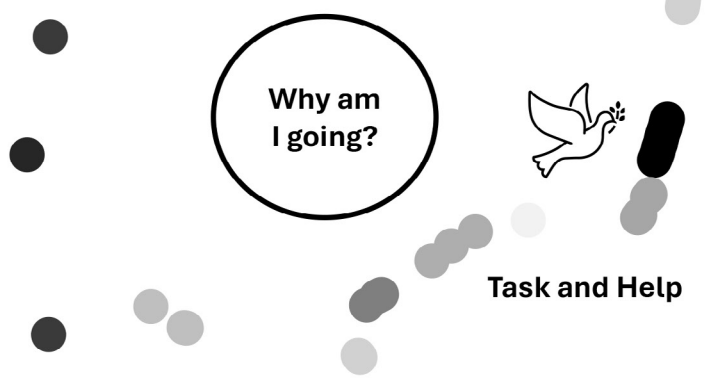
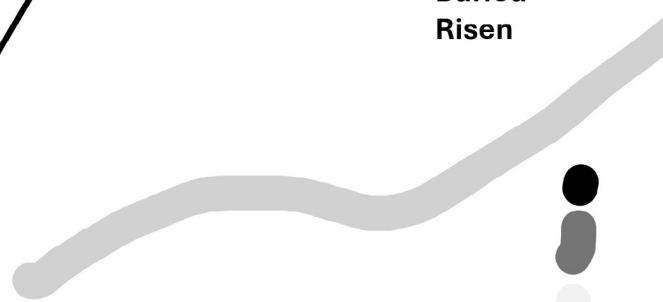
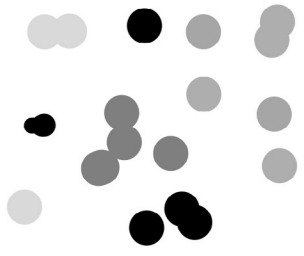
He gave authority to become children of God

RETURN TO SENDER

did not receive him



Task and Help



BIBLE TALK

4. John's interests

5. Putting it all together


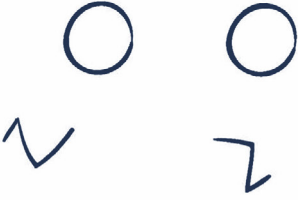
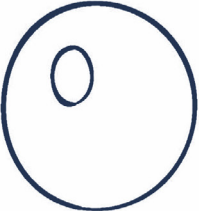


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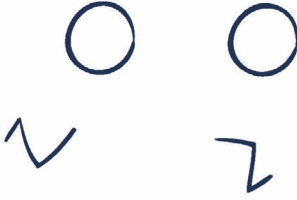
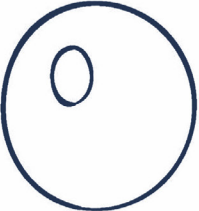


Quiz Worx

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SEMINAR 1

AI AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- *Simon Hood*

Download your copy of Simon's notes at: downloads.smbc.edu.au/CMC25

SEMINAR 2

REACHING UNCHURCHED FAMILIES

- John & Kristen Young

The good news

- God's love
- New opportunities and new openness
- Our love for people

Step 1: Understanding your unchurched families

- Prayer 101
- Understanding their culture
- Understanding their needs and stresses
- Understanding their weekly patterns

SEMINAR 2

Step 2: Identifying your own resources

- Church orientation and willingness – your programs, mission and values
- Time
- People
 - Parents
 - Church family outside kids' ministry
 - Existing connections with unchurched families
- Long-term relationships – you're Christians, not salespeople
- Physical location and building resources
- God's work
- Prayer 101: Praying for God to provide and bless resources for his purposes

SEMINAR 2

Step 3: Working through your limitations

- Guilt
- Cultural cringe: why don't we just talk about Jesus?
- Finitude: your chance of burnout or overcommitment
- Prayer 101: God is Lord over our limitations
- Selecting wise ways forward

SEMINAR 2

Step 4: Going to them

- Prayer 101: praying before, during and as we go
- Relationship-building opportunities:
 - Beginning with our existing contact points:
 - Where are families gathering in our community?
 - Where can our parents meet and build relationships with other parents?
 - What are the ‘easy wins’?
 - Outside our kids’ ministries, who are the ‘relationally gifted’ people in our church?
 - Where are the opportunities for church members to get involved with unchurched families? School P&C, Sports coaching/volunteering, Community activities etc

SEMINAR 2

Warning

- **Public outreach, large and small:**

- Small resource – e.g. new questions for current conversations, sending people out for walk-up
- Medium resource – value-adding in local events, e.g. SRE session at kindy orientation, BBQ at elections, volunteering at school fetes.
- Large resource – children’s activities in local contexts, e.g. community carols, kids’ clubs, community festivals
- Online resource – using social media and church websites well

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Step 5: When they come to you

- Pray for them to come

- Small steps for big connections – utilizing extra parents and church members in your current programs

- Open communication – letting families know what’s happening and inviting questions.

- Easy entry options –
 - Hospitality opportunities – e.g. BBQs, ‘all-in’ events

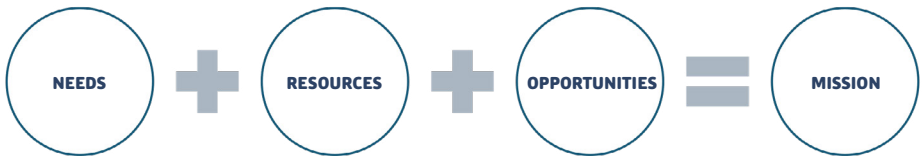
 - Invitations from program to exploring Christianity

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- **Bigger opportunities:**
 - Playgroups
 - The church “museum”? Using Christmas and Easter effectively
 - Messy Church
 - Working with church leadership
 - Working with other churches

SEMINAR 2

Bringing it together



Let's pray!

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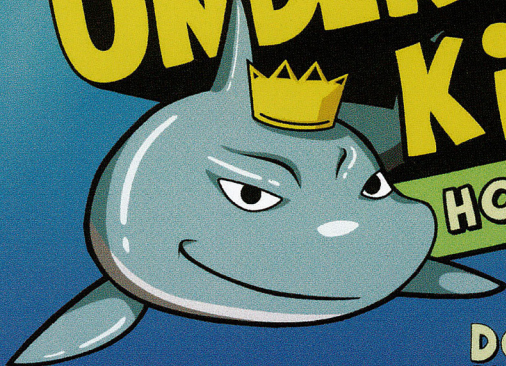
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This course dives you the tools to write and tell stories that teach children - one big idea at a time.

Memory Verses & Kids

This course explores the power of the Word of God in the life of a child and the impact memorising Scripture can have.

Discipline

This is a practical course full of real life examples. It establishes a framework to help volunteers navigate this complex aspect of ministry to children.

Answering Questions Kids Ask

This course seeks to equip adults to grow children to be life-long learners and to be young disciples of Christ, eager to know more and grow more.

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Kidswise Equip 2025 offers six short training sessions via Zoom scattered across the year, exploring a variety of topics.

The majority of topics aim to equip the person overseeing the ministry, however some topics have a broader appeal (parents, grandparents).

Trainers &
Guest Speakers



Sandy Galea
Founder & Director of Kids Ministry



Sarah Blanch
Kids Ministry
Melbourne (Edith)



Lauren Errington
Kids Ministry
Edinburgh



Emma Clemens
Kids Ministry
Newcastle (Edith) Church



Ed Drew
Kids Ministry
Geelong

23 JAN Making The Most Of Kidswise

with Sandy Galea, Sarah Blanch

20 MAR It Takes A Village To Raise A Child

with Ed Drew

15 MAY What is the help that helps?

- supporting young people experiencing anxiety
with Lauren Errington

19 JUN Leading A Ministry Through Change

with Sandy Galea

21 AUG Behaviour Management - encouraging wise choices

with Emma Clemens

18 SEP Identifying The Pressure Points

with Sandy Galea



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Sandy Galea
Founder & Director of Kidswise

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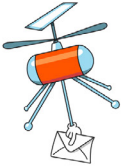


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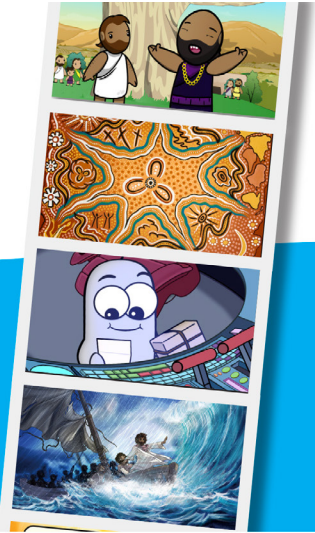
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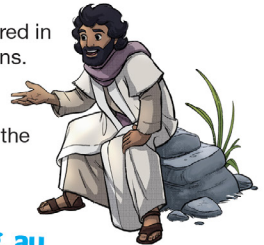
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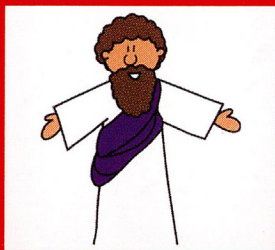
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