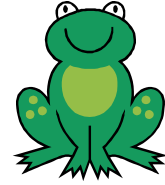


WHAT'S UP?



A newsletter for people in ministry with children and their families

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2009: OUR GIFT TO GOD

Here we are again at the start of another year. A year of opportunities and possibilities. A year for us to grow with God. A year for us to invite others into relationship with God. A year for us to make a difference in the life of a child. How will we live this year for God?

Psalm 118:24 says: *This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

May we live in thankfulness for each day and give all of ourselves to God in 2009.

Blessings, MaryJo and Melissa

2009 DATES

School Term 1: 27 January - 9 April
Basics Workshop- Working with children: 21 Feb
KCO @ Home: 14 - 15 March
Easter: 10 - 13 April

School Term 2: 27 April - 3 July
Basics Workshop- Choosing and Using Seasons of the Spirit: 30 May

School Term 3: 20 July - 25 September
Breathe: National In Service: 2 - 7 August
Basics Workshop- Working with families: 19 September

School Term 4: 12 October - 11 December
SAYCO: 3 - 5 October

PLEASE NOTE THE SAYCO DATE HAS BEEN INCORRECT IN PREVIOUS EDITIONS.

For other 2009 event dates for leaders, kids and families check out:

<http://www.sa.uca.org.au/site/page.cfm?u=340>
and http://www.kidsrus.org.au/sa/sa_index.html
(click on the blue button with the 3 photos, when your cursor is on the button: "events" appears.)

TRAINING

BASICS WORKSHOP: WORKING WITH CHILDREN

For people starting out in ministry with children. This workshop is designed for helpers and new teachers. We will take a whirlwind tour of basic principles that can make ministry with children simple, enjoyable and effective.

Some principles we'll be looking at are the:

- JAM principle
- "Eyes and ears and mouth and nose" principle
- SO BIG principle
- CSI-WC principle
- Karaoke principle
- X marks the spot principle
- MI-8 principle
- Movers and Shakers principle
- 1 = 1000 principle

We'll also explore the *Story of Eutyclus*.

Part 1 is this training workshop and Part 2 is working with a mentor in your local context. Mark this date in your diaries. Bring a team. This workshop is also open to those experienced at children's ministry to share their experiences and maybe learn a new skill too!

When: February 21st 2009; 9.30am - 1pm.

Where: Parafield Gardens Uniting Church

Cost: \$12 per person or \$8 per person for teams of 3 or more (incl. morning tea).

Pay on the day by cash or cheque.

Please see email attachment or enclosed registration form for more information.

Register: by Feb 14th by sending your name, church and contact phone or email to us via

P 82857104 F 82852633 E rccfm@bigpond.com

SCRIPTURE UNION TRAINING DAY

Primary Age Ministry Training Day
Be inspired and refreshed!

For anyone involved in children's ministry: in schools, camps, churches or the local community.

When: Saturday February 28th, 9.00am- 4.00pm

Where: Adelaide West Uniting Church

Cost: \$20 (includes morning tea & lunch)

Electives cater for those training in leadership, ongoing children's ministry workers, and for new volunteers too. **For more info.** and registration forms contact Scripture Union p/ 8371 0811 f/ 8293 8491 e/ anitam@sa.su.org.au

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TRAINING DAY INVIGORATE: MAKING CONNECTIONS

Brought to you by the Lutheran Church SA/NT

When: Sat Feb 28th from 8.45am - 4pm

Where: St Mark's Lutheran School and Church, 37 Hampden Rd, Mt Barker

Cost: \$30 (incl. morning tea and lunch)

Expect: to be inspired and invigorated, worship, networking, group sharing, fun and learning.

Electives: Faith Inkubators (low and high tech), music ministry, craft, small Sunday schools and groups, behaviour management, and applying brain research to children's learning.

Register before Feb 13th. **For more info** and rego forms contact: Rodney Witmitz 8663 2139.

KIDS R US STATE PRAYER DAY

An opportunity for Christians to gather together in unity and cry out to God on behalf of this lost generation of kids. At the start of 2009, let's gather to pray for our churches and children's and family ministries. May we see God move in the lives of children and families across our state throughout this year.

When: 10am- 12noon on Feb 28th

Where: Life Christian Centre,
245 Angus St Adelaide

More details: Elia Georgio on 8232 5556 and see page 4 for flier to print and distribute.

Kids R Us are an interdenominational, national organization seeking to reach, train, lift and connect kids and kid's ministry teams. The SA team's 2009 plans are about enabling kid's ministry teams from all denominations to partner together to reach the kids of South Australia.

BREATHE: NATIONAL IN-SERVICE 09

This is a biannual event of the National Uniting Church to equip, encourage and inspire workers with children, youth and families. *National In Service* is open to workers from all denominations. It includes:

- symposiums by colleagues from around Australia,
- time to network and recharge,
- workshops focusing on building skills and knowledge in the areas of children, youth and families ministry,
- the Heather Busch Memorial Dinner
- devotions and small group studies led by Rev Dr Steve Taylor from New Zealand.

Where: Nunyara Conference Centre, Adelaide (1st time *National In Service* has been held here!)

When: 2nd - 9th August, 2009

Cost: \$550 full time (incl. accom/meals/etc) or \$100 per day

Contact: Heidi Harding p: 8236 4281 or email hharding@sa.uca.org.au

www.sa.uca.org.au/goto/nationalinservice

LEADERS TO GO CONFERENCE

A conference designed for paid and volunteer team leaders of church and school based ministry with children and families.

When: 10.30am on May 5th - 2pm on May 8th

Where: Camp Wilkin in Anglsea, Victoria
Experienced Australian keynote speakers explore themes of leadership, evangelism, advocacy and discipleship that will help you to LEAD your team. Lots of workshops including developing junior leaders, change management, winning with boys and working in teams.

Registrations and further information on

www.leaderstogo.org.au

This conference is organised by a nation-wide, interdenominational team of children's and family ministry leaders who are passionate about leadership training for Australia's children's and family ministry leaders.

Contact Melissa at RCCFM for further details.

KUCA CAMP OUT 2009: KCO@HOME

Groups all over the state will be hosting a special KCO@Home on March 14-15. Check out the website for theme, program, resources, promotion, groups to join & lots of encouragement.

<http://www.sa.uca.org.au/site/page.cfm?u=132>

RESOURCES

KUCA NEWS SUMMER 2009

KUCA News is a quarterly seasonal, lectionary-based Children's Ministry resource full of up-to-date, Australian, reproducible ideas and activities for people who work with children in the church. It aims to resource children's ministry workers of any denomination, acknowledging both our diversity and our unity in ecumenical common ground.

KUCA News also provides seasonal material for Lent/Easter/ Mother's Day etc., Playgroup and environmental resources, and weekly crafts and other activities linked to the Seasons of the Spirit curriculum, via the website, on its crafts blog, Seasonal Resources, Playgroup, Environment and Activity pages. www.sa.uca.org.au/goto/kucanews/

KUCA News is available via email, for an annual subscription fee of \$25. It comes in full colour PDF format, in small bite-sized sections over a period of about four weeks in Summer (January/Feb), Autumn (April), Winter (July) and Spring (October). For new subscribers, the 2009 subscription year runs from the Summer 08/09 issue to Spring 2009. Pro-rata part-subscriptions are available e.g. from Autumn 09: \$20. Photocopying permission is included in your subscription for non-profit, local use.

In the Summer 2008/9 issue, emailed out in January/February 2009, there are ideas for involving children and families in Lent and

Easter observances, playgroup ideas for the new year, Easter book reviews, book and DVD resource reviews, and lots of crafts and activities for focussing on the Lenten and Easter Lectionary, new Mission projects for 2009 (the International Year of Reconciliation), plus an article about the emotional needs of children with disabilities.

Contact Marnie on kucanews@sa.uca.org.au or download subscription form from the website.

Current subscribers need do nothing - subs renewal reminders will be emailed out in Feb.

INTER-GENERATIONAL SERVICES

Athelstone Uniting Church used the start of school/Australia Day inter-generational worship service 'A mighty rock and five smooth stones'.

Mandy sent in the following feedback:

Really impressed with the way it was put together. It did need a fair bit of organising and would have gone better with a rehearsal (difficult in January!). We received good feedback from participants and a 12 year old. A couple of shouts of joy from older members when it was announced the next song would be 'Rock of Ages'! Thanks for the resource!

See the RCCFM website for more inter-generational worship services.

<http://www.sa.uca.org.au/site/page.cfm?u=353>

Coming soon is a service exploring Easter 2009. Also check the website for Lenten activities that encourage families to prepare together for the Easter season.



Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful - Colossians 4:2

Kidsrus *Prayer Day*

Let us all gather together in unity and cry out to God on behalf of a lost generations of kids

10am - 12pm on 28th February

Life Christian Centre, 245 Angus Street, Adelaide
(formerly Betania Christian Centre)

For further details contact Elia Georio at Life Christian Centre on 8232 5556

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