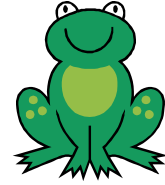


WHAT'S UP?



A newsletter for people in ministry with children and their families

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THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

Read Psalm 23 recently? I encourage you to open your Bible and reflect on God's promises in this Psalm. Where are you at the moment - needing rest, enjoying refreshment, walking through a valley, or do you have a sense of overwhelming blessing? Why not spend some time on your own talking with God about how you are feeling today and reflect on his promises.

We praise you Lord that you do meet our needs. Help us to know that. Thank you for leading us and keeping us safe. Thank you for your constant kindness and love. Thank you for your promises and for your Word.

Blessings, Mary Jo and Melissa

RCCFM NEWS

ALL AGE WORSHIP SERVICE: UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The United Nations has designated 2009 as *The Year of Astronomy* — the study of the stars and other objects in the universe.

In this service we worship God as Creator of the universe. The most recognizable cluster of stars in the night sky over Australia is the Southern Cross. In this service we worship God who demonstrated his love for us on a cross.

The service can be used in large or small congregations, and can be easily adapted for home use. The document contains a sample service plus many other resources your congregation can use in planning your own service. You can download this for free from: <http://mrn.sa.uca.org.au/helps/childrens-ministry/all-age-worship.html>

FAITH FAMILY

Hopefully, you received *Faith Family Issue 19* last week. The issue looks at valuing the time spent with children in play and in work. Coming issues will look at 'friends and relatives' and 'money and finances'.

A number of churches may not have received this edition due to not renewing their subscription. If your church hasn't received their copies, please call the RCCFM. If you'd like a sample copy or more information about what *Faith Family* is, please contact us.

TRAINING & EVENTS

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.

The details

When: August 2nd - 7th 2009

Where: Nunyara Conference Centre,

<http://www.nunyara.com.au/>

Cost: Adults: \$550 full time or \$100 per day.

For children over 2: \$200 full time
(incl. accom, food & childcare.)

For children under 2: \$65 full time
(incl. accom, cot, highchair & childcare)

\$10.50 for linen (if req). Free airport transfers.

Registrations: Online at

<http://mrn.sa.uca.org.au/happenings/breathe-national-in-service-09.html>

or contact either:

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GETTING IT RIGHT FOR CHILDREN

Exploring State of Mind: This session introduces participants to the concept of 'State of Mind' and its relevance to supporting adult change in behaviour. Key ideas include 'being with' and 'unregulated affect' (defined, explore how it is manifested and the implications).

When: Friday 19 June, 9.30am - 12.30pm

Venue: Family Zone Ingle Farm Hub
2 Belalie Road, Ingle Farm SA

Cost: This session is *free* of charge

The Power of Reflective Practice:

Tools & Strategies Our capacity for reflection is an indicator of our capacity to create secure attachment relationships with children. As adults, we are able to make choices about our perspectives, expectations and responses. How do we learn to wonder and ask questions about what we observe? If our state of mind influences our response to children, how can we be more aware so that we really are doing the best we can.

When: Friday 26 June, 9.30am - 12.30pm

Venue: Family Zone Ingle Farm Hub
2 Belalie Road, Ingle Farm SA

Cost: This session is *free* of charge

A Communities for Children initiative, sponsored by Salisbury Communities for Children. Provided by the Gowrie Training Centre.

Register: Workshops are available for practitioners working with children and/or families in the northern Adelaide area.

Register online at www.gowrie-adelaide.com.au

For enquiries: phone 08 8234 5219 or email train@gowrie-adelaide.com.au

Please register early for these *free training events* as numbers are limited.

ARISE CONFERENCE '09

For anyone involved in children's ministry! Main sessions by Tammy Tolman & Andrew Shepherd, electives, mini-expo, surprises & morning tea. BYO lunch or purchase at local shops.

When: Saturday 20th June, registration at 9.30am. Sessions 10am - 3.30pm

Where: Edge Church South Campus,
255 Old South Road, Reynella

Cost: \$10 **Brought to you by:** Kids R Us - SA

Download registration form:

<http://www.kidsrus.org.au/sa/krusplash.html>

BRIDGING THE GAP

A workshop for people in local churches to discover skills to engage cross-culturally with their neighbours.

When: Saturday June 20th, 9.30am - 4pm

Where: Adelaide West Uniting Church,
312 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Brooklyn Park

Cost: \$10. BYO lunch.

RSVP: Adelaide West UC on 8234 1199 or office@adelaidewest.unitingchurch.org.au or to Wendy Rayner on 8371 0811 or wendyr@sa.su.org.au

KIDSREACH SCHOOL OF COUNSELLING

This specialist five day course is designed to equip children's pastors, workers, parents and teachers in dealing with children's needs. The course looks at skills and techniques for counselling children who suffer from grief, neglect, abuse and trauma. It encompasses the whole counselling process: listening skills, counselling techniques and ending counselling.

Presented by: David Goodwin, from KidsReach

Date: 6- 10 July (rego. close 1 July)

Cost: \$250 full course plus \$120 for essential text books or \$75 Monday only: Introduction to Counselling Children

Where: Life Christian Centre (formerly Betania), 245 Angus St, Adelaide.

Download registration forms:

http://www.kidsreach.org.au/index_files/Event_s2009.htm

All enquiries to Kidsreach:

Phone (02) 4571 4276 Mobile: 0414 859 020

Email david.kidsreach@gmail.com

SPIN: CONFERENCE FOR KIDS

The Kids R Us "SPIN" conference is about equipping an army of kids to reach our world and turn it upside down with the power of the gospel. Featuring Andrew Shepherd, Christopher Wayne (Toasted TV), electives for kids on leadership, dance, praise & worship, outreach/evangelism, hearing God, preaching and art. With prizes, games and heaps of fun.

For: all kids in grades 3 - 7

When: Saturday July 11th, 9.30am - 3.30pm

Where: Paradise Community Church
(57 Darley Rd, Paradise)

Cost \$10 per person, includes lunch & show bag

Registration forms and Enquiries: Jo Bone on 8336 0077 or jo.bone@paradise.asn.au

WEBSITES

<http://mrn.sa.uca.org.au/helps/childrens-ministry/leadership.html>

This page is to help leaders in children's and family ministry in Uniting Churches in SA know what they need to do to be a leader and what they can do to be a better leader through training and resources.

<http://mrn.sa.uca.org.au/helps/kuca-news/kuca-news-craft-freebies.html>

Lectionary crafts for each week are now on the KUCA News crafts blog (see above) as well as activity sheets arranged in Biblical order.

<http://mrn.sa.uca.org.au/helps/kuca-news/activity-pages.html>

<http://www.worshiphousemedia.com>

We've shared this site before because it's full of great resources for churches. At this site, under mini-movies, then click children to find some great new clips of kids talking about different values. These might spark some ideas for conversations with your kids. Also some great clips on books of the Bible - lots of fun!

<https://www.noisetrade.com/GreatWorshipSongs>

Download music for FREE in exchange for recommending it to friends or pay what you want to support that artist. Fair trade music! Check it out and let others know about it too. Thanks Matt for recommending it to us.

www.snackmusic.com.au

Snack Music are an Australian, Christian kids band. We've recommended this site before but they've upgraded it. Check out their recommended websites and new resources.

RESOURCES

RCCFM RESOURCE REQUESTS

Over the past month, we've received requests about resources for a Mother's Day service, training for leaders and ideas for a kids club.

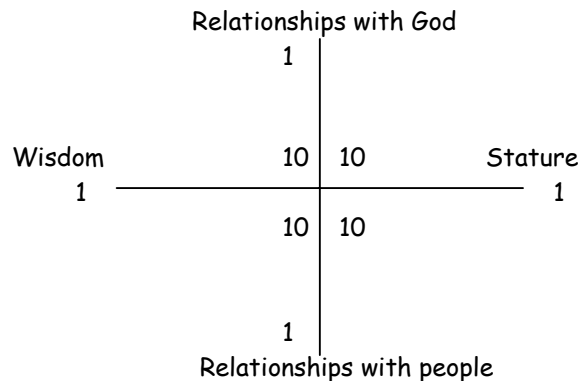
If you're after new ideas, advice, support, songs, skits, performers, resources or anything to do with children's and family ministry, please be in contact with us. *We are here to help you.*

FREE CANDLES

The Adelaide Convention Centre uses candles for functions but only uses them once. This leaves them with lots of partly used candles. They've sent out a request for anyone who has a use for these candles. They are free but would need to be collected from the centre. For more information contact Adam Sexton on 8210 6731 or adam.sexton@adelaidecc.com.au

PERSONAL GROWTH TOOL FOR KIDS

This tool is to help kids think about how they are becoming like Christ. Luke 2:52 says that, "Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and people." This idea was used by a YMCA leader in Perth in the 1930's with teenage boys. Each week in their group they would rate themselves on how well they had done in these four areas of life. Each week or month rate yourself from 1 to 10 on each of the four scales.



ABORIGINAL STORY ON POWERPOINT

The Covenanting group created resources for Reconciliation Sunday, held this year on 31st May. We realise we've missed that but NAIDOC week celebrations are being held on Sunday 5th July and these resources can be used then. A children's story in PowerPoint format, narrated by Rev Ken Sumner (aka Uncle Ken), with suggestions for use and a worksheet can be downloaded from:

<http://mrn.sa.uca.org.au/covenanting/reconciliation-sunday.html>