

# WHAT'S UP?



**A newsletter for people in ministry with children and their families**

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## What's so good about Good Friday?

On Good Friday we remember that Jesus was nailed to a cross —like a criminal. Physically painful and emotionally humiliating. And Jesus died.

That doesn't sound 'good' to me.

Good Friday is good because what Jesus did was for us. We deserve to be punished, but Jesus was punished in our place to make us whole again.

Good Friday is good because we are forgiven, free from sin — because Jesus died for us. We are also free to come to God in prayer whenever we need to be assured of his mercy and grace.

Good Friday is good because it isn't the end of the story. Jesus came back to life. Jesus is alive! There are eyewitnesses of that fact. God's love is life giving love. Good Friday is good because Jesus, who died for us is alive. Our hope is that we will also live with him forever. All that Jesus did for us on Good Friday is proof that God is faithful.

God keeps his promises — always. **Come to him; receive the living water and never thirst again.**

*Adapted from the RCCFM 2010 Easter All Age Service*

## RESOURCES

### TERM 2 FAMILY PLANNER

Term two's family planner is now available to distribute to your families at church, playgroup, kids club etc. It has two activities per week to encourage faith and heaps of room for families to keep track of their busy schedules. Download: <http://mrn.sa.uca.org.au/childrens-ministry/family-planner.html>

### TERM 2 PLAYGROUP IDEAS RESOURCE

Next term's playgroup ideas resource is now available. It is packed full of fun activities, songs, stories and faith enrichment ideas. This

resource is provided by RCCFM and MRN to help reduce playgroup planning time. Find this and other resources at: <http://mrn.sa.uca.org.au/childrens-ministry/playgroups.html>

## POSITIVE PARENTING UNITING CHURCH. UNITING PEOPLE

During May, the profile-raising campaign of the Uniting Church SA (called 'Uniting People') will focus on parenting. Get ready for this by making sure your church website is up to date, including clear information on how to contact your church and the people overseeing children and youth ministries. In addition, make sure your playgroup listing on the MRN website is up to date. Go to: <http://mrn.sa.uca.org.au/childrens-ministry/find-a-playgroup.html>

If you have any queries about the campaign, contact Shannon Short- [sshort@sa.uca.org.au](mailto:sshort@sa.uca.org.au) or Sarah Urmston - [surmston@sa.uca.org.au](mailto:surmston@sa.uca.org.au)

## 2010 VOLUNTEER GRANTS

Applications have opened for grant funding ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 from the Volunteer Grants 2010 initiative to help non-profit organisations to provide for volunteers:

- cost contributions towards training courses;
- small equipment items to help volunteers;
- contributions towards fuel reimbursement, such as when transporting others to activities, delivering food and assisting people in need.

Read more about the grant and criteria here: [http://fahcsia.gov.au/sa/volunteers/funding/Pages/volunteer\\_grants2010.aspx](http://fahcsia.gov.au/sa/volunteers/funding/Pages/volunteer_grants2010.aspx)

Uniting Churches can contact Bev Freeman 8236 4213 for more info. UC applications must be in the name of our legal entity: The UCA Property Trust (S.A.). Applications close April 16 2010.

## SAVINGS @ MODERN TEACHING AIDS

Through the Uniting Church's Synergy program you can get great savings on a variety of products, including from *Modern Teaching Aids*. MTA provide a complete range of educational resources, such as science and technology, sporting goods, furniture, playground equipment, and construction. Church Resources provides a further 5% saving on top of prices listed inside the MTA catalogue. For more details go to: [http://www.churchresources.com.au/default2.asp?active\\_page\\_id=172](http://www.churchresources.com.au/default2.asp?active_page_id=172) or contact 1800 251 497. For more money saving ideas go to [www.sa.uca.org.au/goto/synergy](http://www.sa.uca.org.au/goto/synergy).

## STRATEGIES TO DEAL WITH BULLYING

This book is written by David Goodwin, a children's ministry specialist in counselling. This resource clearly defines types of bullying, the situations in which it occurs and gives strategies to teachers, counsellors, chaplains and parents. It includes lots of case studies and includes what is bullying; why bullies bully; how to help bullies; what to do if your child is a bully; when to seek professional help and cyber bullying. Cost \$18. Download an order form at: [http://www.kidsreach.org.au/index\\_files/Catalogue.htm](http://www.kidsreach.org.au/index_files/Catalogue.htm) or contact David on 02 4571 4276 or [david.kidsreach@gmail.com](mailto:david.kidsreach@gmail.com)

## TRAINING -SA

### CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Reporting child abuse and neglect training.

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 9:30am - 5:00pm.**

At the Anglican Ministry Centre (Adelaide College of Divinity) 34 Lipsett Terrace, Brooklyn Park.

**Bookings and enquiries:** Contact Melanie on 8416 8440 or email [mmorris@adelaide.anglican.com.au](mailto:mmorris@adelaide.anglican.com.au)

### TOOLBOX PARENTING COURSE FOR PARENTS OF PRIMARY AGE CHILDREN

A 6 week course, 7-9pm, Wednesday nights,  
**April 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2**

**at The Ark, Salisbury Lutheran Church**  
10 Waterloo Corner Road, Salisbury

**Cost: \$55 per person / \$90 per couple**

Includes 6 workshops, a manual per person & supper.

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**

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## BUILD - CONFERENCE 2010

*Kids R Us SA's* annual conference is happening  
**on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 10am - 3.30pm**  
**at Edge Church South,**  
255 Old South Road, Reynella.

Day includes main sessions, worship, mini expo, morning tea and electives on praise & worship, teaching techniques, games, outreach, pastoral care and special needs. Cost \$10 per person.

For further information and registration forms contact: Miriam on 8329 2242 or 0433 969 109 or [miriam.shearer@edgechurch.com](mailto:miriam.shearer@edgechurch.com)

## CHILDREN, GRIEF & SELF ESTEEM WORKSHOP

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 9.30am - 3pm**  
**at Fullarton Park Centre, 411 Fullarton Road.**  
Cost \$154, includes light lunch and refreshments. Topics include identifying loss and grief reactions in children, practical strategies, recognising additional needs, characteristics of children with low self esteem, encouraging appropriate behaviour, eliminating "put downs" and how to help a grieving child and their family.

Presented by Grief Management Services. For more info. go to [www.griefmanagement.com.au](http://www.griefmanagement.com.au)

To register phone Cherene on 8296 6917 or 0414 250 573 or email [cherene@cherene.com.au](mailto:cherene@cherene.com.au)

## TOOLBOX PARENTING GROUPS: TRAIN TO BE A TRAINER

Train to inspire parents, equip them with practical parenting skills & help them enjoy their kids!

Training is being held on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May**  
**at the Salvation Army Mount Gambier**

**Cnr Gray and Wyatt Streets**

Cost: \$100 per person. For further information contact Julie on 08 8265 6314 or the Toolbox office on 03 9720 3314.

## WONDERFUL WORLD OF WORKING WITH CHILDREN

An engaging & fun exploration of key principles for enjoyable & effective children's ministry.

**Sat June 5, 9am - 1pm at Woodville Uniting Church. Cost \$5.** Presented by the RCCFM.

For more info. or to RSVP contact RCCFM on 8285 7104 or [rccfm@bigpond.com](mailto:rccfm@bigpond.com)