



Welcome to the **December 2019** Children & Families Update!

As Advent begins, you might like to check out this updated version of [Advent in two minutes \(updated\)](#), explore the resources below and note that there were other Advent/Christmas resources in the November Update. Feel free to pass this on to others you think might be interested, post it wherever you like and generally raise awareness of the links/articles most relevant to your context.

Yours Faithfully,

Chris.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES MINISTRY – DECEMBER UPDATE

1. Advent via the CTM (where I'm based)

[Year A Weekly Advent ideas \(ignore 2016 dates\)](#)
[Four great resources for Advent & beyond](#)
[Four big ideas for Advent engagement](#)
[Advent Study 2019 – Our hope](#)
[By the Well \(NEW podcast\)](#)

2. Advent Calendars

[2019 Advent calendars \(Praying in Colour\)](#)
[An Advent Devotional Calendar](#)
[That Advent Puppet Calendar](#)
[DIY Advent Calendar Boxes](#)
[A Celtic Advent Calendar](#)

3. Advent & Christmas Ideas

[Christingle resources](#)
[Christmas finger puzzles](#)
[Bible Games - Christmas](#)
[The best Jesse Tree ever](#)
[Nativity colour-in bauble kits](#)





4. More Advent & Christmas Ideas

[Tonight in the Palace](#) (click here for [FREE download](#))*

[Pre-school/Playgroup Christmas Ideas](#)

[Make an Advent Playlist](#)

[Advent Word project](#)

[24 Christmas Books](#)

*=e-mail chris.barnett@ctm.uca.edu.au to find out if you are eligible for a **30% discount** on a [Lost Sheep Church membership](#)

5. Faith at Home resources (via the UCA Assembly)

[Five faith resources for households](#)

[How do we really listen to our children?](#)

[Staying connected with God and each other](#)

[Fonua. Connection. Reciprocity.](#)

[Pick up and pray cards \(scroll to end\)](#)

6. Intergenerational Ministry

[The Generative Church](#)

[Intergenerational faith formation](#)

[Intergenerate: Transforming churches through intergenerational ministry](#)

[Australian Intergenerational Roundtable \(AIR\) material*](#)

[2019 Generate Conference resources*](#)

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7. Blessing, Cultivating & Transforming (via CRCNA)

[Ten ways to bless and be blessed by older church members](#)

[Ten ways to cultivate youth leadership](#)

[Transforming everyday conversations](#)

[A faith storytelling toolkit](#)

[Mentoring in an i-world](#)

8. Youth stuff plus (via Fuller)

[Learning from multicultural youth ministry](#)

[Creating an inclusive curriculum](#)

[Growing With Parenting podcast](#)

[Practicing keychain leadership](#)

[The power of gratitude](#)





9. Some Dates for 2020

- Victoria & Beyond

Feb 28, 29	Generate Conference (Parkville)
Mar 6,7	Amplify (Brisbane)
May 30	Stories of Childhood (Parkville)
Jun 15-17	Intergenerate (Sydney)
Aug 29	Make it Messy! (Parkville)

- Even Further afield...

[Messy Church NZ Conferences](#) (Feb), Rotorua & Christchurch

[Orange Conference](#) (Apr 29-May 1), Atlanta

[Children's Spirituality Summit](#) (Jun 8-10), Nashville

[D6 Conference](#) (Sep 24-26), Orlando

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Nb. Previous Updates can be found at [Monthly Updates](#). If you wish to be deleted from this email list, please let me know.

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