



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

As always, 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 – NOVEMBER UPDATE

1. The Nurture and Spiritual Guidance of Children Nov 27-29, Dec 2-4, Parkville

This [intensive unit](#) explores the historical and current interest in the spiritual life and the spiritual development of children. It examines links between Scripture, theological thought, spiritual and psychological development, neurobiology and ministry with children. For ministers, pastors, chaplains, Christian educators and all thoughtful practitioners, this unit seeks to develop more informed ministries of protection and respect in pastoral care and religious education. For more information, e-mail chris.barnett@ctm.uca.edu.au or Erlinda.loverseed@pigrim.edu.au

[DA/DS2/3/9010S The Nurture and Spiritual Guidance of Children](#)

2. New and Updated Resources

[Story Matters – latest videos and guides](#)

[2019 Children's Week resources](#)

[Intergenerate website](#)

[BRF Ideas Hub \(updated\)](#)

[40 Children's Ministry blogs \(updated\)](#)

3. Christmas/Advent Resources

[A 95 Christmas - SU](#)

[Advent Party Pack - Godventure](#)

[FREE Christmas resource – Bible Society](#)

[Advent & Christmas Pinterest – Mary Hawes](#)

[Advent & Christmas Multi-age services – UCA SA](#)

4. Christmas/Advent via Kids Friendly (NZ)

[Christmas resources – mainly music](#)

[Advent resources – Sanctified Art](#)





[Strandz Journey through Advent - Strandz
Advent and Christmas – Kids Friendly
Advent Story 2019 – At Home and Church](#)

5. via Messy Church

[Messy Church pinterest boards](#)
[Messy Nativity](#)
[Messy Christmas](#)
[Other Christmas & Advent resources](#)

A session in the [Messy Church Does Science](#) After School Club pack, still being trialled, features the star and the Magi. If you'd like to trial it in any context and send some feedback, please email [Lucy](#)

6. via The Well

[A Sports Mission pack](#)
[A Mission Planning toolkit](#)
[Exploring the Bible with all ages](#)
[A service for the new school year \(file for later\)](#)
[Homegrown Conference – session recordings](#)

7. via Scoop It (Craig Mitchell)

See [Scoop It](#) for these and more...

[Re-think Church](#)
[Free Christian videos](#)
[Free stock photos - Pexels](#)
[Advent and Christmas resources](#)
[Worshipping, believing, living as Christians](#)

8. Via Ministry Matters

[Doing the voices](#)
[What is a divergent church?](#)
[Which gospel are you selling?](#)
[Don't apply scripture, embody it](#)
[Scripture, scepticism, suspicion and trust](#)

9. Some Dates for 2020

Feb 28, 29 Generate Conference (Parkville)
Mar 6,7 Ignite (Brisbane)





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May 30 Stories of Childhood (Parkville)
Jun 15-17 Intergenerate (Sydney)
Aug 29 Make it Messy! (Parkville)

[Messy Church NZ Conferences](#) (Feb), Rotorua & Christchurch
[Children's Spirituality Summit](#) (Jun 8-10), Nashville

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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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