



Welcome to the October 2019 Children & Families Update!

Yes...this is earlier than usual. Due to my taking of some Annual Leave over the next two weeks, it seemed to make more sense to get this out a bit sooner rather than leaving it until the second week of October. As always, though, 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 – OCTOBER UPDATE

1. All Hallows' Eve (Halloween) Oct 31

[Something to smile about -multi-age worship resources \(UCA SA\)](#)

[All Hallow's Eve – a brief history \(Sharon Ely Pearson\)](#)

[Halloween & All Saints' Day \(Going 4 Growth\)](#)

[Halloween ideas \(Barnabas\)](#)

[2019 Light Party Pack \(SU\)](#)

[Halloween: Trick or Treat?](#)

2. Prayer Activities & Games

[Six ideas for prayer activities](#)

[Prayer activities for children](#)

[Hungry Hippo prayers](#)

[Prayer games for kids](#)

[More prayer games](#)

3. Exploring the Bible resources

[Bible Games central](#)

[Wild Stories about Jesus](#)

[Youth Bible discovery resource](#)

[The Bible App for Kids: Book of Hope \(FREE\)](#)

[Guardians of Ancora tutorials \(for parents who need help\)](#)

4. NEW Intergenerational Resources

[Intergenerate AUS - website](#)

[Finding the Sweet Spot – recording from Leaders to Go](#)

[Here to Stay Story Matters – latest resource](#)





[Here to Stay Story Matters – all resources](#)

[Here to Stay Story Matters – sign up for new resources](#)

5. **via Kids Friendly**

[Faith at home](#)

[Prayers for peace](#)

[Halloween & All Saints' Day](#)

[Illustrated Ministry bundles](#)

[Halloween alternatives \(Strandz\)](#)

6. **via Grow Ministries**

[What is intergenerational ministry?](#)

[Welcoming children and families](#)

[Where are all the young people?](#)

[Encouraging gifts and talents](#)

[Helpful equipping sheets](#)

7. **via CRCNA**

[Why we tell stories](#)

[Building faith picture books](#)

[Help building faith at home](#)

[Adding more programs isn't the answer](#)

[Dear Parent: a guide for family faith formation](#)

8. **Resources for some special October dates**

[Sep 1 – Oct 4 Season of Creation](#) (because I didn't include it last month)

[Oct 1 All Saints' Day](#)

[Oct 6 World Communion Sunday](#)

[Oct 16 World Food Day](#) (resource from previous year, best I could find)

[Oct 19-27 Children's Week](#)

9. **Grad. Cert. in Children & Families Ministry – Enrol NOW!**

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[DA/DS2/3/9010S The Nurture and Spiritual Guidance of Children](#) next offered as
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[DA8015S Children and Families Ministry: Core Issues in Diverse Contexts](#) next offered as
intensive in Feb 2020 (dates TBC)

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mail chris.barnett@ctm.uca.edu.au.

Yours Faithfully,

Chris.

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