

The following is a core list of available training courses that Youthworks Ministry Support has prepared to come and run at your church. We are able to adapt and modify these or possibly create new training to suit your needs if requested and possible. Please contact your regional advisor if you wish to discuss options for other trainings.

[Children's Ministry Courses](#)

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## Children's ministry courses

### Children's ministry foundations

A Children's ministry with clear purpose and strategy. Great teamwork under effective leadership - this is what we all want! This training starts with the foundational principles and helps participants plan ways to improve and develop their ministry to children. A range of practical tips and skills are also discussed. This module is a great starting point for any team looking to improve their Sunday school, kids club, playgroup or any ministry involving children.

### Asking good questions

Discover why asking good questions in children's ministry can lead to deeper engagement with God's Word. In this training, participants will explore what makes a question good, how to design good questions, how to create space for children to think more deeply, and creative ways to use questions to engage children in God's Word.

### Answering questions

Kids say the darndest things. They are certainly good at asking curly questions. *Answering Questions* equips you to know how to deal with children's tough questions and how to continue guiding and forming their faith through their engagement with God's Word and his world.

### Fostering healthy group dynamics

Group dynamics are a vital factor in any children's ministry - either for good or for bad. In *Fostering Healthy Group Dynamics* you will consider how the teacher, the environment & the children contribute to the dynamics of your group, and explore ways to manage each of these effectively.

### Helping children own and share their faith

Faith like a child. What does this faith look like? How is it expressed? How can children be equipped to share this faith with others? *Helping Children Own and Share Their Faith* gives you insight into child faith development and how you can help nurture the child in understanding, expressing and living their faith in the context of family, church and community.

### Introduction to disability ministry - Children

How do we make our Children's ministry accessible for kids with disability? This workshop will give an introduction to a theological and practical understanding of ministry to those with disability and their families.

## **Kids clubs**

Kids clubs are often an entry point into church and an important ministry that feeds into a thriving youth program. This training explores the theological issues that underpin the practical choices we make in running kids clubs and equips participants to move forward with clarity as well learning various practical strategies for effective engagement with kids and families.

## **Leading multi-age groups**

There are many times when children's ministry leaders are teaching groups of children with a range of ages. This training will consider some foundational principles for leading multi-age groups, as well as some practical ways that leaders can manage and cater for each individual child, no matter what their age!

## **Music and memory verses**

Using music and memory verses in your children's ministry can create a great opportunity for children to explore and engage with God and His Word. Participants will consider different ways to use music and memory verses in their ministry to children.

## **Ministry to children and families with additional needs**

Participants will develop a theological and theoretical framework for thinking about students with special needs; develop an understanding of the relational and medical needs of students with special needs and their families; and be equipped with practical tips for how to create inclusive youth and children's ministries.

## **Partnering with parents**

The Bible affirms that parents are the primary spiritual caregivers of their children. *Partnering with Parents* will help you discover the role of church and children's ministry in the faith development of children and their families and equip you with creative ideas to help you effectively minister to the families both inside and outside your church.

## **Playgroup ministry**

Beginning with Biblical foundations, explore the core goals and structures of an effective playgroup, as well as discussing the common challenges. Helpful for anyone setting up a new playgroup or rejuvenating an established one.

## **Preparing a Sunday school lesson**

What are the ingredients that make for a great Sunday school lesson? Learn how to structure a Sunday School Lesson in a way that is Bible centred, engaging, fun and developmentally appropriate.

## **Preparing and delivering a children's talk**

Learn how to write and package a children's talk from the Bible in a way that connects with children and helps them engage with and understand God and His Word.

## **Reading the Bible and praying with children**

Participants will consider the place of the Bible and Prayer in their ministry to children and develop strategies for reading the Bible and praying with children in developmentally appropriate ways. Participants will also consider practical tips for helping children to read the Bible confidently for themselves.

## **Storytelling the Bible**

Explore ways to captivate and engage children through the art of storytelling the Bible. Learn and practice various storytelling techniques that make the Bible stories come alive.

## **Understanding how children learn**

What are children like and what things contribute to the way they learn? In *Understanding How Children Learn* you will learn about key developmental features of children at different ages (from ages 2 - 12), what things influence them and what leaders can do to help children learn.

# **Youth Ministry Courses**

All courses are two hours, except *Essentials of youth Bible teaching* which is four hours long.

## **Youth ministry foundations**

For any ministry to work it must have clear aims and a strategy to achieve those aims. This course enables ministry teams to take biblical principles and apply them into a simple, systematic approach to youth ministry that provides a framework to reach youth and help them grow up in Christ.

## **Apologetics**

We want youth to have confidence in their faith within a world that objects to Christ. This course will explore different objections to Christianity that youth face. Participants will practice answering these objections within the framework of the Bible, worldview, doctrine and the life of faith.

## **Effective small groups**

Nearly every youth ministry uses small groups as the vehicle for discipleship, pastoral care and relationship building. Analyse the culture of your small groups and ideas you can use straight away. Learn the principles and skill of running a good small group bible study.

## **Engaging teaching**

We want our young people to hear the word of God in a way that engages their culture, their learning styles, their mind and their heart. This is two hours that will open your eyes to a whole world of potential for teaching young people creatively.

## **Essentials of youth Bible teaching**

The teaching time is a fundamental part of a youth group, seeking to mature its members in God's word. Learn how to understand a passage in context and break it down into the key ideas.

## **Great youth teams**

It's not enough to just have good leaders – you need to develop teams that work together. This course is about recognising roles and gifts, and how to use them to create awesome teams that really make a difference. This course can be adapted to work with youth teams or with team leaders.

## **Intergenerational youth ministry**

Explore the biblical and strategic reasons to intentionally connect your youth with other generations in your church. Identify specific opportunities for intergenerational connections and the tools for capitalising on these.

## **Introduction to disability ministry - Youth**

With more teenagers with disability coming along to our youth ministries, how do we best welcome and support them into our youth communities? This workshop will give an introduction to theological and practical understanding of teenagers with disability and their families.

## **Leadership**

Christian leadership is far more than putting together a program and delegating tasks. It is more than just turning up on Friday night and chatting to youth. Explore how we can be godly role models who share our lives and our faith to disciple and mentor young people to follow Christ for life.

## **Main meetings that work**

Find out how to put together a program that complements your goals and aims. We'll explore how you can structure your youth group so that it's fun and attractive, but also purposeful so that youth will see and hear the message of Jesus.

## **Mission culture**

There are thousands of young people who have never heard the message of Jesus. How do we reach them? How do we equip our youth to reach their friends? This course tackles how you can grow an effective youth ministry built on a culture of reaching the lost.

## **Upfront skills**

Explore and practice different upfront segments that teach the Bible, encourage prayer and get your group involved. Learn the fundamental principles of presentation and take home some great ideas to use next week at youth group.

## **Working with parents**

Effective youth ministries support the role of parents as they disciple their children. What might this look like? What if we don't do this? What about youth from non church families? This course will answer these questions and more as we explore the way parents and youth ministry can work together to disciple the next generation.

## **Youth Bible study\***

Learn how to write and package a Bible study in a way that connects with teenagers and helps them to understand God and themselves better.

*\* You must complete Essentials of youth Bible teaching first.*

## **Youth talks\***

Learn how to package a talk into a structure that communicates well, and uses different mediums of communication to help youth engage with the word of God.

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## Family and Intergenerational Ministry Courses

### Foundations of Intergenerational Ministry (2 Hours)

What is Intergenerational Ministry (IGM)? It is not just a new label for your existing Children's or Youth ministry, and it is much more than simply having different generations in the same space at the same time.

*Foundations Of Intergenerational Ministry* will take you through the five key principles of IGM and how this holistic ministry paradigm can enrich faithful discipleship for all generations in your church.

### Engaging Fathers in a Fatherless World (2 Hours)

The Bible affirms the importance of fathers in the faith development of their children. In more recent years, this biblical truth has been confirmed through a variety of social science research. Sadly, many children in our communities and our churches are growing up in father-absent homes. Learn how churches can equip and encourage the fathers in the congregation, and support those children who have a spiritually absent, or physically absent father.

*\* Designed for both parents and ministry leaders.*

### Faithful Families (Equipping Family Discipleship) (2 Hours)

This training is designed to equip parents in the discipleship of their own children at home. Structured around the exhortations in Deuteronomy 6 and Paul's letters to the Ephesians and Colossians, parents will learn together the foundations of a Family Ministry approach to home discipleship and how this shapes their own faith, the faith of their children and their corporate engagement in the local church.

### Gospel Centred Parenting (4 hours)\*

During pregnancy and throughout the stages of their child's life, parents are bombarded with information about the things they "must have" to raise their child well. This seminar provides concrete ideas and tools to equip parents to establish gospel rhythms in their homes and to build a strong foundation for the church-home partnership. It helps parents and soon-to-be parents as they navigate the joys, stresses, and opportunities of raising young people to love and follow Jesus.

The first session will lay a foundation for gospel centred parenting by examining what the Bible has to say about the role of parents in impacting the next generation. The second session will build on that foundation to support the parents in developing their own practical plan to impact their children with the gospel.

*\* Please note that Gospel centred parenting has a minimum requirement of four sets of parents and a maximum of 15 sets of parents.*

### Intergenerational Youth Ministry (2 Hours)

Explore the biblical and strategic reasons to intentionally connect your youth with other generations in your church. Identify specific opportunities for intergenerational connections and the tools for capitalising on these.

### Kids Need More Than Kids: Intergenerational Children's Ministry (2 Hours)

Explore the biblical and strategic reasons to intentionally connect your children and families with other generations in your church. Identify specific opportunities for intergenerational connections and the tools for capitalising on these.

## Accessibility Ministry Courses

### Supporting young people on the spectrum

In this workshop, we will be gaining an understanding of neurodiversity and what this can look like in our ministries as we support young people and their families. This workshop contains theoretical and theological information as well as practical strategies and application.

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## Face to Face Training Fees

### Fees for less than 20 participants are:

0 – 2 hours / \$220

2 – 4 hours / \$300

Training Plus / \$400

### Fees for 20 or more participants are:

0 – 2 hours / \$290

2 – 4 hours / \$500

Training Plus / \$600