



Newsletter from
the Salisbury
Diocese Children's
Adviser

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New Resources from us

Let the Children Come – A Christian response to the Year of the Child and the United Nations Children's Convention

A pack of ideas that can be used in schools or churches, as an event, or as individual activities with children, young people and adults.

Children's Quiet Day

A Pack with everything you need to run a children's or intergenerational quiet day based on the story of Elijah.

See the website for more information and ordering details and information about courses:
www.salisbury.anglican.org

Half Term - Hallowe'en A positive Christian response:

The best way forward for churches or groups of churches is to organise an alternative fun event for children on that night. This year October 31st is on a Saturday, so this is the ideal year to start trying something like this.

One idea is to tap into the following day, All Saints Day, and have a "Saints and Heroes" party where children come dressed in positive fancy dress. Another is to focus on light and invite children to a "Light Party". The emphasis on such events should be fun and more fun - lots of games and excitement, lively songs and a gentle gospel message. Aim for the time when they might be out "Trick or Treating", so this would probably be in the early evening. I suspect such events are more effective if they are run ecumenically.



"Friends and Heroes" have a resource pack called "Bright Sparks" designed for use on October 31st. You can see details about it at:

http://ukstore.friendsandheroes.com/acatalog/Friends_and_Heroes_Party_Resources.html

Or there's www.halloweenchoice.org

Family Support

You might want to let parishes know of the Family Fund which provides grants to low-income families with severely disabled children and young people (up to the age of 18).

The grants are given for things that will make life easier, more enjoyable and give choice & opportunity, so a whole range of things are considered, from holidays, washing machines, laptop computers, driving lessons, mobile phones, nursery items, swimming lessons and more. All the details are on their website: <http://www.familyfund.org.uk>

It might make all the difference to a family in a parish or congregation, so please do pass on the details.

All Age Worship – All Age Eucharist

The Feast is Ready to Begin by Rachel Nicholls pub. Kevin Mayhew ISBN: 978-184867-176-8
£19.99

Firmly earthed in Common Worship, the introductory chapter gives practical, rooted theory on worship with all ages. There are then 14 worked out Eucharistic services and 2 non-Eucharistic (Crib Service & Good Friday Stations). For any parish which has the Eucharist at the heart of its worshipping life & has never worked out how to include all ages, this will give confidence. It doesn't assume great numbers of people or endless access to resources; gives clear directions as to the parts of Common Worship which are appropriate for differing occasions; gives fully worked-out talks for each service and suggest songs and musical settings.

Lectionary based Sunday School/Groups material:

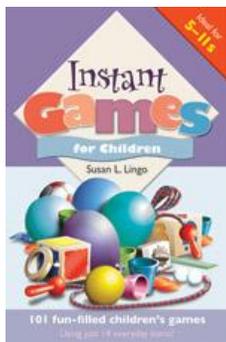
Searchlights by David Adam or Living Stones by Susan Sayers both from Kevin Mayhew

Or <http://www.loyolapress.com/sunday-connection.htm>

OFSTED CHANGES...

The Churches Legislation Advisory service has informed us of changes to the law in regard to children's holiday clubs... and for once it's GOOD NEWS!! You can see the full document on their web site, but in brief: activities in church running for no more than 2 hours per day and **14 days per year** (it used to be 6 days) are now exempt from registration with OFSTED – BUT you must inform them of your via an exemption form or you may be breaking the law for child care activities.

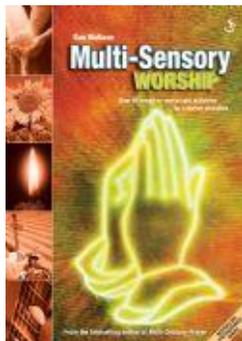
Latest from Barnabas



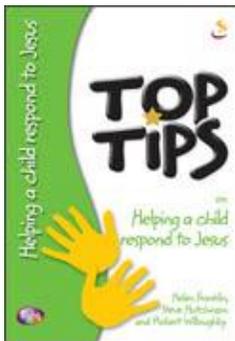
Want to try something different?

Susan Lingo has written an easy to follow book with 101 games using easily available equipment.

Latest from Scripture Union



ISBN: 9781844273973 £ 9.99



Top Tips on Helping a Child Respond to Jesus

£2.99 ISBN: 9781844273874



Showstoppers! provides a complete five day holiday club for children aged 5-11, with additional material for under-5s and 11-14s. *Showstoppers* enables focuses on God's great plan for salvation, and on creative arts. The supporting DVD provides a great introduction to these stories, and the *Showstoppers Cast List* gives each child a workbook during the week and a take-home souvenir with all the Bible stories used. The sessions in this programme are:

- In the 'gods': Genesis 1:1–3:13;3:22–24
- In the dressing room: 1 Samuel 17:1–54
- Under the trapdoor: Daniel 6
- In the wings: Luke 1:26–38; 2:1–20
- On stage: Luke 22–24

Dress Rehearsal has material linked to *Showstoppers* for mid week clubs