

Let's pray:

'Bless our children, Lord, growing up into a future that is difficult to predict. Protect them, guide them and give them wisdom to see above and beyond the tempting choices this world may offer, that they might become the people who, in your eyes, they were always meant to be.'

www.faithandworship.com/prayers-children-and-parents.htm



'While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. She gave birth to a son, her firstborn. She wrapped him in a blanket and laid him in a manger, because there was no room in the hostel.
'Luke 2 -7 msg

The Resources Hub

Have you had a look at Congregational Federations Resources Hub recently? New links and information are added regularly. <https://www.theresourcehub.co.uk/children> includes links to Parenting for Faith, Messy Church, Pilots, Care for the family, Toddler Group and Illustrated Children's ministry.

Resources from Christian Aid:

Big Justice Story Sack

Another great resource from Christian Aid - The Big Justice Story Sack - this time for the youngest members of your church. A discipleship resource for younger children in church. The sack contains 15 sessions that tell the 'Big Story of the Bible' and highlight the justice thread throughout, helping children to understand and root their faith in the biblical call to act justly, treat others well and celebrate the God-

given dignity of all people. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/volunteering/big-justice-story-sack>

Belong

Belong is a resource which acts as a guide for youth workers to take young people through 11 sessions exploring issues of faith, social justice, and how we can all put our faith into action.

We know that young people today often want to get their hands dirty, to do something about the problems they see in the world around them. So Christian Aid have developed a

toolkit for raising Jesus-like activists, but it starts with getting to the heart of how we treat each other, ourselves and our relationship with God.

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/belong-youth-resource>

Leaders Link-up Day

For children and youth leaders, dates for your 2020 diary:

29th February Greenacres, Oldham
7th March Highbury, Cheltenham
14th March Bellshill, Scotland

Contact us for more information



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Generation after generation stands in awe of your work; each one tells stories of your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4 (The Message)

From The Children's Society: Seriously Awkward: youth group resources.

Each session is designed to make a tangible difference to the lives of young people you work with, and to encourage them to do the same for the most vulnerable young people across the country.

Session one: Identity-
Session two: Mind matters
Session three: Healthy relationships-
Session four: presents sexting
Session five: Seriously Awkward
Session six: Make a difference

<https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/seriously-awkward-youth-group-resources>

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<https://www.dltk-kids.com/>

