

Welcome to the **APRIL** Children & Families Update!

As large swathes of our world are caught up in responding to COVID-19, this Update focuses on resources for nurturing faith and worship beyond the traditional gathered space (including moving worship services on-line). 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.

Chris.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES MINISTRY – APRIL

1. Coronavirus/COVID-19, Children & Church

[Coronavirus, children, anxiety and the church \(BuildingFaith\)](#)

[Explaining coronavirus to kids and the science of soap](#)

[Talking to kids about coronavirus](#)

[On-line ministry when church is replaced](#)

[100 ideas for ministers and ministry leaders](#)

2. Free Resources for Worship/Church at Home

[Church at Home resources \(Grow Ministries\)](#)

[Flatten the curve \(Illustrated Ministry\)](#)

[FREE resources](#) from [Lost Sheep](#)

[StoryPath \(linking lectionary to children's literature\)](#)

[Lent Engage Together \(can be adapted for home/small group use\)](#)

3. Easter at Home

[Easter Story Stones](#)

[Colourful Light Ray Cross](#)

[Mini-Resurrection Garden](#)

[He is Risen! Easter Biscuits](#)

[Easter Family Scavenger Hunt](#)

4. More Resources for Faith at Home

[Faith 5](#)

[Kitchen Table Project](#)

[Faith Resources for Families](#)

[Strandz \(great ideas for faith at home\)](#)

[Dwell \(5 Ways series and a Holy Week journey\)](#)

5. Moving More Resourcing On-line

[NEW UCA VicTas ministry resources](#)

[A guide to livestreaming](#)

[Taking your worship on-line \(a guide\)](#)

[Moving faith formation on-line \(article\)](#)

[Moving faith formation on-line \(webinar – US Mar 27 noon EST\)](#)

6. Worship On-Line – Some Contextual Examples

A number of churches had their first crack at worship on-line last Sunday. Here are four different examples of churches that sought to "have a go" in ways appropriate to their worshipping community and a fifth example that livestreams regularly...

[Banyule Network \(via fb\)](#)

[Manningham \(via website\)](#)

[North Ringwood \(via .online.church\)](#)

[Southern Mornington Peninsula \(via youtube\)](#)

[Glen Waverley \(regularly streamed services\)](#)

7. Some Messy Church Responses to COVID-19

[A Q&A with Lucy Moore](#)

[#Messy Neighbours](#)

[Family Prayer Time Idea - Sharing](#)

[Family Prayer Time Idea – Breaking Bread](#)

[Ideas via facebook live gathering](#) and [facebook page](#)

8. Via Fuller

[Naming loss and gratitude with young people](#)

[Re-imagining partnership with parents](#)

[Stress and anxiety – 3 warning signs](#)

[Youth ministry during a pandemic](#)

[Inviting young perspectives](#)

9. Podcasts, Webinar & More

[Surrender Conference on-line](#)

[Doubt Will Save the Church](#)

[Unfundamentalist Parenting](#)

[Becoming Holy Troublemakers](#)

[March 31 Webinar: What are the barriers and encouragement to Family Ministry?](#)

Yours Faithfully,

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