

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

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.

Yours Faithfully,

Chris.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES MINISTRY – FEBRUARY

1. Lent & Easter

[Easter services \(SA UCA\)](#)

[Lent Event \(Uniting World\)](#)

[Lent in 3 minutes \(Busted Halo\)](#)

[Lent resources \(Going 4 Growth\)](#)

[Lent resources \(Common Grace\)](#)

[Lent & Easter resources \(Messy Church\)](#)

Nb. For the latest draft of the Lent 2020 Engage Together resource, please e-mail chris.barnett@ctm.uca.edu.au

2. Some highlighted resources

[Ideas hub \(BRF\)](#)

[The cross in my backyard \(fb\)](#)

[Dwell at home \(free resources\)](#)

[Pop-up sports and games guide \(Max 7\)](#)

[FREE Year A Children's Addresses \(Grow Ministries\)](#)

3. Via CRCNA

[Helping families talk about faith](#)

[Belonging and family faith formation](#)

[5 ways to help your family grow faith](#)

[10 ways for families to engage kids in worship](#)

[10 simple ways to create a sense of belonging](#)

4. Via Fuller

[Parenting in an anxious world \(podcast\)](#)

[4 helpful messages for anxious teens](#)

[Busting myths about teen anxiety](#)

[7 Strategies for teen anxiety](#)

[Faith in an anxious world](#)

5. via Craig Mitchell's *Growing Disciples* [Scoop it](#)

[Parenting Forward](#)

[Improvisation in the church](#)

[The answer to church irrelevancy](#)

[Disruption is often the key to renewal](#)

[Reframing developmental relationships](#)

[What in the world is God up to? \(Karina Kreminsky\)](#)

6. Potentially timely stories from Lost Sheep

Australia has had a rough time over the last few months with many people and animals caught up in bushfires. Every day we have heard and seen stories of terrible hardship but we also hear about teamwork, heroic characters and the many people who lend a helping hand. All Australians know of someone who has been impacted, so please hold us in your prayers. Meet some Lost Sheep Australian characters who know a bit about tough times and teamwork (and read their stories)...

[Tina](#) [Tina the Tree](#)

[Emma](#) [Echidnas on Everest](#)

[Errol](#) [Echidnas on Everest](#)

[Edith](#) [Echidnas on Everest](#)

7. Bushfire-related Resources

[Pastoral and worship resources \(UCA VicTas\)](#)

[Parenting in the midst of tragedy \(Focus on the Family\)](#)

[Understanding and coping with trauma \(Focus on the Family\)](#)

[Resource pack for talking to children about bushfires \(Parent TV\)](#)

[Helping children make sense of natural disasters \(Parenting Ideas\)](#)

[Building emotional health and wellbeing: a pastoral handbook \(Vivienne Mountain\)](#)

8. Some Dates from Canada, New Zealand and the US

[Messy Church NZ Conferences](#) (Feb), Rotorua & Christchurch

[Orange Conference](#) (Apr 29-May 1), Atlanta

[Children's Spirituality Summit](#) (Jun 8-10), Nashville

[D6 Conference](#) (Sep 24-26), Orlando

[Messy Church Canada Conference](#) (Oct 15-18), Winnipeg

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