

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

In addition to ideas for Pentecost, this Update also contains a variety of resources focusing on faith at homes for this season of responding to Covid-19 plus resources for churches. Recognising that some are feeling overwhelmed by the number of resources being made available, nevertheless there are others still keen to see more. If this is you – and you're not already receiving the fortnightly "extra" Update - let me know and I will add you to the list. In the meantime, 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 – MAY

1. 2020 InterGenerate Australia Conference June 16,17 – NOW ON-LINE!

In a brilliant initiative, *no matter where in the world you are located*, you will now be able to join in with an amazing line-up of international presenters that *currently* includes Dr Holly Allen, Christina Embree, John Roberto, Caesar Kalinowski, Don McLafferty and Liz Perraud (with more to be announced soon).

You will be able to connect in anytime during the two days with speakers live online for a combination of Input and Questions. There will be break out rooms to discuss the topics.

Whatever you *miss* during this time you can watch later *at your convenience*. Conference fees includes access to all sessions afterward as a resource to share with your team.

All this for only \$50 AUD (probably amazingly cheap for you, given current exchange rates)!!!

More information and registration: [2020 Intergenerate AUS](#)

2. Pentecost Ideas

[Pentecost resources \(Strandz\)](#)

[Pentecost articles \(Building Faith\)](#)

[Pentecost Pinterest \(Messy Church\)](#)

[Happy Birthday to the Church \(UCA SA\)](#)

[What is Pentecost? \(What's in the Bible\)](#)

3. Ministry, On-line Safety and Children

[Safer Digital Ministry \(UCA\)](#)

[Tips for a safer remote learning environment \(Moores\)](#)

[Safeguarding and videoconferencing \(Church of England\)](#)

[Guidelines for on-line ministry with children \(Anglican Diocese of Melbourne\)](#)

[Release form for on-line engagement with children \(Anglican Diocese of Melbourne\)](#)

4. Faith at Home Resources

[Family worship at home \(Rochester Diocese\)](#)

[Together at Home – weekly resources](#)

[Roots at Home – weekly resources](#)

[Resources for homes \(Max7\)](#)

[Faith at Home \(GodVenture\)](#)

5. Practical Ideas for Households

[14 Days of Lost Sheep stories \(Lost Sheep\)](#)

[Games & activities for home \(Go Noodle\)](#)

[Family Fit – families, fitness, fun, faith \(Family Fit\)](#)

[Fun, biblical boredom busters \(Ministry to Children\)](#)

[Kidzone Magazine – now free on-line \(Salvation Army\)](#)

[Guardians of Ancora and isolation ideas \(Scripture Union\)](#)

6. Parenting & Self-Isolation

[Ten ideas for surviving self-isolation \(Parenting Place\)](#)

[Seven ways to help an anxious child \(Parenting Place\)](#)

[Adjusting to a new family rhythm \(Parent Cue\)](#)

[Creating routines for households \(All Belong\)](#)

[Feeling safe and stuck at home \(Parent Cue\)](#)

[The power of atmosphere \(Parenting Place\)](#)

7. Practical Ideas for Churches

[Kids time and worship on-line \(Still Waters\)](#)

[No tech/low tech ideas for churches \(Ministry Matters\)](#)

[Another Covid-19 resourcing page \(The Gospel Coalition\)](#)

[7 tips for engaging with on-line services \(Ministry Matters\)](#)

[Social distancing, worship and devotions \(United Methodists\)](#)

[Resources for churches adapting to social isolation \(Calvin Institute\)](#)

8. Reflecting on the Current Season

[Quick shifts and unexpected gifts from Covid-19](#)

[The church is calibrated for a world that doesn't exist](#)

[Distributed church and the new normal \(Ministry Matters\)](#)

[The Distanced Church: reflections on doing church on-line \(Oak Trust\)](#)

[How Covid-19 is shaping Australian perspectives \(McCrinkle Research\)](#)

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