

How to plan well – an overview for leaders

This is a quick overview of some of the ideas in this video, with links to posts that will help you discover more.

Curriculum planning

How do we plan well, whether we're using someone else's curriculum or devising our own? Here are three posts that will help you put God-connection at the heart of your planning:

- A training session on [strategic curriculum planning](#)
- How to use the [six-stage circle to devise a curriculum children and young people will really buy into](#).
- [Planning for under-fives groups](#) that helps them connect with God and equips their parents and carers too.

Planning to equip parents and carers

Parents and carers are the people discipling their children day in and day out – so how can we share with them what is going on in our sessions so they can continue the conversations and discipling at home?

- Some really practical and tested ideas for [feeding back after a Sunday morning kids group](#)
- Thinking about [how to put parents and carers at the centre of your youth work](#)
- A training session on how to [involve parents and carers in their kids' key spiritual moments](#)

Planning for different parts of the session

- **Worship** – [the power of the songs we sing](#): written for parents and carers but with useful tips about how to choose songs well.
- **The Bible** – a training session on [how to help children and young people see the big picture of who God is](#), helping children and young people see God in action through [framing Bible stories](#), and tips for [reading Bible stories with under-fives](#).
- **Prayer** – a training session on [enabling prayer in children's and youth groups](#) and ideas for helping kids [connect with God through creative prayer](#).

Planning for specific times

- Ideas for [Christmas](#), [Easter](#), [Halloween](#) and [summer Sundays](#)
- A training session on [planning all-age services](#)

Training your team

- A training session on [different ways to introduce your team to Parenting for Faith values and approaches](#)

We do hope these notes are helpful. If you'd like to explore more fully how to create a church culture where Parenting for Faith can flourish, we have a book, [It Takes a Church to Raise a Parent](#), and [a course in partnership with Cliff College](#), which both unpack these ideas and will help you apply them to your unique situation.

If you would like to join our Parenting for Faith community, do join our [Facebook page for children and youth leaders](#), or consider coming along to one of our [Forge retreats](#).