

Recommended Children's Ministry Resources

Durham Diocese Growing Younger Team

All Age Worship

[Messy Church](#) - is a way of being church for families and others. It is Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration.

[Bubble Church](#) - Bubble Church is a Sunday church service especially for babies, toddlers, and young families. It's a puppet-packed, Jesus-centred, coffee-and-croissant-fuelled, 30 minute kids and families adventure.

[Worship for Everyone](#) - Worship for Everyone is a Christian faith-based movement to resource and equip collective singing in churches, schools and families.



[Muddy Church](#) 'The heart of Muddy Church is to offer spaces to 'wander and wonder' together'.



Under 5's ministry

[Playtime - Care for the Family](#)- Playtime provides support and advice for anyone interested in engaging with young families in a toddler group setting.

[1277 - National network of church-based toddler groups](#) National Network of Christian Parent and toddler group

[Diddy Disciples](#) - Worship and storytelling resources for babies, toddlers and young children.

[Care for The Family](#) – A national charity which aims to support strong family life and to help those facing difficulties. Events, courses, support and resources to help families journey together. Including resources for Toddler Groups.



[Energize](#)- Thousands of engaging and adaptable biblical sessions, training articles and support resources.

[North East Religious Resource Centre](#) – Various Children Ministry resources including Puppets and Story bags.

Children's ministry groups:

[Roots | Lectionary and seasonal resources for children and young people](#) Roots provides ready-to-go children's session – ideal for leaders with less confidence or time.

[Raise Up Faith!](#) Children Ministry resources covering ages 0-14years old. Including worships songs, curriculum templates, videos and resources from Cheeky Pandas. Some resources require subscription fee.

[Energize-](#) Thousands of engaging and adaptable biblical sessions, training articles and support resources.

[Godly Play UK](#) 'A Christian movement cantered on childhood spirituality'

[ChildrensMinistry.com](#) Resources to help leaders as they support children to grow in their relationship with Jesus.

[North East Religious Resource Centre](#) – Various Children Ministry resources including Godly Play bags, Prayer Space Boxes, Story books, Puppets and Story bags. Minimal membership fee - Clergy have free membership.

Family/Parent/Carer Ministry:

[Care for The Family](#) – a national charity which aims to support strong family life and to help those facing difficulties. Events, courses, support and resources to help families journey together. Including resources for Toddler Groups.

[The Kitchen Table Project](#) - aims to raise awareness of just how important parents are in building our children's faith. We can't just rely on the great children's work that happens in our churches to teach our children about God.



Inspire a faith that lasts

[faithinkids.org](#) 'Confident parents and thriving churches working together to raise children who trust in Jesus eternally'

[Parenting for Faith](#) 'Equipping parents and carers to raise God-connected children and teens'

[Refresh Course](#) Book resource introducing parents to faith through toddler groups

Holiday Clubs:

[Scripture Union](#) – Wide range of resources for children, youth and families. Some for purchase and some free to download.



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[Communities Together Durham](#) Holiday Club Funding – contact Communities Together Durham Holiday for more information

Church – school - home

The Growing Faith Foundation | The Church of England- ‘Growing Faith is the movement that exists to put children, young people and families instinctively at the heart of all the mission and ministry of the Church by changing the culture of the Church of England.’

Scripture Union- ‘Here to equip you in mission with children and young people’ including assembly resources

Open the Book - Bible Society ‘Open the Book is an exciting storytelling project where Bible stories are shared with children in a way that is fun, interactive and memorable. As invited guests in school, storytelling teams use the [Open the Book programme](#) to prepare and present a 10–15-minute scripted Bible story to a school assembly, involving the children as much as possible.’

SIAMS Inspections | The Church of England CofE schools have SIAMS inspections which offers churches natural opportunities to service and support parish schools. Have a chat with our Growing Chaplaincy Mission Enabler to find out more: catherine.simpson@durham.anglican.org

iSingPOP Resources schools and churches to explore worship, in a fun and meaningful way



Choir Church ‘...a model for new worshipping communities, built around children’s choirs in schools, led in partnership with local churches. It offers worship, musical excellence, and spiritual formation designed to build and grow congregations, working for social justice. While it is principally school-based, its worship is open to the wider community of parents, teachers, neighbours and friends’

Hymnpact! Worship Resources for Schools and Churches: ‘Hymns, songs, helpful videos for leaders, faith and teaching notes’

SparkFish-a Christian charity, passionate about supporting every child and young person in our local area. We work in partnership with over thirty schools in Reigate, Redhill, Merstham and Horley, enriching the educational experience of their students.

Spinnaker Trust ‘Inspiring Wonder & Learning in primary schools through the teachings of Jesus and the Bible.’

Sports Ministry

Kick | Transforming young lives through sport ‘We transform young people’s lives, with God’s love, through sport and support. We do this through values-driven physical education, dance, mentoring, chaplaincy in schools and community KICK Academies to impact a sense of hopelessness. KICK is proud of its Christian identity and is equally proud that its services are delivered unconditionally to those of all faiths and none.’



[Mission through sport | Scripture Union](#) – ‘The SU Sports Team are passionate about helping you and your church discover just how simple it can be to use sports, games and fitness activities to share the good news of Jesus with the 95!’

Eco church:

[Salote - Operation Noah](#)-Sālote is a short animated film telling the story of a young girl, Sālote, on the frontline of climate change today. Drawing on the latest research and first-hand testimonies of climate change from low-lying island nations today, Sālote’s story is familiar to many people whose lives, homes and livelihoods are already under threat from an unstable climate, made worse by irresponsible human activity.

[Kids - Eco Church](#) A Rocha UK offers educational resources, for primary and secondary school-aged children (3-14 years).



Social Justice:

[Big Justice Story Sack | Christian Aid](#) ‘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.’



Additional Needs and Children’s Ministry:

[Additional Needs Alliance | Facebook](#) A network which encourages conversations about children and young people who have additional needs and disabilities (In the contexts of faith development and church). Seeks to resource churches to make inclusion and belonging a reality. Seeks to strengthen resilient faith regardless of ability and to create a passion for action and change.

[Training | Safe Families](#) ‘We want to empower you with the best possible training as we work together to make sure that no family feels alone and every child can flourish.’ Includes free Autism awareness training course and secondary trauma training.



[Growing Hope](#) Partners with churches to provide free therapy to children with additional needs

[Urban Saints | Additional Needs](#) ‘The aim of our Additional Needs Ministry is to encourage, enable and equip children's, youth and families' workers to reach, include, create belonging for, and disciple all children and young people, especially those with additional needs or disabilities.’

Trauma informed practice training opportunities (free):

[TLG - Transforming lives for good](#)- TLG is a national Christian children's charity that helps churches to bring hope and a future to struggling children.

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