

FEATURED RESOURCES: CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CONGREGATIONAL KIDS' MINISTRY

- <u>Treasure Box Tuesday</u> A weekly email of all the best resources for Children/Family Ministries curated by Traci Smith, an ordained minister, mother and author. You will find interesting articles, products, books, conferences and all sorts of great goodies.
- <u>Building Faith</u> Published by Lifelong Learning at Virginia Theological Seminary. Their mission is to equip and inspire churches and individuals for the ministry of Christian education and faith formation. The site is home to countless articles relevant to the topic of children and family ministry written by ministry leaders in the field – practitioners, lay and clergy, representing diverse backgrounds, settings, and denominations.
- <u>Illustrated Ministry</u> Creates accessible faith-based resources for the church and home. Their thoughtful and easy-to-use materials are designed to foster authentic faith engagement with refreshing designs, creative activities, and intergenerational focus. This site includes worship resources, children's worship bulletins, curriculum, family devotional materials and more.
- <u>Storypath</u> Provides resources connecting weekly passages from both the Revised Common Lectionary and the Narrative Lectionary with stories from children's and youth literature. They provide linking themes between a book written for children or adolescents with the preaching text for a particular Sunday in the lectionary. The posts highlight a particular way that the chosen books could be used for preaching or teaching with the particular texts.
- <u>Form</u> and <u>Spark</u> Missions Curriculum Published by CBF Global, *Form* (preschoolers) and *Spark* (elementary-aged children) is a downloadable resource to teach children about missions and the missional life through experiential learning and mission engagement.
- <u>Games for Social Distancing</u> Each of the games on this site allow for Covid-safe distancing and do not require any shared equipment. They are organized by age group and spaces where they can be played. You are provided rules, a downloadable PDF, and a video explanation.

WORSHIP RESOURCES

- <u>Worshiping with Children</u> This lectionary-based blog offers specific helps of how to include children in congregational worship for specific Sundays. This blog offers ideas about ways to read scripture in the sanctuary so that children understand it, scripts for prayers and liturgy that draw children as well as adults into worship, plans for folding worship education into the worship service, and essays about how children understand and participate in worship and sacraments.
- <u>The Text This Week</u> This site features a wide variety of resources for study and liturgy based on the 3-year Revised Common Lectionary cycle. There is an intentionally diverse variety of resources for scripture study, reflection and liturgy.

PARENTING RESOURCES

- Parent Cue A team of family experts and everyday parents working together to help you make every moment count as you launch your kids on their next big adventure. This site provides articles, weekly activities and devotionals to guide kids at every phase to trust Jesus in a way that changes how they see God, themselves, and the rest of the world.
- Orange Kids This site offers a wide variety of children's ministry resources including articles helpful for parents.
- Books:
 - **Belonging and Becoming**: Creating a Thriving Family Culture by Mark Scandrette
 - <u>Creative Coping Skills for Children</u>: Emotional Support Through Arts and Crafts Activities by Bonnie Thomas
 - More Creative Coping Skills for Children: by Bonnie Thomas

