

Magic Moments in Pre-School Ministries..

Thank you for the community service you provide to local families! This provides them with fun, friendship, space to move and hospitality. Looking to provide more?

What about....

Meals for families in need— could be fresh on a roster or frozen if your church has a freezer.

Can you link families in with other services? Parenting courses, budgeting, relationship courses, alcohol/drug use, cooking lessons. You don't have to provide them yourself—find out where they are in your community and actively encourage people along.



Pre-school groups:

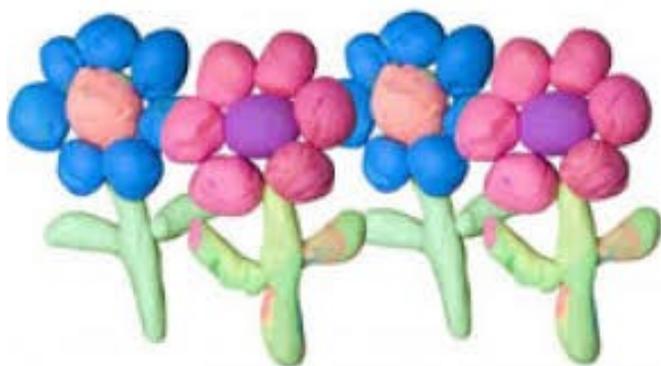
- Contribute to strong connected communities
- Provide ministry opportunities for older people in congregations
- Help children meet older people
- Introduce people to church buildings
- Help others connect across cultures
- Preschool groups also create a vibe that the church is open for kids!

Making Missional Connections from Pre-School to Other Groups

Primary School Groups: Preschool groups can flow on through into actively church based groups as children get older. After school clubs, girls and boys brigades, ICONZ, school holiday clubs that actively tell faith stories can give children a sense of faith and of belonging to a congregation.

Discipling Parents: If parents are interested in Christianity is there a Mums/Dads/parents home group they can be invited to (womens group, beer and pie nights)? Faith evenings designed to get church and non-church members together to discuss matters of faith are something some churches find helpful.

Family Church: Church models such as Messy Church and Breakfast Church are fresh expressions of church that meet outside of traditional worship times. They may be weekly, monthly or once a term. They typically involve food, are intergenerational, activities for children, active participation by all, a shorter liturgy and message and time for fellowship.



Your preschool ministry can also help your church :

Tap into skills from people who attend—can they donate goods to your fair, know someone who could speak at Anzac day, bake for your bake sale?

You could also receive funding for your Mainly Music or Playgroup from the Ministry of Education. This could pay rent to the church, pay a coordinator and buy resources. You need to ensure you have different kinds of play—messy, creative, dress-up, family corner etc and also some health and safety policies. For more information contact the Mainly Music national office or for Playgroups contact Kids Friendly.