



SEEN and HEARD

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RELATIONAL POWER

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We have been camping as a family in the same spot for the past 14 years and we love heading to Northland to camp by the beach as a family. Even now our young adult children would not miss it and it has become a very special place for us as a family.

Ben’s grandad is a bit of an artist and with Ben deciding that he wanted a tattoo of our camping spot, he asked his grandad if he would sketch him a drawing of the view from our tent site. Now



if you know Ben’s Grandad, he is quite conservative, and does not get why someone would want a tattoo. However, it is amazing what Grandads will do for their grandchildren. Grandad did do a sketch for Ben, and it is now proudly etched on Ben’s arm.

This is a great reminder of the power of intergenerational connection that needs to be a significant part of our faith communities. As adults we have a great responsibility to affect the way a generation sees the world and help to influence their character and faith while they are young.

It is the power of the relationships that allow our children and young people to be Seen and Heard,

and to feel that their choices and decisions are valued in a way that does not harm the relationship. It is this type of connection that will allow our children and young people to know that they are significant contributors within their faith communities. These important connections will allow our children to learn and discover a relationship with Jesus for themselves.

Are our children being SEEN and HEARD?



HOME-GROWN RESOURCES THIS EASTER

Stuck for what to do this Easter? We've got you covered! We've launched our brand new Easter resource page, filled with resources/activities/at home, in person and online things for you and your people to use in your space - no matter the circumstances!

CHECK IT OUT



THE LATEST STATE OF THE NATION

The Social Policy & Parliamentary Unit have released their latest State of the Nation report - including their report on Children and Youth in New Zealand. With a great video to watch it's easier than ever to learn about the state of children and youth in New Zealand!

LEARN MORE



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CHILDREN & YOUTH

This year's Salvation Army International Day of Children & Youth on the 24th April has a whole host of ways to engage including an international dance competition! We want to encourage you to think about how you can acknowledge children & youth in your space on this special day!

MORE INFO HERE





WHAT WE'RE LISTENING TO!



FOR LEADERS:



THE NEXT RIGHT THING PODCAST

While this isn't a podcast created for ministry leaders, children's or otherwise, we LOVE IT because it is for anyone who has struggled with making decisions. (Which let's be honest, has been most or all of us at some point or another!) Emily P. Freeman helps free us from the paralysis we may be experiencing by helping us focus on the next right thing, like Jesus did! Doing your next right thing might just be what you need next in your ministry and leadership!



THE HERALDS PODCAST. EPISODE 8

Join Rosy and ten-year-old Bella as they discuss the kindness of God, the Bible and prayer! We think you'll be inspired to create space for deep thought and conversation with your own tamariki after listening to this very special episode of The HERalds Podcast!



THAT SOUNDS FUN WITH ANNIE F. DOWNS. EPISODES 337 AND 363

We love listening to any episode with Annie and her guests! Her interviews are full of fun, paired perfectly with conversations that may make ya cry! But these two episodes in particular will be helpful in your ministry with children and families. Annie invites some of her miniBFFs to be seen and heard as they talk about her new children's book, 'What Sounds Fun to You?' (Ep. 337). And Sissy Goff and David Thomas bring their counselling expertise to a conversation about building courage in our kids and battling anxiety (Ep. 363).

FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES:



ANNIE'S MINIBFF PODCAST

From writer, speaker and podcaster, Annie F. Downs, the MiniBFF Podcast came to be following her extremely popular MiniBFF book club over on Instagram. In each episode of the pod, Annie shares with kids words from her favourite book, the Bible! Annie is an expert in fun, plus she loves to engage with her miniBFF listeners, so it's a beautiful community for kids to be part!



WE WONDER PODCAST

A kids' podcast with a difference, which we know from experience is loved and listened to by lots of grown ups too too! We Wonder is a podcast where we all wonder together about the story of God and about ourselves too! You'll love the gentle voice of host, Sarah Dahl, and the way she guides us into reflection and time spent with God.



THY KINGDOM COME PODCAST. EPISODES 12-22 (FAMILY PRAYER ADVENTURE)

This is one of the podcasts that influenced our own Family Time podcast episodes! It's designed for families to enjoy together and takes listeners through story, song and even games! We love the particular emphasis on prayer. (Was originally created for families taking part in the Church of England's Thy Kingdom Come days of prayer)

SONG SUGGESTIONS:



SING: CREATION SONGS AND SING: REMEMBERING SONGS ELLIE HOLCOMB

Popular Christian artist, Ellie Holcomb, has written these beautiful songs that we think you'll love as much as your kiddos will! These EPs are full of stunning promises and truths about God, sung alongside not-your-typical-kids music. We think you'll particularly enjoy the earworm, "Sing"!



PIANO REFLECTIONS HILLSONG INSTRUMENTALS

Keen to create a softer or more reflective atmosphere in your kids' environment? Try these albums – your favourite Hillsong tunes played instrumentally. In our experience, children enjoy this change of pace and style, so why not give it a try?



BABY WORSHIP THE CHRISTIAN MUSIC FOR BABIES MINISTRY

And while you're at it, this album is also packed with familiar worship songs that may just lull you to sleep! Perfect for creating a softer environment for reflection and response, or for an infants/toddlers programme!



A WEEK AWAY (MUSIC FROM THE NETFLIX FILM)

The pre-tweens in your life have probably already seen this movie and know the lyrics to all these fun tracks! With a mix of original songs and old favourites re-mixed for the movie, there's something for everyone to head-bob or dance along to! For more upbeat background music, this is sure to be a favourite (until the songs get stuck in your head and you can't shift them, which they will!).

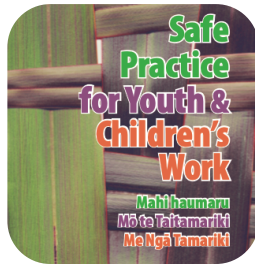
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QUICK TO CLICK, BUT NO LESS IMPORTANT



The Skylight shop offers a great range of products that could be a valuable resource for your space.

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Check out the newly updated manual on Safe Practice for Youth & Children's work!

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Orange Conference is coming up! A great opportunity to pick up some new tools for your tool-belt!

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If you haven't yet - now would be the perfect time for you to complete our Your Voice Matters survey!

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WAY2GO DATES



In 2022 WAY2GO is coming to you, running a series of smaller events from the North to the deep South of NZ. This year they want to dig deep into the theme, 'First Things First: What do we need to focus on to help a child's connection with God?'

WAY2GO is a children's ministry leadership and training opportunity run by Scripture Union New Zealand.

These workshops will draw on regional trainers alongside Scripture Union staff and provide engagement with the local context.

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LIFEWALK & LAUNCHPAD

Lifewalk's mission is to support, resource and place trained chaplains in state schools in Aotearoa. They've recently put out a new promo video that you can watch [HERE!](#)

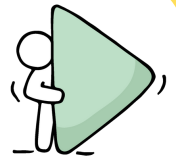
Launchpad – Christian Values Education is a not-for-profit organisation that equips children with tools to navigate our ever-changing world. Their programme runs in over 400 primary schools across Aotearoa New Zealand. Launchpad also recently put out a new promo video that you can watch [HERE!](#)

[LEARN MORE ABOUT LIFEWALK](#)

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THE CHOSEN EPISODE 3



The Chosen is the first-ever multi-season series about the life of Christ and is completely free to watch! With a 9.6/10 on IMDb and 100% on Rotten Tomatoes, it's a definite must watch! Episode 3 is a great reminder of the child-like faith that we are called to have - give it a watch!

WATCH HERE ▶

LOCAL RESOURCE SHOUT OUT!

MORE THAN WORDS IMAGERY CARDS

"Imagery Cards" was designed and developed to support the work of youth workers, children's workers, social workers, counsellors, teachers, therapists, facilitators and parents to initiate conversation while creating opportunities for personal reflection, self-awareness and understanding.

Imagery Cards help people define their thoughts and feelings, get in touch with distant memories and experiences and translate them into words- something that's not always easy without the use of imagery.

What started as a university project in 2020, is now a



fully-developed tool dedicated to creating safe spaces for genuine conversation and reflection. More than Words is designed and illustrated by Sabrina David, and co-developed by the most wonderful team of people dedicated to bettering the mental wellbeing of our people.

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