

# TRAINING EXTRA 8

## Resource bank: *Building Blocks* TRAINING COURSE recommendations

### Section 1

*Sowing Reaping Keeping*, Laurence Singlehurst, IVP 2006; ISBN 9781844741380.

An analysis of 'evangelism strategy' that helps to explain how and where toddler groups fit in to the church's mission – and also how toddler groups need the church and the leadership behind them in supporting the strategy to be effective. An inspirational read.

The Baptist Union of Great Britain has some worksheets and a *PowerPoint* presentation relating to *Sowing Reaping Keeping* at:

[www.baptist.org.uk/resources/resource\\_downloads/327.pdf](http://www.baptist.org.uk/resources/resource_downloads/327.pdf)

[www.baptist.org.uk/resources/resource\\_downloads/328.ppt](http://www.baptist.org.uk/resources/resource_downloads/328.ppt)

### Section 2

*Touching the Future*, Gill Dallow, BRF 2002; ISBN 9781841011400.

Mixes theory and reflective exercises to encourage thinking for those working with children in the church.

*Top Tips: Encouraging Faith to Grow*, Ruth Hassall and Piers Lane, Scripture Union 2008; ISBN 9781844273218.

A short booklet to help churches and parents understand and nurture children's faith.

*Children Finding Faith*, Francis Bridger, Scripture Union 2000; ISBN 9781859993230.

A classic book, now in a revised and updated edition, to help understanding of how faith develops, and can be hindered or nurtured in children.

*Sharing Jesus with Under Fives*, Janet Gaukroger Christian Focus 2001, op; ISBN 9781857926729 (out of print but available as 'used' from online booksellers).

Lots of practical ideas for working with young children and their families including a mix of how and why.

*Pretty much everything you need to know about working with under 5s*, Judith Wigley, Scripture Union 2005; ISBN 9781844271146.

Theory and practical ideas for working with young children in a range of Christian settings.

*Under Fives and their Families*, Judith Wigley CPAS 1990, op; ISBN 9780551022645 (Out of print but available as 'used' from online booksellers).

Lots of practical ideas as well as covering the 'why' of toddler groups. With detailed chapters on parent and toddler groups, toddler services and faith sharing.

*Families with Faith*, Richard Patterson, Scripture Union 2007; ISBN 9781844272471.

Easy to read discussion about, and ideas for, developing faith as a family. Lots of common sense on managing life and developing a family's spiritual life and faith. Aimed at Christians, so nurture your family's faith and then share suitable ideas with your group.

*Stages of Faith*, James Fowler, HarperCollins 1995; ISBN 9780060628666.

Detailed information on faith development from a key thinker in the area. Not an easy read, but fascinating descriptions and discussion of real people's faith.

*Will Our Children Have Faith?* John Westerhoff, Thomas More Press 2000; ISBN 9780819218360.

In-depth discussion on how churches can nurture the faith of children (and adults). Not an easy read, but fairly short.

### Section 3

[www.engagetoday.org.uk](http://www.engagetoday.org.uk)

Online resources, from Care for the Family, to help churches engage with their community, including conferences and an e-newsletter.

*21st Century Parent DVD and Workbook.* A course to help you be an even better parent. From Care for the Family, this has eight short sessions on aspects of parenting including: setting boundaries, the testing child, and the power of acceptance. It also comes with a workbook that helps you think through the issues in your own family. To support those already running courses, or to help you set up a new course, Care for the Family provides a wide range of additional material. You can access great ideas to assist you in planning your course, material to help you promote your course, and even press releases to enable you to advertise your course in local media! To watch a clip of the DVD and view a sample chapter from the workbook go to: [www.careforthefamily.org.uk/21Cparent](http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/21Cparent)

Also available from Care for the Family is *21st Century Marriage and Workbook*. To find out more about Care for the Family, call (029) 2081 0800, email [mail@cff.org.uk](mailto:mail@cff.org.uk) or write to Care for the Family, Garth House, Leon Avenue, Cardiff CF15 7RG

*Parentplay*, Rachel Murrill and Rachel Bright, Authentic Media; ISBN 9781860245923. This 7-week parenting course is designed especially for parents of children under-5. It comes with detailed session outlines, containing icebreakers and questions for discussion, as well as a 'Messy Play' activity with the children that concludes each session; plus a CD with extra material such as registration forms and weekly handouts. There is detailed information on setting up and running the course, but session leaders will need to be prepared to be outgoing enough to get group discussions going. Parenting principles are only outlined briefly, however the ideas for discussion are simple and thought-provoking, and illustrate the principles well.

*Parentalk Parenting Course.* This comprises eight flexible video-led sessions, each featuring: a Rob Parsons session opener; 'Growing Pains' - a dramatic video introduction; discussion starters; video diary for discussion by the group; expert advice session; suggestions for practical activities. Each complete pack contains one Group Leader's Guide, one video and ten magazines - all you need to run the course for up to ten people. Find out more about this and other Parentalk resources, courses and products at [www.parentalk.co.uk](http://www.parentalk.co.uk)

*Activate.* An organisation for helping women to use friendship evangelism. *Activate* has produced *Unlocking the Door - Evangelism in the Real World*, Ruth Adams and Jan Harney, Authentic Media; ISBN 9781850786450. The *Activate* website is full of fresh, practical ideas for evangelism: [www.activateyourlife.org.uk](http://www.activateyourlife.org.uk)

*MOPS.* Mothers of Pre-Schoolers has loads of resources for bridge-building groups to run alongside toddlers groups. Originally from America, MOPS is now setting up groups worldwide. You can subscribe as an individual or set up a 'chartered' group. Find out more at [www.mops.org](http://www.mops.org) or go to [www.mopsineurope.org](http://www.mopsineurope.org)

### Section 4

*Wakefield Diocesan Resource Centre.* Wakefield Diocese has two resource centres, at Wakefield and Mirfield. For details of opening times and an online catalogue, including a series of packs called *Sticky Fingers*, visit [www.wakefield.anglican.org](http://www.wakefield.anglican.org)  
Write to Church House, 1 South Parade, Wakefield WF1 1LP. Tel: 01924 371802.  
Fax: 01924 364834

*Scripture Union.* *Tiddlywinks* is Scripture Union's comprehensive range of resource books for use in any early years setting. Each *Big Book* gives you 25 multi-purpose outlines providing

ideas for play, prayer, craft, stories and rhymes from which you can pick and choose to meet the particular needs of your group. There's also plenty of practical advice on setting up and running a pre-school group, as well as ideas in every session to help you include adult carers. These high quality, Bible-based resources are specifically designed to help you encourage children in their earliest years to grow in faith. Clearly linked with Early Learning Goals, they will equip you to provide a firm, fun foundation for life. For more information, to view sample pages or to visit the online shop, go to [www.scriptureunion.org.uk/shop](http://www.scriptureunion.org.uk/shop)  
Write to Scripture Union, 207-209 Queensway, Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK2 2EB. Tel: 01908 856000. Fax: 01908 856111.

*Tiddlywinks: The Big Red Book*, Scripture Union, 2002; ISBN 9781859996584.  
Themes covered in *The Big Red Book* are: Christmas is coming (10 outlines); People we meet; Stories Jesus told; God gives us food.

*Tiddlywinks: The Big Orange Book*, Scripture Union, 2004; ISBN 9781859997161.  
Themes covered in *The Big Orange Book* are; God's BIG book (10 outlines); All creatures great and small; Friends of God; Stories of Jesus.

*Tiddlywinks: The Big Yellow Book*, Scripture Union, 2003; ISBN 9781859996928.  
Themes covered in *The Big Yellow Book* are: Easter (10 outlines); God gives us families; Friends of Jesus; What's the weather like?

*Tiddlywinks: The Big Green Book*, Scripture Union, 2003; ISBN 9781859996959.  
Themes covered in *The Big Green Book* are: God's wonderful world (10 outlines); God gives us people; Let's find out about Jesus; God knows when I am feeling... happy, cross, sad, shy, scared.

*Tiddlywinks: The Big Blue Book*, Scripture Union, 2002; ISBN 9781859996577.  
Themes covered in *The Big Blue Book* are: All about me (10 outlines); God gives us .... homes, clothes, food, parties, holidays; People who knew Jesus; Friends of God.

*Tiddlywinks: The Big Purple Book*, Scripture Union, 2004; ISBN 9781859997192.  
Themes covered in *The Big Purple Book* are: Jesus loves me (10 outlines); God loves it when... I make music, sing, dance, look at books, I'm me; Friends and followers; Materials and technology.

Also in the *Tiddlywinks* range:

*Tiddlywinks: Glitter and Glue*, Annette Oliver, Scripture Union, 2002 ISBN 9781859995990.  
Here are 101 craft ideas which are Bible-based, and tried and tested on the age group. The crafts themselves include photocopiable templates where needed, how to prepare, what to do with the children, and a Bible link and idea for talking about it with the children.

*Tiddlywinks: Make and Do*, Scripture Union, 2007 ISBN 9781844272723.  
Art and craft ideas give young children opportunities to express themselves, build confidence and skills, solve problems and explore their emotions. But most importantly, these are ways in which children are able to meet with God and discover the truths of the Bible. With more than 30 types of art and craft, and more than 100 Bible-based activities.

## **Building Blocks TRAINING EXTRAS recommendations**

### **Music time**

*God's Wonderful World/Thank You God For Snails*, Julia Plaut, Kingsway Music 2003; Ref KMCD2472. Re-release on a double music CD. Featuring Julia Plaut, *God's Wonderful World* is one of the most popular worship albums for toddlers and pre-school children and has a real mixture of original songs and innovative modern arrangements of old favourites on the themes of God's character, creativity, praiseworthiness, friendship and reliability. *Thank You God for Snails* has appealing arrangements featuring classical instrumentation, and a mixture of well-known songs.

*Jumping for God*, Julia Plaut, Kingsway Music 2007; Ref CHMCD043.

A new music CD from Julia Plaut. Including appealing arrangements and 16 tracks with some extra backing tracks.

#### **Top tips for storytellers**

*Easy Ways to Bible Fun*, Vicki Howie, BRF 2001; ISBN 9781841011356.

Twelve themed sessions for under-5s, including story basket suggestions, an interactive read-aloud Bible story, music and mime, simple craft and prayers.

*Easy Ways to Seasonal Fun*, Vicki Howie, BRF 2004; ISBN 9781841013428.

A sister title to *Easy Ways to Bible Fun*.

#### **Learning through play**

*Play with a Purpose for Under-Sevens*, EM Matterson, Penguin Books, 1989; ISBN 9780140104936.

*Sharing Jesus with Under Fives*, Janet Gaukroger Christian Focus 2001, op; ISBN 9781857926729 (out of print but available as 'used' from online booksellers).

*Diploma Child Care and Education*, Penny Tassoni, Kate Beith, Harriet Eldridge, Alan Gough, Heinemann, 2002; ISBN 9780435401702.

*Just Playing?*, Janet R Moyles, Open University Press, 1989 (foremost author on the subject, an in-depth look) ISBN 9780335095643.

If you want to read further, many books on child development include chapters on play. Simply have a look in your local library.

[www.bbc.co.uk/parenting/play](http://www.bbc.co.uk/parenting/play) for articles and ideas for great play.

[www.scriptureunion.org.uk/light](http://www.scriptureunion.org.uk/light) for a feature on 'Play and creativity' by Jackie Harding

#### **Worship, the under-5s way**

For further training features on worship, music and singing go to [www.scriptureunion.org.uk/light](http://www.scriptureunion.org.uk/light) and click on 'Bubbles/web resources downloads'

#### **Books**

*Children CAN worship*, Nick Harding, Kevin Mayhew, 1999; ISBN 9781840034349.

*Pretty much everything you need to know about working with under 5s*, Judith Wigley, Scripture Union 2005; ISBN 9781844271146.

*Tiddlywinks: Say and Sing*, Maggie Barfield, ed, Scripture Union, 2006; ISBN 9781844272457.

#### **Music CDs**

*Songs for Little Children*, Ishmael, Kingsway Music, 2004; ISBN/Ref CHMCD024.

A 3 CD set of 43 much-loved songs written and performed by Ishmael.

*I know Jesus loves me too*, Ishmael, Kingsway Music, 2003; ISBN/Ref CHMCD039.

With simple tunes, friendly accompaniments and carefully-selected vocabulary, these songs inspire praise and worship as well as teaching simple Bible truths to little ones.

*God's Wonderful World/Thank You God For Snails*, Julia Plaut, Kingsway Music 2003; ISBN/Ref KMCD2472.

*Jumping for God*, Julia Plaut, Kingsway Music 2007; ISBN/Ref CHMCD043.

*Pre-school Praise 3*, Spring Harvest, ICC Records 2008; ISBN/Ref ICC1163D

This collection of top songs for pre-schoolers features fun and energetic anthems with

simple scriptural messages.

Also available:

*Pre-school Praise 2*, Spring Harvest, ICC Records 2007; ISBN/Ref ICC1043D

*Pre-school Praise 1*, Spring Harvest, ICC Records 2006; ISBN/Ref ICC0943D

*Little Angels*, New Wine, ICC records Ref: 5 ICC0963D

*Little Angels 2 Joyful Worship For Pre-Schoolers*, ICC records Ref: ICC1177D

Designed for a tiny-pop generation, these are Christian worship songs full of energy and fun.

#### **Further recommended resources (not already listed above)**

##### **From Scripture Union**

[www.scriptureunion.org.uk/shop](http://www.scriptureunion.org.uk/shop) or call the Mail Order department on 0845 0706 006

*Bubbles for Leaders* and *Bubbles for Children* (part of the *Light* family of resources)

*Light* is Scripture Union's range of Bible-based learning resources for children, young people and adults. *Light* provides a great mix of tried and tested Bible teaching which is flexible, dynamic, fresh, relevant and fun.

Choose *Bubbles* for 5s and under because it gives leaders the right tools to nurture young children's faith, as they meet God in the Bible; and it uses methods based on play and story to help children develop a personal relationship with God. Published every 3 months, *Bubbles for Leaders* provides 13 Bible-based sessions for groups; *Bubbles for Children* gives you a full-colour A3 activity sheet to go with each session plus bonus sheets of Bible stories and posters.

##### *LightLive*

*LightLive* provides exciting online Bible-based resources for children's, youth and all-age ministry, and puts a wealth of activities and ideas for your work with children and young people at your fingertips. *LightLive* is designed to help you tailor the material available to the specific needs of your group(s). You can:

- Plan and manage your group like never before!
- Access activities and ideas.
- Enrich your programme with multimedia resources.
- Search, save and print – all from one website.
- And so much more...

Through *LightLive* leaders can be inspired and equipped with excellent Bible-based material so that children and young people can meet with God. Over 650 new activities are added to *LightLive* every three months on top of over 10,000 activities already stored in the archive. It is still developing and will keep evolving.

*The Big Bible Storybook*, Maggie Barfield ed, Scripture Union, 2007; ISBN 9781844272280.

Winner of the CBC 'Children's Book of the Year' award 2008.

Start at the beginning of the world and take a wonderful journey, through the Old and New Testaments, to the city of God in Revelation. Meet new friends, travel to exciting places and discover some of the greatest stories ever told. 188 Bible stories for young children and adults to enjoy together.

NEW in September 2008

*The Big Bible Storybook audio book*, Maggie Barfield ed, Scripture Union, 2008; ISBN 9781844273799. Listen to all 188 stories, read by actor Russell Boulter, on 6 CDs with a total running time of 330 minutes.

*The Little Bible Storybook*, Maggie Barfield, Scripture Union, 2007; ISBN 9781844273188.

*The Little Bible Storybook* contains 24 stories from both the Old and New Testament including Adam and Eve, Joseph, and Jesus welcoming the children. This is a chunky multi-page board book that will delight the discerning toddler or young child.

*The Jesus Bible Storybook*, Maggie Barfield, Scripture Union, 2008; ISBN 9781844273515.

24 brief stories in a board book format to help very young children learn about Jesus.

A companion book to *The Little Bible Storybook*, using the same format and style, telling the stories of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection in a few words, with full-colour photographic illustrations.

*Get Ready, Go!* Marjory Francis, Nick and Clare Harding, Scripture Union 2005; ISBN 9781844271320. A brilliant book for those about to start primary school. Using simple words, colourful artwork and fun activities *Get Ready Go!* explains what school is going to be like during the excitement of their first term together. But that's not all, *Get Ready, Go!* comes with a companion guide for parents, packed full of advice on: choosing the right school, parents' evenings, working with your child, looking at school through the eyes of a child, dealing with bullying, leaving your child at the school gates, and much more so that you can help them on their way to primary school.

*Listen with the Bible*, Maggie Barfield, Scripture Union, 2006; ISBN 9781844272433. A double audio CD of 26 lively retold stories from the Bible for children under 8. Ideal storytime listening for: children's groups, any day and every day, home or even on the move. The stories are read by actor Russell Boulter.

#### **From Children's Ministry**

[www.kingsway.co.uk](http://www.kingsway.co.uk) or [www.childrensministry.co.uk](http://www.childrensministry.co.uk)

Children's Ministry, 26-28 Lottbridge Drove, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN23 6NT UK

Tel: +44 (0)1323 437749

Fax: +44 (0)1323 411970

Email: [office@childrensministry.co.uk](mailto:office@childrensministry.co.uk)

*TotZone Year 1: God is so big*, Children's Ministry; ISBN 9781842912737.

Suitable for children eighteen months to three years, this Leader's Guide contains stories, discussion materials, pictures, songs, activities and craft templates that are appropriate for toddlers and pre-school children.

*TotZone Year 2: Thank You God*, Children's Ministry; ISBN 9781842912782.

A second volume of sessions that are ideal for your toddler group, preschool group or under 4s on a Sunday. Each session has a Bible passage at its heart. Includes the Christmas and Easter stories.

*Children's Ministry Guide to Working with under-5s*, Sue Price, Children's Ministry; ISBN 9781842910870. This book encourages churches to assess and improve their under 5s ministry – motivating them to consider how they guide their youngest church members along the first steps of their faith journey, support their church families, and reach out to young families in their community.

*Baby Bible Stories about Jesus*, Robin Currie, FaithKidz; ISBN 9780781402521.

These specially selected stories and brightly coloured illustrations provide an age-appropriate, simple approach to teaching toddlers about Jesus. Each story includes activities that will involve your child in the story, and a brief prayer to pray. Learning about Jesus will be fun!

*The Baby Bible Storybook*, Robin Currie, FaithKidz; ISBN 9780781400763.

Here are 23 favourite Bible stories in which children can enthusiastically participate using hand motions and other fun activities. Use it in Sunday school, children's church, at home—any time you want to present the appealing concepts and values that form the foundation of faith in kids' hearts.

*More Baby Bible Stories*, Robin Currie, FaithKidz; ISBN 9780781435284.

Young children will enthusiastically participate in learning about the twenty two Bible stories found in *More Baby Bible Stories*. Hand motions, and other activities as well as full colour illustrations will help reinforce each Bible story.

*Nursery Time*, Children's Ministry; ISBN 9780781440554.

Designed to give babies and toddlers the comforts of a safe Christian environment from the

very beginning. *Nursery Time* includes: 30+ reproducible pages for easy training; practical, stimulating posters for easy reference in the nursery; parent take-home materials to build foundation of faith; answers to over 180 questions; themes with age-appropriate Bible stories and activities; music CD with endearing, soothing Christ-centred lullabies.

*Baby Bible Teach Me to Sing and Pray*, Robin Currie, FaithKidz; ISBN 9780781435161.

This board book introduces toddlers to songs and prayers that will help them learn how to express worship to God. Verses are simple-to-learn verses and the fun activities are geared to the child's age level. Brightly coloured illustrations demonstrate how other children sing and pray, too, providing an example of how we worship God in everyday activities, not just on Sundays.

*Children's Praise and Worship for Under-5s*, Kingsway Music; CD Ref: CHMCD012.

A CD of 18 well-loved and new songs that are particularly appropriate for preschoolers. Includes songs by Ishmael, Julia Plaut and others. With under 5s you will probably want to sing along to the full version, but the CD includes bonus backing tracks that you can use during praise times as well!

### **From Wakefield Diocesan Resource Centre**

[www.wakefield.anglican.org](http://www.wakefield.anglican.org) Church House, 1 South Parade, Wakefield WF1 1LP;  
Tel: 01924 371802; Fax: 01924 364834

*We welcome you*, Pam Priestley and Judith Wigley

A training resource pack for parishes who wish to take seriously their commitment towards baptism families.

*Ideas for Christmas*, Judith Wigley

*Ideas for Easter*, Judith Wigley

*Ideas for Pentecost*, Judith Wigley

*Ideas for Harvest*, Judith Wigley, Moira Burns and Pam Priestley

These booklets are full of ideas for Under-5s groups everywhere. Each contains different ways to tell the festival stories, songs and rhyme ideas, creative prayer ideas, craft ideas (and templates) and much more!

*Songs for Little Singers*, compiled by Judith Wigley

*More Songs for Little Singers*, compiled by Judith Wigley

Both booklets are easy to pick up and use. The songs are based on nursery rhyme tunes so very easy for everyone to learn. They cover all the major festivals plus have sections on songs about Bible stories, Jesus and God, Praise, Thanksgiving and prayer. Both have ideas to sing with instruments. With songs and ideas from the parishes of the Diocese of Wakefield (with permission granted).

### **Diocesan Resource Centres**

Wakefield is one of many Diocesan Resource Centres around the UK. To find a centre near you, put 'diocesan resource centre' into an Internet search engine such as *Google*. Also check out the Resource Centres Network ([www.recentres.org.uk](http://www.recentres.org.uk)) which includes schools and county centres as well as church-linked ones.