



# Kids Ministry E-News

## August 2011

‘Just as parents are kind to their children, the Lord is kind to all who worship him.’  
Psalm 103:13 (CEV)

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For more information, our website is [www.children.baptistnsw.asn.au](http://www.children.baptistnsw.asn.au)

### REVIVE IS ALMOST HERE

Many kids and adults are looking forward to Revive this year. If you haven't registered or bought tickets yet, NOW is the time to do that at [www.revive.org.au](http://www.revive.org.au). If you're buying tickets for your kids group they will be posted out, so do it now to avoid last minute rush. Unused tickets can be refunded.



At all the daytime activities on the Saturday there's a place for kids. Saturday afternoon is a chance to grab some valuable family time growing together in many ways including spiritually. That's something worth taking time out for.

**Kids Group Leaders** can get tickets NOW to bring kids aged 7-14 years to KidsCan ministry fair on Saturday morning. Kids need to bring their own morning tea. Order online.

Tammy Tolman and the Collide team will involve all ages through drama, singing, activities and more 2pm – 3.15pm. Come as a family, a small group or as a church.

If you haven't been part of a well run TEAR simulation game before, drop all you had planned and be there at 3.30. It's relational, active, educational and challenging for people of all ages. If you were part of it 3 years ago, bring some friends with you and enjoy it again. Brilliant for families, and everyone from 2-100.

**The children and families events at Revive are to make it easy for you and your friends to grow closer to God, no matter where you, and they, find themselves now.**

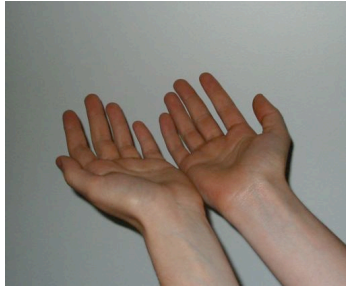
### REVIVE IS ALMOST HERE

**SEE YOU AT REVIVE**

**FRIDAY 26 AUGUST GOOD TIMES AT PLAYTIME**

**SATURDAY 27 AUGUST KIDSCAN AND FAMILY EVENTS**

## EXPLORING ALL AGES WORSHIP



**There is still room for you at the Exploring All Ages Worship Seminar on Tuesday 23 August at the Baptist Minsitry Centre 9.30 – 12 noon.**

**RSVPs are essential. For more information call (02) 48434083**

**Beth Barnett** Children and Families Ministry Leader from the **Baptist Union of Victoria** will be leading worship that is appropriate for all ages from 9.30 – 10am (its devotions time at the Baptist Union), Then there'll be an informal time to debrief with others over morning tea, afterwhich Beth will help interested pastors

and kids ministry leaders explore various elements of doing church with all ages together, sharing ideas and experiences and discussing challenges. Could your church benefit from being involved in this?

**If you're thinking about or experimenting with different ways of including children in your worship services, or if you would like to help others by sharing your experiences, this is a good opportunity.**

## HOW TO DISCIPLE KIDS WHO 'ALREADY KNOW IT ALL'

Some make a point of acting bored, some are a real distraction, some are a bigger challenge than you need in a group. Here's a helpful article on How to disciple kids who 'already know it all' <http://ministry-to-children.com/reaching-over-churched-kids>

## GETTING THE SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

**Have you heard of kids ministry leaders who struggle to get the support of their senior pastor? Sometimes they expect the interest should automatically be there. If it's not, you have a role in developing it. Here are two suggestions, a paraphrase from an article in Children's Ministry magazine.**

**Communication** -- Be relentless in presenting your ministry's accomplishments and needs. At a minimum, keep your pastor informed through a monthly report, either at staff meetings or in writing. Include prayer requests for people or situations you're concerned about. Give your pastor and other leaders a copy of every flier and letter you send out. Let them know when there's a family in crisis.. Keeping your pastor informed also expresses your support of his ministry.

**Proactive involvement** – Invite the leadership team to every event and sometimes give them jobs to do like the official welcome or prayer. You're all on the same team, so be a team!

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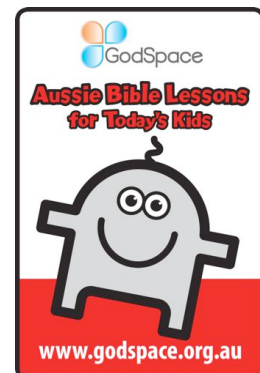
## GODSPACE NEWS



curriculum that's Bible-based, relevant, engaging and encourages leaders/teachers to teach through relationships. Afterall, Christianity is all about a relationship, so it's important to model that.

Feed back on the GodSpace lessons continues to encourage us enormously. People love the way it's realistic for kids in public schools.

If you don't know about GodSpace, it's the all Australian outreach



To find out more [www.godspace.org.au](http://www.godspace.org.au)

**Revive registrations are open 24/7 at [www.revive.org.au](http://www.revive.org.au)**

## CHAPLAINCY CHALLENGE

The High Court challenge to federally funded chaplaincy will be heard next week. We are asked to join with Christians all over Australia in praying

- for wisdom for the defense legal team, and for the judges hearing the case.
- that the decision of the High Court will not have a detrimental impact on the wellbeing of school communities.
- for encouragement for local chaplains, and their support teams, as they continue to provide excellent care for the staff, students and parents in their school communities.

## SAFE CHURCHES TRAINING

**If you haven't done a Creating Safe Spaces course yet or you're due for a refresher, go to the safe church website for the training calendar.** Training is scheduled in August at Gordon, Jesmond, Boambee, Parramatta, Wyong, Nowra, Illawong and in September at Scone, Weston, Ingleburn, Goulburn, Griffiths, Bodalla and Braidwood.

## UNIQUE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY



### ACTIVATE Leadership Conference

If you only have one day to give to be inspired and equipped for ministry...

**Saturday 24 September** Bring your kids ministry team to an exciting one day conference.

**If you have kids in years 3-5 they can be part of the Director's Cut kids camp** which runs the same time as the Activate residential conference. For more information [www.thetops.com.au](http://www.thetops.com.au).

**Sunday 25 – Wednesday 28 September 2011** 4 day residential conference. Participants get to see first class kids ministry at the Director's Cut kids camp, have a go at something they haven't done before in a safe and supportive atmosphere, and be mentored in their kids ministry leadership role by an impressive team including the conference speakers. **This is training at its best.**

More information online at [www.thetops.com.au](http://www.thetops.com.au)

## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES MINISTRIES CALENDAR

Visit [www.children.baptistnsw.asn.au](http://www.children.baptistnsw.asn.au) for dates and details of events and to download flyers when they're ready.

**Is there someone you should tell about one or more of these events?**

8 August Central Coast SRE Resources Day

13 August Cooma SRE Training Day Modules 2 & 3

19 August 2011 Toolbox Parenting Facilitator Training, Merrylands Baptist

<http://www.Parentsinc.org.au>

23 August Exploring All Ages Worship with Beth Barnett, Baptist Ministry Centre

### **26-27 August REVIVE at Olympic Park**

26 August Giant Playtime, Sydney Showground, Olympic Park

27 August KidsCan and Family Faith Adventure see [www.revive.org.au](http://www.revive.org.au)

24 September Activate One Day Conference, Stanwell Tops

25-28 September Activate Leadership Training, Stanwell Tops

### **National Children's Week 22-30 October**

2 November SRE Training New Vine Baptist, Marylands (Newcastle) Modules 3 & 4

4 November SRE Training, Dubbo

4-5 November Central West Catalyst, Dubbo Baptist



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