

oKia
Tipu TO GROW

sunz children's ministry training

CHRISTCHURCH

This year our Kia Tipu - to Grow children's ministry conferences will explore how we can help children and families experience God's Good News transforming their lives and that of their communities, bringing hope for the future.

Registrations are open now. Choose from a range of workshops, please choose ONE workshop from each session.

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Workshop A 10:45-11:45	Workshop B 11:50 - 12:50	Workshop C 1:30 - 2:30
<p>A1 FAITH FORMATION* - Learn what to expect from children of different ages and stages of development and how to meet them where they are. Led by Liz Eichler</p>	<p>B1 BEING OUR BEST* - Practical ideas and strategies to encourage positive behaviour in our programmes, particularly with those who struggle in structured environments. Led by Nigel Winder</p>	<p>C1 HOOK INTO THE BOOK* - The Bible is an exciting but challenging book! Explore creative and innovative ways to bring the Bible to life, and encourage children to encounter God. Led by Nigel Winder</p>
<p>A2 GENERATIONS CONNECTING IN FAITH - Why have all generations sharing, learning and worshipping together? How do we do it. Led by Andrew Ramsbottom</p>	<p>B2 TELL IT LIKE IT IS* - Story telling is a vital tool for anyone working with children. Explore how to make this essential part of any programme exciting and memorable. Led by Andrew Ramsbottom</p>	<p>C2 PRAYER ZONE* - Experience a range of different ways to pray to help children and families develop a deep relationship with God. Led by Andrea</p>
<p>A3 HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES - a way of connecting and caring for children and families in your community. This interactive workshop will equip you with structure and support to get started. Led by Steph Wood</p>	<p>B3 NUTURING LITTLE HEARTS FOR BIG FAITH - Let's explore what a God-connected pre-schooler looks like, and nurture a sense of belonging, curiosity, and relationship with Jesus. Led by Tara Morris</p>	<p>C3 FAITH OUTSIDE! - Creation is bursting with opportunities for rich connection with our Creator; join us to explore how to facilitate these opportunities with our Tamariki and Rangatahi! Led by Jayden Meads</p>
<p>A4 NEURO-DIVERSITY - Embracing neurodiversity in children's ministry by creating inclusive supportive spaces where every child is valued, understood and encouraged to grow in faith. Led by Andrea Lukin</p>	<p>B4 INTERMEDIATE-YEARS - Ministry in the intermediate age bracket - what special skills are required for connecting and relating well to those traversing this life-stage between being children and teenagers? - Led by Larissa Pearce</p>	<p>C4 SUSTAINABLE CRAFTS - Ways to use recycled materials and "found" objects to help illustrate Bible stories, and foster connections with God and each other. Led by Liz Eichler</p>

*These workshops are great if you're new to children's ministry or looking to refresh your thinking and practice

OUR WORKSHOP PRESENTERS FOR CHRISTCHURCH



Andrew Ramsbottom

Andrew works for Scripture Union in the Children and Families team, based in Auckland. He left school teaching to work for Scripture Union. He's experienced in biblical storytelling and has a particular interest in all-age (intergenerational) church.



Andrea Lukin

Andrea is the SUNZ Children and Families Consultant for the Wellington area.

Prior to this, she was involved in pastoring local churches for 30 years. Andrea is passionate about equipping parents to bring faith into their homes and helping families with discipleship. In her spare time, she enjoys upcycling school desks and chairs, doing macrame, knitting socks, and making earrings from innertube tyres.



Nigel Winder

Nigel is the SUNZ Children and Families Consultant for the Otago/Southland region. He loves opening the Bible with children and young people of all ages, helping them to grow as disciples of Jesus. He also works two days a week for his church. In his spare time, he grows vegetables to feed his family.



Liz Eichler

Liz works for Scripture Union as the Children and Families Team Leader. She thinks a lot about what 21st century church could look like. In her 'spare' time, she tries to swim, walk and knit, though not all at once! She also likes to recycle to the 'nth' degree.



Jayden Meads

Jayden works for Scripture Union as the South Island Camps Facilitator. Experiential learning is something he loves to use with the young people he works with. When Jayden isn't working he is either out on a run or hanging out with friends. He also loves finding live music to listen to.



Larissa Pearce

Larissa is married to Paul and mum to Sarah and Joshua. She started in youth ministry as a teenager, and after a decade teaching in early childhood God called Larissa to ministry in Dunedin. 8 years on Dunedin is still home, and she has been blessed with real world experience of how God uses every situation for His purpose.



Tara Morris

Tara serves as the Children and Families Pastor at St Albans Baptist and is an ECE teacher. She is passionate about creating spaces where children feel safe, belong, and can confidently explore their faith—developing their own relationship with Jesus and experiencing the Holy Spirit at any age. Tara also loves to craft, especially quilting and embroidery, and paddleboarding.



Steph Wood

Steph is married to Murray and they have three children. She has worked as a primary school teacher, a Playcentre supervisor and a holiday programme coordinator. Steph leads the Children and Families ministry at Ilam Baptist Church. When not in work mode you can find her out in nature, reading and/or enjoying a quiet coffee.



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