

faith journeys

with children & families

Help for getting the **direction**
right in your church

midst

Jesus placed a child in their midst

A Review/Consultancy with Phillip Day

- Children's & Family Ministry Specialist with Scripture Union Victoria
- Phil has 38 years of experience of ministry in a variety of teaching, ministry and leadership roles ... missions, schools ministry, a large regional church, small country and urban churches, CRE, MOPS, play groups, kindergartens.

What others have said about Phillip

"Creative, inspiring, diverse, lateral, inclusive and interactive. He is able to articulate in words what we have felt and know for years but have been struggling to express and put into action".

"Phil's understanding of children in the community of faith is something he has obviously given a great deal of time and research to. We've learnt how valuable it is to learn/worship/grow WITH children. In terms of looking at the church, we have reversed the culture away from individual and 'nuclear' family towards being a faith community! People look at us and say "We want that!"

- For Phil's bio and resume, please go to <http://midst.suvic.org.au/about/phil/> (or, if you are viewing an interactive pdf try clicking on it.)

The benefits to you:

- An independent consultancy ... utilising Phil's experience, expertise, underpinning skills and knowledge related to this key ministry area.
- Help ... in a task that most churches find challenging, particularly smaller churches who do not have the resources to apply the right tools.
- Access ... to an over view of what is happening in other churches and denominations.
- A short to mid term consultancy ... providing on hand expertise without the need for a long term financial or administrative commitment.

We are at a Crossroad ...

Faith in the home:

Research shows that if we lead, model, train resource and equip parents to lovingly and consistently nurture their own children in life and faith then children are more likely stay with their faith and become “Spiritual Champions”. (Barna: Transforming Children into Spiritual Champions. 2006)

Children in the church:

The challenge of nurturing faith in tomorrow’s leaders is enormous for every generation. Many children aren’t making the transition to being adult worshippers in our church congregations, either traditional or emergent, but instead have learnt to leave our celebrations of worship. (Beckwith, Post Modern Children’s Ministry)

The Church’s connection with it’s community:

The church was once a main centre of the community’s life. Today, schools are have become an important focus of community. Churches need to be able to develop models of evangelism that connect into, serve and engage their local school communities. Learning to do this is teachable! (SUVictoria, ELEVATE programs)

How effective and sustainable is ministry to children and families in your church?

- ☐ Do you need assistance to evaluate your current model of ministry?
- ☐ Do your Children’s Ministry Team need an encouraging boost and support with your vision?
- ☐ Would you like training to implement strategy?
- ☐ Do you need ideas and a strategic thinker to help with your Family Faith Directions and programs?
- ☐ Just don’t have access to the right resources you need?

An individualised approach based on your requirements could involve:

- ☐ Prayer ... a commitment to listen to God with you and your team to discern ways forward in your journey with children and families.
- ☐ Consultancy tools ... to help you and your team evaluate your current situation and/or models of ministry.
- ☐ A hands-on approach ... including on-site visits and involvement in your programs both as observer and contributor as required.
- ☐ Engagement ... with all your key stakeholders in this area
- ☐ Training ... as negotiated, for your children’s ministry team
- ☐ Teaching ... for your church on faith development of children and the church and family’s role in nurturing faith
- ☐ Clear recommendations ... for a sustainable children’s and families ministry program in your church

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- ☐ Please call for an obligation free meeting and discussion about whether this model of consultancy would suit your context. The costs to you can be negotiated at this meeting.