

Phil Day

Children and Families Ministry Specialist



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Bio for promotional purposes

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Version 1 (38 words: General focus)

Phil has 38 years of experience of ministry in a variety of teaching, ministry and leadership roles ... urban and beach missions, schools ministry, a large regional church, small country and urban churches, CRE, MOPS, play groups and kindergartens.

Version 2 (98 words: General focus)

Phillip Day has been a volunteer or a staff member with Scripture Union for around 35 years. He has been a Children & Families pastor in large and small churches and has played a variety of leadership roles in mission & holiday programs, helping children and their families to follow Jesus. Married to Keren, they have two children Tess (15) and Georgia (13). Phillip enjoys exploring new ways to incorporate the visual and performing arts in communicating God's Good News in a variety of contexts including schools, evangelistic outreach programs, multi-age celebrations of worship and multi-age learning experiences.

Version 3 (141 words: Experience focus)

Phil has been a volunteer or a staff member with SU Victoria for over 36 years. He has been a Children's & Family Pastor/Worker in both a large regional and small urban churches. Phil has also played a variety of teaching, ministry and leadership roles in school's ministry, mission & holiday programs, helping children and their families to follow Jesus.

Married to Keren, they have two children Tess (15) and Georgia (13). They all continue to be Phil's chief fans and best critics.

Phillip has a strong commitment to evangelism in schools, integrated models of worshipping and learning with children; training and resourcing parents and advocacy for children.

He enjoys exploring new ways to incorporate the visual and performing arts in a variety of learning contexts in order for people to discover the Good News about Jesus and God's love for them.

Version 4 (134 words: Evangelism focus)

Phillip has been a volunteer and staff member with Scripture Union for over 30 years. In that time he has shared Jesus in beach mission, school, church, Sunday School and holiday club situations to thousands of children. He has been a Children's & Family Pastor/Worker in large and small churches and has enjoyed the privilege of seeing many children respond to Jesus and express their faith and trust in Him. Married to Keren, they have two Children Tess (15) and Georgia (13) who continue to be both his fans and critics. Phillip shares his passion for ministry with children as he speaks to a wide range of people in church and mission contexts. He enjoys exploring new ways to incorporate the visual and performing arts in communicating God's Good News to those around him.

Version 5 (224 words: SU mission focus)

I have been a volunteer and staff member with Scripture Union for over 36 years starting as a teenager on Queenscliff CSSM when I was 17. That experience changed my life and my life's direction. I have shared Jesus with thousands of children and families since having taken part in 34 SU missions and camps, directing 23 of these. I have been a Children's & Family Pastor in large and small churches and have loved the privilege of seeing many children and adults respond to Jesus and express their faith and trust in Him.

I am married to Keren, and we have two children, Tess (15) and Georgia (13). They continue to be both my chief fans and best critics.

Currently I am on staff with Scripture Union Victoria as the statewide Children and Families Ministry Specialist having been in this role now for over four years. Check out my ministry pages on SUs web site: www.suvic.org.au/phil

I have a passion for ministry with children and I love teaching ministry skills and concepts to a wide range of people in church and mission contexts. I conduct reviews and consultations in a range of contexts. I particularly enjoy exploring new ways to incorporate the visual and performing arts in communicating God's Good News through the drama and the story of the Bible.

Version 6 (287 words: Worshipping with Children in our MIDST focus)

Phillip Day has been a volunteer or a staff member with Scripture Union for over 30 years. He has been a Children's & Family pastor in large and small churches and has played a variety of leadership roles in mission & holiday programs, helping children and their families to follow Jesus. Married to Keren, they have two children Tess (15) and Georgia (13). Phillip enjoys exploring new ways to incorporate the visual and performing arts in communicating God's Good News as part of corporate worship and other learning experiences.

Four of his top ideas when it comes to worshipping with children include:

1. Gather children to your laps for cuddles & participation for the BIG 4 Worship activities ...music/singing/dancing ... Bible readings ... prayer ... communion. Provide quiet, supportive resources for your child around these activities.
2. Creche & Foyer: Use For Recovery Only! ... make sure all the quiet, interesting, yummy, fun, colourful things are in the worship area with the family of God.
3. The 'Mosh Pit' of Worship ... make sure your families with children sit with a clear view of the action. This will surround children with the culture you would love them to absorb in order for them to learn and grow into worship.
4. Don't do it for parents! ... encourage parents in their responsibilities of parenting and help them with the ideas, teaching and resources they need to be great parents and the spiritual leaders they can be for their own children. Train parents in a diverse range of topics from discipline in the home to understanding the faith journey of children; from active listening to their children to helping their children to respond to God.

Phillip would be more than happy to discuss these concepts with you.

Quotes about Phil

"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!"