

# Ministry

## Children's

SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIANS

Jan - Feb 2026

Upcoming  
events

## MINISTRY TRAINING

Facilitated by



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REGISTER HERE



**14**  
FEB

9 am - 3 pm

First Church  
Dunedin

FREE

This training is great for **anyone** involved in  
Children's Ministry!

## Training Event

## 2026

Saturday

2 May 2026

First Church, Dunedin

## Messy Church



### Event description

Have you ever wondered 'what is Messy Church'?

What is its purpose, and why is it popping up all over Aotearoa New Zealand and around the globe? What is it about Messy Church that keeps families and all ages coming back, learning about Jesus and finding a wonderful Christian community to belong to?

The Messy Church Training Day is an opportunity to learn from members of the MC National Team and discover the values of Messy Church and how to run it in your church context.

The training day will be from 9.30am to 2.30pm on Saturday, followed by a 'Messy Church' event at 4-6pm to experience what Messy Church is all about.

**REGISTRATION  
OPENING SOON!**



Save the date



## NZ Masterclass 2026

Join us and Messy Churches from across Aotearoa NZ for our 2026 Masterclasses. Held 4 times a year on a Tuesday via zoom at 1pm and 7pm.

**10 MARCH**  
**12 MAY**  
**25 AUGUST**  
**27 OCTOBER**

To register, email  
jocelyn@messychurch.nz

Please indicate which  
time Zoom session you  
are attending  
on your registration  
email.

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## Retreat 2026 BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION COURSE



**YOUNG PEOPLE**  
**YR 7 - 10**  
**11-13 SEP 2026**  
**CAMP COLUMBA**



General



WHAT, WHY & WHO

TEMPLATE DOCS

FAQ

To book a training session  
for your church

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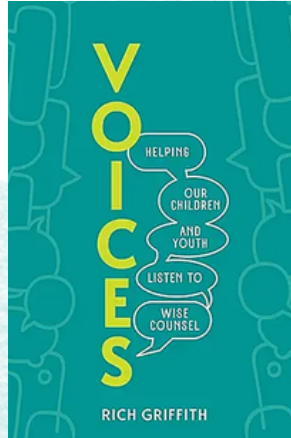


## Good read

### Book



### Article



Youth and children's ministries have become professionalized to the point where parents feel ill-equipped to disciple their children. Our culture has become so fast-paced and loud that children and youth are finding it difficult to find their own voice. *Voices* helps parents and those working with children and youth take a look at the various voices speaking into and forming the developing worldview of our young. Dr. Griffith encourages us to look at these various voices through the lenses of time, transparency, and trust.



### 15 Best Ways To Make Children's Ministry More Inviting

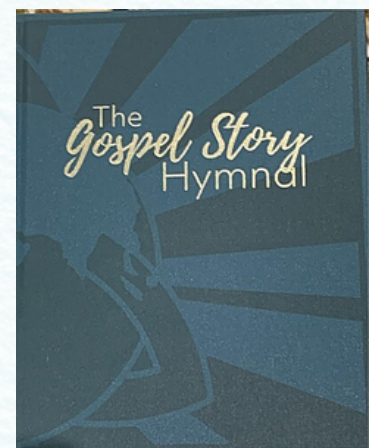
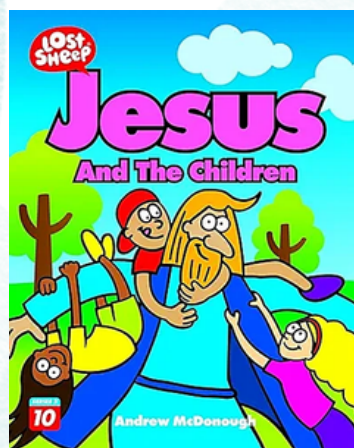
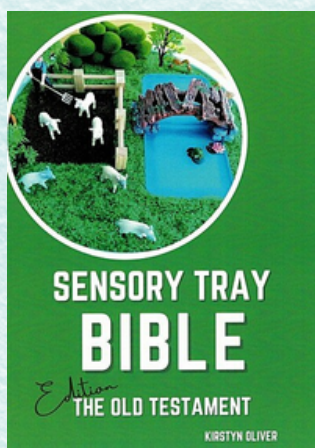
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