

# ALM Children's Ministry Training

Date & Time	Session Plan
Sat 29/4/23 9am – 1pm Clayton House, Blackburn	<b>Discipling Children</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>How Children Learn</i>: Considering some of the theories surrounding how children learn and develop, and how these theories relate to children learning about faith.</li> <li>• <i>Developing Spirituality</i>: Unpacking theories of faith development from birth to adulthood. Explore children's spirituality and reflect on how we can create opportunities to enable this to grow.</li> <li>• <i>Children's Culture and Influences</i>: Understanding the breadth of personal, social and environmental relationships and the influences they have upon the child. Explore the culture of children today, including film, media and literature, and how this can be used effectively to engage with and disciple children.</li> <li>• <i>Creative Methods of Delivery</i>: Exploring a breadth of creative teaching and delivery methods and materials to help children understand scripture and engage in prayer.</li> </ul>
Thurs 4/5/23 7 – 9pm Clayton House, Blackburn	<b>Welcoming Children with Additional Needs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Considering how we welcome and support children with additional needs into our children's groups and worshipping communities.</li> </ul>
Thurs 18/5/23 7 – 9pm Clayton House, Blackburn	<b>Toddler Group Ministry</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exploring the potential for sustained church growth if the church nurtures the faith of under-fives and their parents.</li> </ul>
Thurs 25/5/23 7 – 9pm Clayton House, Blackburn	<b>Making our Children's Ministry Appealing to Boys</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflection and practical ideas on how we can help boys (who are often under-represented in church) engage with God, the Bible and prayer.</li> </ul>
Sat 10/6/23 9am – 1pm Clayton House, Blackburn	<b>Children and Worship</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Children's Worship Experiences</i>: Considering how children encounter worship in school, and the wider community, and reflecting on how this is similar or different to worship in church?</li> <li>• <i>Engaging and Including Children in Worship</i>: Identifying factors which help and hinder children in their engagement in worship. Considering how the experience of children's worship may help us to devise an act of worship that is inclusive of children.</li> <li>• <i>Practical Ideas to Engage and Include Children in Worship</i>: Researching suitable materials available for planning worship with children. Devise an act of worship suitable for a children's group and / or for an All-Age congregation, reflecting on the principles and practicalities.</li> <li>• <i>Mission and Outreach</i>; Exploring the best way to approach engaging with children and families in your local area so they have opportunity to go on their own personal journey of faith. Considering initiatives such as Messy Church, Sports Ministry, Holiday Clubs, Who Let the Dad's Out, etc. and how these may meet the needs of your community.</li> </ul>