



Workshop Handout

The Spiritual Growth of Children (and Adults!) in Intergenerational Worship

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Children are natural worshippers and enjoy engaging in spiritual practices alongside and with the support of the adults around them. Adults, as well, benefit from experiencing worship with children in the ways that Jesus recognized as he called the children to him. Intergenerational worship can be the water of life for everyone! But how can all ages mature in their faith together when each approaches worship from a different developmental stage? In this workshop, we will examine recent research on spiritual growth and its benefits from Dr. Lisa Miller, author of "The Spiritual Child." Participants will learn about how a culture of intergenerational, transformational worship and ministry can support the maturation of children and youth that will affect their journey into adolescence and adulthood in positive ways.

Books

Engage All Generations: A Strategic Toolkit for Creating Intergenerational Faith Communities
Cory Seibel, Abilene Christian University Press, 2021

I Wonder: Engaging a Child's Curiosity About the Bible
Elizabeth Caldwell, Abingdon Press, 2016

Intergenerational Christian Formation: Bringing the Whole Church Together in Ministry, Community, and Worship
Holly Catterton Allen, Christine Lawton, and Cory Seibel, IVP Academic, 2023

Microaggressions In Ministry: Confronting the Hidden Violence of Everyday Church
Cody J. Sanders and Angela Yarber, Westminster John Knox Press, 2015

Radical Welcome: Embracing God, The Other, and the Spirit of Transformation, 15th Anniversary Edition
Stephanie Spellers, Morehouse Publishing, 2021

The Spiritual Child: The New Science on Parenting for Health and Lifelong Thriving
Dr. Lisa Miller, Picador, 2016

Trust Kids! Stories on Youth Autonomy and Confronting Adult Supremacy
carla bergman, AK Press, 2022

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Websites

Child Liberation Theology

R.L. Stollar

<https://rlstollar.com/child-liberation-theology/>

Lifelong Faith Associates

John Roberto, Leif Kerhwald

<https://www.lifelongfaith.com/insights--practices.html>

Real Kids Real Faith

Karen-Marie Yust

<https://www.realkidsrealfaith.org/>

Blogs

refocus Ministry

Christina Embree

<https://refocusministry.org/blog/>

Miscellaneous Resources

Preaching Homilies for Children

Prof. Ann Garrido, D.Min., Boston College

https://www.bc.edu/content/dam/bc1/schools/stm/continuing_education/crossroads/touchstones/

[Preaching Transcripts/TS_Special_Children_final.pdf](#)

Community Covenant for Intergenerational Worship

Theresa Cho

<https://stjohnscommunity.wordpress.com/2011/01/04/community-covenant/>

Webinar Recording

Kids in Worship: The Playground

Practical Resources for Churches

<https://www.prcli.org/event/kids-in-worship-the-playground/>

TV Series

The Chosen, Season 1 Episode 3: Jesus Loves the Children

Amazon Prime Video, Netflix, and other streaming services