

Toddler Groups

A Growing Faith Network

2023-2024 information



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Date	Activity	Theme
Monday 18 th September 2023 1-2:30pm	Input session 1	Exploring my role through the Growing Faith lens
Monday 16 th October 2023 1-2:30pm	Input session 2	Church
Monday 20 th November 2023 1-2pm	Breakout session 1 – sharing, supporting and learning together	
Monday 8 th January 2024 1-2:30pm	Input session 3	School
Monday 5 th February 2024 1-2pm	Breakout session 2 - sharing, supporting and learning together	
Monday 15 th April 2024 1-2:30pm	Input session 4	Home
Monday 13 th May 2024 1-2pm	Breakout session 3 - sharing, supporting and learning together	
Monday 17 th June 2024 1-2:30pm	Input session 5	Sharing stories – celebration and what’s next
Monday 15 th July 2024 1-2pm	Breakout session 4 - sharing, supporting and learning together	

Who are we?

The network is formed of people who lead toddler groups. We meet in order to:

- Increase our **understanding** of Growing Faith and the contribution our roles currently and potentially make through our work with children and young people, families, schools and churches
- Explore **themes relevant to our ministry and Growing Faith** together and **learn from each other**
- Provide **peer support in a safe space**, including encouragement, ideas, resource-sharing and prayer
- Engage in critical **reflections and challenge** with one another

How do we connect?

9 sessions per year on Zoom (facilitated by the Foundation):

Principles

- We have an ‘accompanier’ – a member of the local church who agrees to join us in this network
- Other members of the toddler group team and parents are also welcome to join us
- We can bring our lunch to meetings
- We might have young children playing in the background, and that is fine!

What are our aims?

We hope that:

- We will **gather regularly and build long-term, supportive relationships**
- We will understand the Growing Faith commitment and how and where we are contributing, and that this **knowledge will help us in our ministry**
- We will **share our knowledge, experience, resources and skills** for the common good of the group, and ultimately the benefit of the children and families we serve
- We will **learn together and encourage one another**
- We will work increasingly in **collaboration to support the spiritual flourishing** of the communities we serve

Can I join in?

Yes! You are so welcome.

"BUT I'm a volunteer...."

"BUT I'm not in the Church of England..."

"BUT I've not done this kind of thing online before"

"BUT I'm not the leader...."

"BUT there's another toddler support group I am involved in"

"BUT I have young children, I'd need to join the call with them in the background"

"BUT it's lunchtime, I'd need to eat whilst on the call"

.....**YES! You are welcome!**

This network is for you and wouldn't be as good without you! Do join us by filling in [this form](#)