



The MethodistChildren Destinations

1. Good and growing children's work; a culture in the Church which encourages the participation of children and communicates about God and faith in ways that make sense to all ages.
2. Accepted guidelines on the training, employment, conditions of service, expectations and support of both voluntary and paid workers with children and young families.
3. An enthusiastic network of children's workers, who feel affirmed and well resourced by their local church, with plenty of opportunities to share ideas and experience about the variety of children's activities, including new and fresh ways, in which a local church can be involved.
4. High quality accessible training for all involved in children's work.
5. Increasing participation of children in well-led, God-centred worship and prayer.
6. Quality help for children of all ages, cultures and abilities to learn about and develop confidence in the Christian faith, the Bible, being part of the Church and Christian living.
7. Activities that help children to develop a lively and searching approach to values and attitudes in their faith and in society
8. Children's work as part of the development plan in every circuit, appropriate to their situation and resources.
9. Creative collaboration with other agencies and organisations concerned with children.
10. JMA, World Action and NCH visible in every Methodist Church in Britain and support for their work in community development and action for justice.

Some Questions about the Destinations for children's groups

The numbers in brackets after the questions relate to the Destinations above

What is 'good and growing children's work'? What is good about the children's work in your church? (1)

What 'new and fresh' things might your church do with or for children? (3)

What do children's workers need to be good at? What should be in 'high quality training'? (4)

How could children participate in well-led worship and prayer? (5)

What Christian things are easy to talk about? Which are hard? (6)

Make a list of good and bad things you see in the world, near or far. Then list things that Christians might do to celebrate or change some of them. (7)

Thinking about children who don't get involved with church things, what would make them interested? (8)

Who should we be linking up with? (9)

What do you know about JMA, World Action or NCH? What can you see of them in your church? Think of new ways to learn, pray or serve using them. (10)