



# Giving Good Feedback to Parents

How can I feedback well to parents and carers?

\*Like good communication, good feedback to parents and carers about what their child has been doing honours them in their role as primary disciplers. It also helps them understand what their child or young person has been doing and can give them ideas for supporting their kids' spiritual lives at home.\*

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## Key Ideas

- **This could be feedback at the end of a Sunday group, youth group, school club, holiday club.** It could be feedback to parents and carers who are regular attenders, or it could be feedback to parents and carers who are new to faith or don't seem to have any faith - or even have another faith.
- **Depending on your situation, there's a variety of ways to do this.** In-person (maybe quickly); email/whatsapp; handout/board at the end of a session; a termly catch up; joining for the last few minutes of a session. There are ideas for how to do that well here.
- **It's important that you make any feedback manageable for you and not overwhelming for the parents and carers.** So you might feedback weekly, but it might be less frequently.

- **When you feedback, think about the following:**
  - Don't just talk about what you did (the activity), but include the key learning. For example, don't simply say we looked at the story of Noah, but 'we thought about Noah and how he might have doubted when he was stuck on the ark for so long'. Or not simply that you talked about the Bible, but that 'we asked and answered questions about if the Bible is true and how do we know'.
  - If appropriate, include how the kids engaged with God: e.g. 'We spent time chatting to God about things we find hard to believe.'
  - Include ideas for exploring this at home e.g. asking parents or carers to share a story of a time you doubted God. What happened? Or 'this video is a great intro to the ideas we talked about'.
  - You might want to watch this video from the Parenting for Faith website about feedback that helps parents and carers work out how to continue with their kid's experience simply and easily.
  - You might also want to suggest a 'conversation starter' for families to use at home that explores the same ideas as you talked about in the group - there is a free download of 101 questions to ask your kid to spark an interesting conversation on the Parenting for Faith website that will help you get started with this.

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#### FIND OUT MORE

- › Giving parents "next steps" at the door
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#### SPACE FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

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