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CONVERSATION GUIDE

WHAT ABOUT CHILDREN'S SERMONS?

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CONVERSATION STARTER IDEAS:

- Gather the church staff together to watch the video and engage in discussion.
- Share the video link and some of the prompts by email to people who lead children's sermons in your church.
- Use this webinar as a training event and leadership/staff retreats.

WITH ADULTS

What do you see as the purpose of children's sermons? Did this webinar align with your goals?

How often do you use language that is accessible to children and also helps children to practice faith language?

Do you make space for listening and responding to children during the children's sermon?

Do you share scripture during children's sermons and how do you interpret the scripture for children?

How does the structure of your children's sermon align or not align with the model presented in the webinar?

How does the rest of the worship service provide opportunities for further engagement with children?

How much time do you spend preparing your children's sermon and do you prioritize this preparation and allow time and space for praying for the children who will hear it?

How do you avoid letting the children's sermon become a time of entertainment for the congregation?

How do you balance the need for children to feel seen and heard while keeping the message concise?

What are your favorite ways to engage children during a children's sermon?

What is your plan for wrapping up a children's sermon that goes "sideways" or a child who wants to dominate the time or entertain the congregation?

WATCH THE VIDEO

https://tr.ee/ChildrensSermons