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CONVERSATION GUIDE

HELPING PARENTS FIND SABBATH IN AND BEYOND WORSHIP

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CONVERSATION STARTER IDEAS:

- Gather the church staff and/or parent groups together to watch the video and engage in discussion.
- Share the video link and some of the prompts by email to families in your church.
- On social media, link the video and start an online discussion with your church community or parent page.
- Use videos and discussion prompts in parent and caregiver classes.

WITH CHURCH STAFF & LEADERS

What is our church culture surrounding children in worship? Are children and their movements and noises welcome?

How accessible are the rituals and language of worship to children?

What does our church offer for worship enrichment practices for children?

Do parents and caregivers in our congregation feel supported and welcomed?

What do we do to help families prepare for worship?

How do we create a church culture that looks to the future and nurtures children in this vision of the future church?

Do parents and caregivers know that sabbath is more than the worship service?

How do we help parents and caregivers find sabbath outside of worship?

What types of education can we offer parents, caregivers, and children to help them learn about sabbath practices?

How can we create a culture that encourages sabbath practices in and beyond worship for the entire congregation?

WITH PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

What worries or concerns do you have surrounding worshiping with your children?

What brings you joy when you worship with your child?

Do you feel that your entire family is welcome in worship? Why or why not?

How do you prepare your famiy for worship at home and at church?

Is your child able to understand the rituals and language of the church service?

What sabbath practices do you engage in outside of worship?

What do you think about the ideas in the webinar concerning sabbath as practice for your child's future?

What are two ideas you can try this week to experience family sabbath outside of worship?

WATCH THE VIDEO

https://tr.ee/HelpingParentsSabbath