

Hello and welcome to the children's ministry project for 2021. We are so delighted that you have decided to utilise this project as part of your children's teaching programme this year, and we pray that you and the children in your church will find this a really helpful resource.

Never Used the Project Before?

If you've never used the Children's Ministry Project before, let me explain to you what it's all about. Effectively, this is a resource for you to use with the children in your church (in your Sunday School, children's ministry programme or whatever context is most convenient for you). There are a total of six sessions which you can use over six weeks or whatever best suits your purposes.

Each session contains a Bible lesson, exercises for the children to take part in, but also some information on a particular missionary organisation who we aim to support. This year, the project will support the work of Sports Academy in Goerge, South Africa. Sports Academy is an organisation who seek to disciple and educate young people through the medium of football. As always, we encourage churches who use the project to raise money for the missionary partners that we work with each year. As you will discover throughout this material, the proceeds of this project will go towards sponsoring children through the Sports Academy programme.

It costs just £20 per month for a child to go through the Sports Academy discipleship programme. Why not see how many months you could sponsor a child for throughout this years project? If you would like to know more about the work of Sports Academy, we would really encourage you to visit their website at www.sportsacademygeorge.com/

How to Use the Project

The Children's Ministry Project is an online resource, centred at the Baptist Youth website, www.byouth.org. When on the Baptist Youth website, click the resources tab, then the dropdown option of 'Children's Ministry Project' where you will find the project in it's entirety, with options to download each session straight to your computer.

Each session is made up of 3 components:

- Firstly there is a Powerpoint presentation. This will help you, the teacher, navigate through the main material of each session. If you have Powerpoint available with your group, then why not download the slides and put them on the screen for everyone to

see. If you don't have Powerpoint available, then we would recommend simply printing off the slides ahead of time and walking through them with your class.

- Secondly, we have worksheets. Each session will have 2 different worksheets - a junior and a senior one to accommodate the wide range of ages in your class. These worksheets should be downloaded and printed for your children to use during the lesson.
- Finally, there are the teachers notes. These are simply to help you, the teacher, as you prepare to lead each session. Again, these can be accessed on the web page and should be read ahead of your lesson.

Thank you so much again for using the Baptist Youth Children's Ministry Project for 2021. May this resource be a blessing to you and your children as they grow in their love of our great missionary God.

Many Thanks

Baptist Youth Missions Committee