

WORKSHOPS FOR 2015 NEXT CONFERENCE

Topic	Leader	Description
Biblical Storytelling	Lori Noseworthy	Storytelling doesn't have to be intimidating. Once you know the story well, you can let your creativity show! Let us share with you some of the ways we have tackled Bible Story Time in our Sunday morning elementary program. This is a practical session to help you integrate storytelling into your kids' ministries.
"Should I Be Concerned?" - Possible Indications of Child Abuse	Kim O'Connor	Sometimes we do not recognize things that should concern us in our church communities and other times we become hypersensitive to things around us depending on our experiences. Child abuse, in its various forms, can have long-lasting impacts on children and their families. It can affect children throughout our society and within our church communities. This workshop will provide information about what types of things to consider when children's workers are concerned about behaviours and characteristics they see in the children they work with in their ministries.
How Can Your Church Equip Families to be Safer Online?	Jon Dixon	The internet can be a scary place! Children are being exposed to pornography and predators at younger ages! Parents are struggling to keep up. How can your church equip families to be safer online? Come find out.
Not your Mama's Sunday School	Philip Bain	Phil Vischer is quoted to say: "Children are not opposed to learning, they are opposed to boring". We will discuss Deep Water Church's experience in trying to get rid of the boring and provide a relevant environment where kids can learn about God and be a place where they want to be on a Sunday morning.
Dealing with Discipline	Jen Rowsell	Not sure what to do when the kids just won't sit still? When they won't stop talking? When they seem to do everything to drive you NUTS? Come and brainstorm some practical ways to keep peace in Sunday School!
It's Your Move – Creative Ways to Partner with Local Schools	Linda Lamos	Though partnering with local schools takes a lot of creativity and innovation, meaningful connection may be easier than you think. Discover fresh ideas to nurture this powerful relationship between your Children's Ministry and the schools in your community.
The foundations of an effective Preschool ministry	Lynsay McLean	Refresh your preschool ministry; 3 basic steps to make it successful.
Family Outreach	Kristen Reddy	Want to reach out to families in your community in a fun and relevant way? Come and hear how we host successful events (that can work for large churches or small) that could help bring families into your church and ultimately into a relationship with Jesus. Get some ideas for innovative and creative ways to create exciting atmospheres for special events that kids can't wait to experience.
Partnering with your Community	Gavin McCombie	First Baptist in Dartmouth has had some unique opportunities to partner with their local community to reach kids. Come and hear about what they've done!
Curriculum discussion panel	Dan Pyke, Jon, Carla, Heather Waugh, Geoff McLean, Renee Embree	What should you use for curriculum? What are the pros and cons of each? Come to this open discussion panel to hear from people who use a few different types of curriculum, and why they do.
Children's Midweek: Marvelous or Misaligned?	Victor Somers	When it comes to your church's midweek children's program it can only ever be one or the other. In this workshop we will look at not only what makes a good midweek program but how it can fit within your overall vision for long term discipleship to your children and your community.
Who's Next?	Mark Miller	The children in our churches today will be the leaders of our churches tomorrow. Let's engage them in worship now so we can release them to lead next!
Growing your Family Ministry from the Inside Out.	Melissa Hetherington	Tips and encouragement on how to start and develop a family ministry using your best and most unique resources - your families! Discover how God can call and develop your ministry to children and families by meeting them right where they are with each other.
Youth in Kids Ministry	Angela Wade	Find out how youth serving as helpers and leaders can make a huge impact on Children's ministry and boost your volunteer base too. Having youth in Children's Ministry not only helps strengthen the ministry, but also benefits the whole church. Hear firsthand of youth who are serving, and the difference it is making in their own faith and leadership journey.