

My church Family Tree

Building
Intergenerational
Connections

Shaping Faith

About:

We were created with the ability and need to communicate and connect in meaningful ways with those around us. Building safe places, authentic relationships and intergenerational connections all start with simple conversations. But building intergenerational connections is more than 'a' conversation. For true connections and authentic relationships to be formed it takes intentional, regular conversations.

To help your church become intentional in the process of building intergenerational connections with the children in your community we have created the 'My church family tree'.



What you will need:

- My Church Family Tree ... printable pattern
- Printer
- A4 paper
- Pens
- Decorations

Getting Started:

Download and print one 'My Church Family Tree' printable pattern from children.adventist.org.au for each of the children in your church. At Sabbath School or the next gathering give the "My Church Family Tree" to each child. Have them write their name on the page and let them decorate if they want to.

Option 1: At your next church board meeting have each of your board members/church leaders select at least three children (that are not their own) that they will commit to praying for these children and having a conversation (longer than 1 minute) with them at church each week. Have the adults write their names in a balloon on the 'My Church Family Tree'.

Option 2: Pin all the children's decorated Church Family Trees to a pin board in a prominent/visible place in your church. During the announcements challenge your church members (during a welcome or announcements segment) to sign their name in one of the child's Church Family Tree balloons. By signing their name they commit to praying for this child and having a conversation (longer than 1 minute) with these children at church each week.

Safety:

One of our core values in Children's Ministries is safety. It is essential that we create safe places for our children in our church. This is why we advise that you do this activity in collaboration with your church safe places coordinator to ensure that safe authentic relationships are built between adults and children in your church.

Want more? Check out our website children.adventist.org.au and our facebook page SPD Children's Ministries for more ideas, resources and activities.



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