



WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN PLAYGROUP LOOK LIKE?

WHAT MAKES A PLAYGROUP CHRISTIAN?

There is a tendency to define a playgroup by the shape and content of its program.
But a truly Christian playgroup will convey a real sense of God's Presence
This reality will be expressed through every aspect of the functioning of the playgroup

PROGRAM AND ENVIRONMENT – WHICH ONE IS IMPORTANT?

Both!

A Christian playgroup always endeavours to offer a high quality program
This may include specifically faith related activities – songs and stories. But what makes the playgroup truly Christian is the environment – the emphasis given to caring, loving relationships between all ages
A warm acceptance and openness between people is the best way to impart God's love and grace

OUR FOCUS – ON YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE

One view of playgroup is that it functions specifically for the benefit of the children participating – it is children focussed
But a Christian playgroup functions for parents and children since both have needs
Yet, there is another essential resource – adults who do not have their own children participating since they are free to give full attention to everyone

TIME TO TALK!

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Spend time talking over the matters raised above then consider ...

GOD'S PRESENCE

In what ways is our playgroup conveying a sense of the Presence of God?
If we are not too sure that it is, what might we need to be doing?

ENVIRONMENT AND PROGRAM

Where are our energies focussed – on our program or on the building of loving relationships between all ages?
How well do we know the names of all participants?
Are we spending enough time really getting to know people as people?

OUR FOCUS ON YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE

In what ways are we being sensitive to the needs of both adults and children?
And how are we going in addressing some of these?
What are we doing to involve those who are child free to help us?

There is more information and discussion guides for you and your team in the 'Members only' section of this website, under the 'Connect, Belong, Grow' section.