

Booking Form

Organisation/church

Contact name

Email address (to confirm booking)

Workshop choices
(add the number)
am pm

Attendee names

	am	pm

Lunch and refreshments provided.
Please advise of any specific dietary requirements.

Cost: £10 per person to a maximum of £30,
(more may attend but only pay for three places
per toddler group or church). Please enclose
a cheque payable to 'Gloucester DBF'.

Please return booking form to:
Natasha Kent, Dept of Mission and Ministry
4 College Green, Gloucester, GL1 2LR

Children's early experiences have a significant impact on their development, health, and behaviours and ultimately how they see themselves and their place in the world.

Ministry and work with under 5's and families is an important and specialised area, requiring specific skills, resources and fun. This day brings together a variety of experienced practitioners who understand the needs of our youngest children and the adults who care for them, and can offer insight and inspiration about this important age group and stage of family life.

Our hope is that you will leave this day buzzing with knowledge and excited to put in to practice fresh skills and ideas in your own context, be that home, church, toddler group, crèche or preschool.

Keynote Speaker Biography

Jo Gordon is the director of Daniel's Den, a parent and toddler organisation based in Brent, North West London. Every year they open the doors to 300+ families from 45+ nationalities.

Come and gain resources and inspiration.



Diddy Disciples



Under five and flourishing

Engaging with our youngest children

30 March 2019
10am to 3pm

Hartpury College
Hartpury, Glos GL19 3BE

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Please select a morning and an afternoon workshop and record your preferences on the booking form. (Workshops 1 and 2 are repeated. Workshops 3, 4 and 5 will run in the morning and workshops 6, 7 and 8 in the afternoon only.)

Workshop 1 (am and pm)

Flourishing families; supporting parents in need - Diocesan Safeguarding Advisers

Learn about domestic abuse, mental ill health and substance misuse and the impact that has on children and families, and what support is available to families. Explore how to respond to parents when they have these issues and learn how to safely raise concerns about children and families.

Workshop 2 (am and pm)

Wild Worship - Rachel Summers - forest school practitioner and author of *Wild Lent* and *Wild Advent*

Could local wild spaces offer under 5s a place of freedom and joy to explore their spirituality? Gain ideas to use a wild space near you, a naturally sensory play based experience, where children can meet God through creation. Lets allow children to listen to God through the natural world.

Workshop 3 (am)

Learning through play; what really matters? - Lucy Waterman, *Love Early Years*

Looking at 'play and exploration', 'active learning' and 'creativity' we will have some fun and see how God loves us all to play, explore, be active inside and outdoors. Do the youngest children in our churches have the opportunities to learn and connect with God in these three ways? Gain practical ideas to take away and try.

Workshop 4 (am)

The joys and challenges of working in a multi-cultural setting - Jo Gordon, Director of Daniel's Den

Toddler groups provide a unique window of opportunity in this nation to build bridges and increase our understanding of one another. Find out how you can create a better culture of understanding and awareness among your toddler group.

Workshop 5 (am)

Introducing Diddy Disciples; the principles - Sharon Moughtin-Mumby - mum of three, priest, author of *Diddy Disciples*

Understand the origin of Diddy Disciples and the principles behind the resources. Explore these resources. This workshop is also useful for anyone who would like to reflect on their own ways of opening up spaces for the youngest children to take part in worship.

Workshop 6 (pm)

Diddy Disciples; a sample session - Sharon Moughtin-Mumby

This second workshop takes the group through a sample session, using videos and photographs. It also introduces how to go about building your own Diddy Disciples session from the materials in the books and on the website.

Workshop 7 (pm)

Spirituality in Under 5s - Lucy Waterman, *Love Early Years*

Look at the research and consider how we nurture young children's emerging spirituality. Do the spaces and activities we provide in Early Years settings and churches help children to develop spiritually? Discuss the importance of attachment for young children's spiritual development.

Workshop 8 (pm)

...They just play with the box - Jo Wetherall, Diocesan Children and Families Officer

Young children learn most and their brains develop more fully when they explore/play with things which aren't toys – heuristic play. Explore the use of treasure boxes and tuff spots/trays in exploratory learning and invitations to play. Look at incorporating Bible stories, Christian values and festivals.

Key Note Address

By Jo Gordon, Director of Daniel's Den.

Toddler groups have often been referred to as the 'hidden treasure of this nation'. They are places where adults and children find a genuinely warm welcome, where all ages can build relationships which matter, learn skills, grow in community and experience faith in new ways.

Jo will expand on the significance of toddler groups in contemporary society with stories of inspiration and encouragement for all.

Also Expect

- › Engage with your choice of workshops.
- › Discover what others have done in their locality.
- › Converse with skilled practitioners and representatives from specialist organisations.
- › Delegate information pack.

Refreshments and lunch are part of the day.