

Being part of the **Kids Friendly Network** offers our community of church leaders a wonderful "bank" of resources to tap into. As we travel around the country we hear amazing stories of how our churches are ministering to children and find fantastic resources developed and/or discovered by our many creative leaders. We "collect" these to share with all of you in a variety of ways including through our 30+ Kids Friendly resources.

Thinking Christmas.....



We love that many of you spontaneously offer your resources and ideas to us. The first pageant written for 2012 has already been received from Jennie McCullough of Waitara who created it before heading off on her holiday in the Panama Canal. We have loads of pageants in the Kids Friendly office, so remember to ask if you need some ideas.

Christmas songs:

Cheryl (our "Southern" Kids Friendly Coach) has alerted us to her son-in-law's pageant song. **Malcolm Gordon** is an acclaimed musician and minister of Kids Friendly **St Paul's in Katikati**: "We're planning a Christmas Pageant at St Paul's - and I volunteered to write a couple of songs to use with an existing script" says Malcolm. Check out "People came from all around" www.onevoice.org.nz/article/196/PeoplecamefromallaroundKidssongforChristmas.html

Other Carols and Christmas songs Cheryl recommends are:

Hangu Te Po/ Silent Night- (Maori and English)

Come on Ring those bells (children love this song that talks about going on holiday and Jesus being the greatest celebration of all. Younger children can ring bells in the choruses).

O Come all ye faithful (**Kids Music Company** have a good version with backing tracks - www.kidsmusiccompany.com/shop/index.php?route=product/product&path=62&product_id=97)

Little Drummer Boy

Mary's Boy child (**Boney M** version <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hxm1FILSfe4>)

Kiwiana Christmas Song and Christ is Born (**Natalie Yeoman of Coastal Unity Parish in Dunedin's 'Cloud and Fire' CD**)

Jennie McCullough of Waitara loves using "Righteous Pop Music (R.P.M) by Mark Bradford and available from **Creative Ministry Solutions** tells the Christmas story through iconic pop tunes www.creativemin.com/category/christmasmusic

And **Anna Davis of St John's in the City, Wellington** loves "Carol our Christmas", carols and songs from well known Kiwi musicians www.sounz.org.nz/manifestations/show/2692

MORE KIDS FRIENDLY RESOURCES FOR CHRISTMAS

- ★ Christmas Crafts ★ Christmas Games & Quizzes
- ★ Sharing the Christmas Story—4 Sunday School lessons
- ★ A Kids Friendly Advent ★ A Family Advent Calendar
- ★ Christmas Kids Club—connecting with community children
- ★ A Christmas Prayer Journey ★ A Family Advent Celebration
- ★ Mary and Joseph Journey to Bethlehem
- ★ Celebrating Christmas with your Neighbourhood

www.presbyterian.org.nz/national-ministries/kids-friendly/kids-friendly-resources