



# PLANNING A KIDS FRIENDLY YEAR 2012

Welcome to a new year filled with opportunities to minister to children and families. We hope you had a good break and are feeling creative and enthusiastic about the year ahead.



## Are children part of your church's plans today?

Avoid post-holiday blues by getting straight into the exciting task of revisiting your vision for children and family ministry. What will it look like, feel like, sound like? How will your church value children and seek to connect with the kids in your community this year? For a bit of inspiration take the time to view the video "TODAY". [max7.org/resource.aspx?id=3460bd87-b9aa-46dd-8d1d-0a0073a50888](http://max7.org/resource.aspx?id=3460bd87-b9aa-46dd-8d1d-0a0073a50888)

## Kids Friendly resources

**The Kids Friendly Planning Calendar for 2012** is attached. It has all the holidays, church festivals, important dates, training events and space for you to plan your children's programmes.

### Developing a plan for your children's ministry

Many churches have expressed difficulty in developing a written plan for their ministry.

**The Kids Friendly Ideals and Self-review Resource** has helped many of our churches (55) develop an intentional plan for ministering to children and families. If you are not a Kids Friendly church yet, maybe 2012 is the year to make a commitment to form your "Kids Friendly Dream Team" to review your children's ministry and write a plan for the year. *"The dream team at Flagstaff found the Kids Friendly self review process invaluable, even though it was a little hard to set aside the time in the midst of 'doing it.' We know that being Kids Friendly is a journey so ongoing review and goal setting is necessary,"* says Carolyn Sims.

**A Children's Ministry Action Plan** is a resource developed by Flagstaff in response to their Kids Friendly review. A copy of this and a template can be downloaded from Kids Friendly.

St Heliers developed a **Children's Ministry Graphic Plan** to provide an overview of their ministry and this too is available from Kids Friendly.

**Over 30 Kids Friendly resources** to help you in your ministry to children and families can be downloaded or ordered from Kids Friendly (see the list attached)

[www.presbyterian.org.nz/national-ministries/kids-friendly/kids-friendly-resources](http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/national-ministries/kids-friendly/kids-friendly-resources)

**KIDS FRIENDLY POSTERS** 6 A2 colour posters that capture the heart of Kids Friendly are available for purchase at a hugely subsidised rate of \$25 for 6 posters including postage (Thanks to the generous sponsorship by **Presbyterian Savings and Development Society**). You can view and order all the posters on our Kids Friendly resources page.



### Easter Alert!

We often find that we have no sooner settled back into work and Lent is upon us. Be prepared! Shrove Tuesday is 19 February (check out our **Celebrating Shrove Tuesday** resource). **Lent** starts on Ash Wednesday 20 February. Palm Sunday is 1 April, Good Friday is 6 April and Easter Sunday is 8 April.

Blessings from your Kids Friendly Team (Jill, Cheryl, Lucy, Jackie)