



WATCH THE CONFERENCE AT:

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WITH THE PASSWORD:

Exodus

PREWORK

In preparation for the conference, and if you have time, we'd love you to have a quick read over the book of Exodus (especially chapters 12 and 17) and/or watch these helpful videos:

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/exodus-1-18>

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/exodus-19-40>

You may also like to print out beforehand the craft sheets on pages 17 and 19.

Welcome!

We're so glad you could join us at the SMBC Online Children's Ministry Conference. We're looking forward to digging into the amazing Bible story of the Exodus and seeing more of God's forgiveness, generosity, patience and faithfulness.

We're also very grateful to our speakers – Josh Reeve, Tim Beilharz, Naomi de Vries, Fiona Singline, Quiz Worx, plus Sandy Galea – for sharing with us how we can invite the children in our lives to know God's friendship.

It's a real privilege to share God's love with children but, as the saying goes, you can't take anyone further than you've been yourself – so our prayer for you is this conference will help take you a little further on your walk with God and better equip you to teach and guide others.

Warmly in Christ,
The SMBC Children's Ministry Conference team



Program

9:00am* – WELCOME

9:05am – Friends with God? (Exodus 17)

(+ guided personal reflection + interview) – **Josh Reeve**

9:50am – BREAK

10:00am – Unpacking Exodus with Kids: Finding a Big Idea

(Exodus 12 + exercise + memory verse) – **Tim Beilharz**

10:25am – Unpacking Exodus with Kids: Getting to Jesus

(Exodus 12 + exercise + Kidswise video) – **Naomi de Vries**

10:50am – MORNING TEA

11:20am – Unpacking Exodus with Kids: Applying to Life

(+ exercise) – **Tim Beilharz**

11:40am – Exodus 19-20 – Quiz Worx

11:45am – Unpacking Exodus with Under 5s: Handling the Tricky Bits

(+ exercise) – **Fiona Singline**

12:05pm – '66 books in the Bible' – Colin Buchanan

12:10pm – BREAK

12:15pm – Q&A Panel – Sandy Galea, Tim Beilharz, Naomi de Vries, Fiona Singline

12:45pm – FINISH

**This is the time that the live version of the conference began. Feel free to watch this recorded version at a time that suits you or your group.*



Friends with God? (Exodus 17) - Josh Reeve

Introduction: Made for friendship

What sort of friend is God?

1. A friend who tests our faith and exposes our sin

2. A friend who proves his faithfulness

3. A friend who is among us

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Guided Reflection: Psalm 95 - Josh Reeve

*1 Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.*

**Make a list of God's gifts to you in the past year that you are thankful for.
Spend time in gratitude and worship, thanking him for each one.**

How can you incorporate thankfulness into your daily life as a regular discipline?

*3 For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.
5 The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.*

Write down as many words as you can think of that describe God's character. Spend a few moments praising God for who he is.

*6 Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;
7 for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.*

Think through a time of trial in your life. How did God grow your faith during that time? Looking back, how can you see God's care and faithfulness?

What are two or three aspects of friendship with God that you are most thankful for?

*Today, if only you would hear his voice,
8 "Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah, I as you did that day at Massah in the wilderness,
9 where your ancestors tested me; they tried me, though they had seen what I did.
10 For forty years I was angry with that generation; I said, 'They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they have not known my ways.'
11 So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest.'"*

In what areas of your life do you most struggle to believe in God's character? Put another way: In what ways do you most struggle with fear right now? Confess these to God and pray about them.

Have you ever experienced disappointment with God that has led you to be more closed off to the vulnerability of friendship with him? Ask God to soften your heart.

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Finding a Big Idea - Tim Beilharz

1. Look at the context of the passage

2. Read the passage carefully

3. Find all the true ideas

4. Finding the Big Idea

EXODUS 12

God has rescued his people

EXERCISE

What would you say is the Big Idea of Exodus 12?

How similar or different is this to Tim's?

How do the two ideas complement each other?

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Join Paul Dudley and a host of children's ministry practitioners and experts for our **Children's Ministry Skills** classes on Monday evenings, starting 12 July 2021. These 12 evenings are fully off-campus (online) and available to audit for a special discount price of \$180. Learn more at smbc.edu.au/study/unit/childrens-ministry-skills2



Getting to Jesus - Naomi de Vries

WHY DO WE CONNECT THE OLD TESTAMENT TO JESUS?

1. The Bible is one big story

“Every passage of Scripture—in both the Old and New Testaments—either predicts, prepares for, reflects, or results from the work of Christ.” C.J. Mahaney

2. All scripture bears witness to Jesus

3. The Old Testament finds its fulfilment in Jesus

4. Connecting to Jesus helps prevent us making moralistic applications

HOW DO WE CONNECT THE OLD TESTAMENT TO JESUS?

Method 1. What is God doing?

- What is God doing in this story?
- How does God do the same for us – but better in Jesus?
- How does believing this change how we live?

Method 2. Who is God?

- What does this Bible passage teach us about who God is?
- How is this aspect of God revealed in Jesus?
- How does believing this change how we live?

Method 3. How does Jesus help?

- What problem/tension is left unresolved in this passage?
- How is this solved in Jesus?
- How does believing this change how we live?

Getting to Jesus (continued)

Connecting Exodus 12 to Jesus

How does God make this distinction?

Why does God make this distinction?

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EXERCISE

Choose one of the materials and discuss the following:

- What is the big idea of Exodus 12?

- Does this material connect Exodus 12 to Jesus? If so, how?

- What would you do differently and why?

Materials:

<https://www.childrens-ministry-deals.com/pages/passover-sunday-school-lesson>

<https://ministry-to-children.com/childrens-lesson-passover>

<https://www.teachusthe bible.com/Lesson.php?LessonID=16>

Applying to Life - Tim Beilharz

HEAD application:

*“What do I **know**, or what do I **believe**, now that I’ve heard this truth.”*

HEART application:

*“What can I **say** to God now that I’ve heard this truth?”*

HANDS application:

*“What is Jesus calling me to **do** today or this week now that I’ve heard this truth?”*

EXERCISE

How might you apply the 10 Commandments to children in your ministry?

How can you grow their knowledge (HEAD), love (HEART) and obedience (HANDS) to King Jesus?

How can you make sure your application reflects the Gospel, and not moralism or legalism?

Exodus 19-20 - Quiz Worx

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To watch the 'full length' Exodus talk, and download the script, register at quizworx.com/exodus

Handling the Tricky Bits (Under 5s) - *Fiona Singline*

1. What are under 5 year olds actually like?

- Thinking and language
- Emotionally and socially
- Spiritually
- Current culture

2. Three general guidelines for handling the tricky bits



- Our words



- Caring atmosphere



- Balance

Handling the Tricky Bits (Under 5s) (continued)

3. Three examples from Exodus



- Death (Ch11-12 – Death of firstborn son)



- War (Ch17 – War with the Amalekites)



- Tricky law (Ch20-24 – about Law)

A child under 5's world is one where following rules often means reward, so we need to remind them of GRACE, GRACE, GRACE. The grace of God in the gift of salvation in Jesus.

Unpacking Exodus with Under 5's: Handing the Tricky Bits

EXERCISE

Fold and tear (or cut) the handouts so that you have 4 items;

- a figure of Moses
- a group of Israelites
- an Egyptian chariot
- the Red Sea

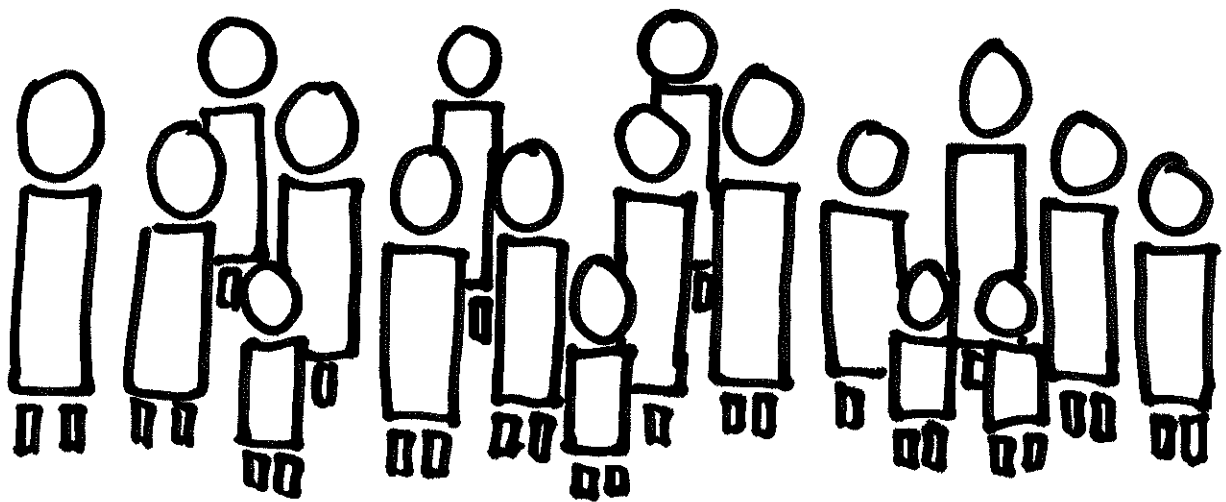
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Then act it out in a short, simple version with your paper pieces.

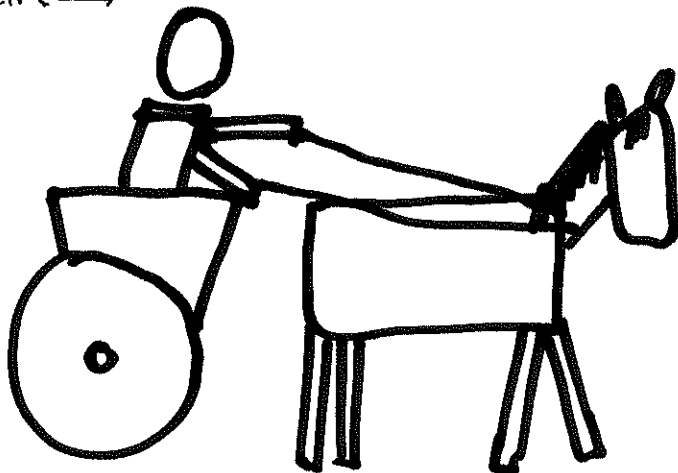
1. Before entering the Red Sea ch 14:13-16, 21
2. Walking though the Red Sea ch 14:22
3. Praising God once through the Red Sea ch 14:30-31, 15:2

N.B. In a normal week of preparation, you could check your dialogue in a Pre-schooler's Bible like "The Beginners Bible"

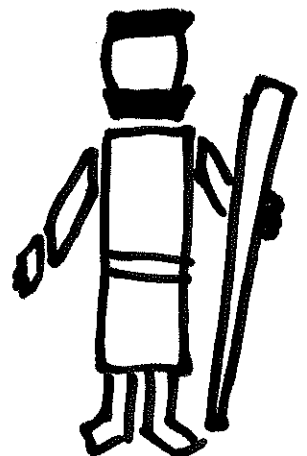
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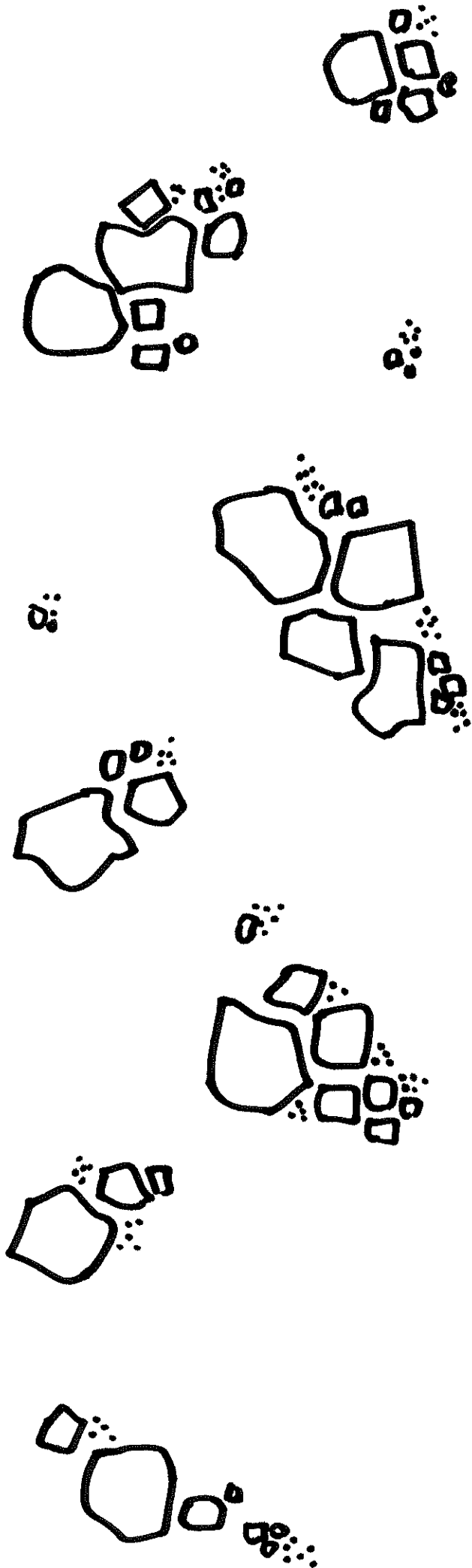


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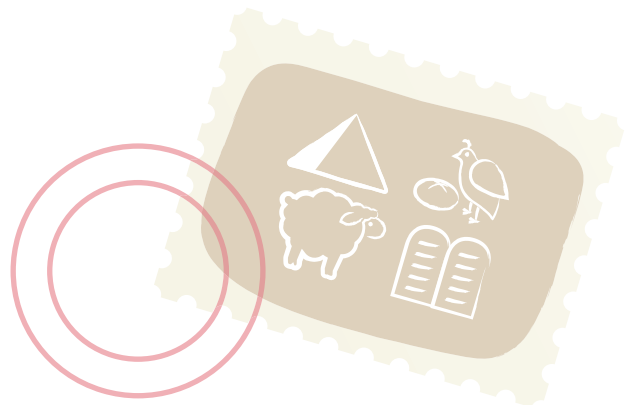
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Q & A Panel

Sandy Galea, Tim Beilharz, Naomi de Vries, Fiona Singline

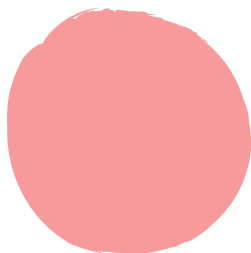
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Recommendations

Some of our Children's Ministry Conference team, plus SMBC Old Testament lecturers, have recommended the following books:

For children's ministry:

***Show Them Jesus* by Jack Klumpenhower**

***The Heart is the Target* by Murray Capil**

***The Garden, the Curtain and the Cross* (board book version) by Carl Laferton and Catalina Echeverri**

For going deeper into the book of Exodus:

***The 10 Greatest Struggles Of Your Life* by Colin Smith (devotional book that explores the Ten Commandments)**

For a succinct commentary including application ideas:

Desmond T. Alexander. *Exodus*. Edited by M. L. Strauss and J. H. Walton. *Teach the Text*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2016.

For a lengthy commentary including application ideas:

Peter Enns. *Exodus*. NIVAC. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2000.

For an excellent overview of the book's teaching placed within the context of biblical theology:

L. Michael Morales. *Exodus Old and New: A Biblical Theology of Redemption. Essential Studies in Biblical Theology*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2020.

For another good overview:

W. Ross Blackburn. *The God Who Makes Himself Known: The Missionary Heart of the Book of Exodus*. Edited by D. A. Carson. *New Studies in Biblical Theology*. Nottingham, Eng.: Apollos, 2012.

For an overview that also tackles major interpretive issues:

Tremper Longman, III. *How to Read Exodus*. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity, 2009.

Kidwise Exodus Resources

Free To Worship (Kids Church Unit, 10 lessons, ages 5-11)

Our God Saves (Kids Church Unit, 10 lessons, ages 3-4)

God's Great Rescue (Kids Club Unit, 10 lessons, ages 8-11)

Mini Movies:

Baby In The Basket

The Plagues

The Passover

The Parting Of The Sea

Grumbling In The Desert



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Pop it in your diary!

Thank you for joining us today.

We hope you enjoyed your time with us!

We're already excited for next year's conference –
'My God is so big: Helping kids discover all the character of God' on **Saturday 14 May 2022** – pop it in your diary!





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