

# Afternoon Workshops



## 5 Sharing the Bible with your children – two interactive approaches – Bob Hartman

Inviting your children into a Bible story is one of the most effective ways to help them to enjoy the story, remember it, and find the truth of it for themselves. This workshop will look at interactive storytelling and at the new YouVersion Bible App for kids.



## 6 Working alongside vulnerable families – Diane Louise Jordan

Many toddler groups have families with adopted or fostered children. Diane will share how best we can give practical support and create a welcoming environment for vulnerable children and their families.



## 7 How can we best connect with multi-ethnic families? – Jo Gordan

The UK is blessed to be represented by families from a wide range of cultures and backgrounds. Toddler groups provide a unique window of opportunity in this nation to build bridges and increase our understanding of one another. In this workshop you will find out how you can create a better culture of understanding and awareness among your toddler group.



## 8 How to become a missional toddler group – Gail Adcock

How can we build authentic relationships, providing love and support to all those participating? Do we dare to shape our toddler groups to be places to explore faith and wrestle with the big questions of life together.

## Exhibition Zone

Enjoy spending time discovering new, inspiring ideas and resources in our Exhibition Zone.



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## Also on the day

**A time to worship together**  
Join Nick and Becky Drake as we start the day together in worship.

**Networking**  
Playtime is the only national conference for church-based toddler group leaders in the UK, providing the perfect opportunity for leaders to meet with each other during lunch and refreshments.

**Turning Point**  
Turning point is for leaders of toddler groups who are struggling with some challenging issues. Sign up for a 10 minute slot with a Playtime advisor during the conference.

**Toddler Song Competition!**  
Come prepared with your toddler group's favourite song and enter our competition! Prizes for the winning entries will be given out during the day.

**Sharing and praying together**  
There will be an opportunity to share your toddler group stories and pray with each other.



"I'm leaving re-energised and with more confidence in myself as a leader."

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- Articles to inspire you and ideas to resource your toddler group.
- Access to a treasure trove of crafts, recipes and special events.
- Smalltalk articles to give out to families within your groups.

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## Playtime

National Conference 2014

Date: Saturday, 27 September 2014

Time: 10.00am – 4.30pm

Venue: The Riverside Centre, Pride Park, Derby, DE24 8HY

Lunch and refreshments are included!



Early Bird Offer

£20 until 31st July

	1-3 Tickets	4+ Tickets
1 Aug - 18 Sept	£28	£25
19 Sept - 26 Sept	£31	£28

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Registration from 9.00am. Tea/coffee and Danish pastries on arrival. Packed lunch is also provided.

Disclaimer: We regret that conference fees cannot be refunded. However, if you are unable to attend, you may pass your ticket on to someone you feel may benefit from this conference. Please note that we do not have facilities to accommodate babies and children at this conference.

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National Conference 2014

## BEING A BEACON OF LIGHT



Featuring: Bob Hartman, Rob Parsons, Nick and Becky Drake and Diane Louise Jordan



DERBY

The Riverside Centre  
Saturday 27 September



# BEING A BEACON OF LIGHT



There are times in family life when we go through storms that seem to overwhelm us; the waves come crashing in and we need an anchor to hold on to. Toddler groups and churches can be that anchor and become beacons of light, bringing comfort and love to many family situations. Come and be equipped for your own life, but also for the lives of the families you serve.

"Very inspiring - a worthwhile day with fabulous speakers providing valuable resources."

Join us for a day of being refreshed, equipped and resourced.

The Playtime conference is becoming more and more popular each year. Last year we had over 700 delegates attending both our events. This year we are thrilled to have Diane Louise Jordan join us again, along with other special guests. It will be a day packed full of new insights, creativity and lots of ideas to implement within your own toddler group.

Lunch and refreshments are provided, allowing you to make the most of every aspect of the day. The exhibition zone and Playtime shop will be stocked with resources for you to browse and purchase during the day.

Both of last year's conferences sold out!

Don't risk being disappointed this year. Take advantage of the early bird offer and book early to guarantee your place at the conference.

"It gave me more confidence in myself as a leader."

The Riverside Centre



## Main Sessions

Throughout the day, you will receive encouraging messages presented by world-class communicators.

### Being a beacon of light - the power of a single candle

**Rob Parsons OBE**, Founding Chairman of Care for the Family

"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle" (St Francis of Assisi). As a busy toddler group leader, we may not always feel "brilliant" or even think that we're doing anything that special. In this session Rob will remind us that we can each make a difference - perhaps more than we will ever realise.



### The most important thing

**Bob Hartman**, Author and Storyteller

We will discover through story, scripture and testimony, why Church growth expert George Barna maintains that working with children in a Christian context is one of the most important things that any Christian can do.



### Keeping balance within our lives

**Diane Louise Jordan**, Television and Radio Presenter

The life of a toddler group leader is often a busy one - juggling lots of priorities, investing in relationships, looking after our own families and perhaps also a career. In this session you will learn some tools to help you as you manage various roles and responsibilities in a healthy way.



Find out more about our speakers on our website!



## Morning Workshops

### 1 Sharing faith, hope and love with families who are hurting - Victoria Beech

How can we best support young children and adults affected by miscarriage and bereavement? What are the opportunities for us to compassionately offer support and care through our toddler group community? This workshop will help you to reach out and communicate sensitively to those who may be wrestling with these difficult family issues.



### 2 Engaging children in fresh ways through music - Nick and Becky Drake

A visionary and practical workshop for those looking to incorporate all-age worship into their toddler church or toddler group programme. The workshop will feature new songs and practical tips.



### 3 Never underestimate the power of a puppet - Ian Jones

Whether you have a large group of puppeteers or just yourself, puppets can be equally effective to bring your presentation to life and make your message memorable. This workshop will give you loads of practical examples of using different puppets to tell stories in a fun and interactive way in the many situations you may find yourself. Come along, be inspired and make friends with the Dog in a Bag puppet - a friend for life!



### 4 Safeguarding - are you in the know and up to date? - Jo Gordan

Church toddler groups have been accused of 'burying their heads in the sand' regarding safeguarding issues. Is this true? This seminar looks at the area of safeguarding and gives practical guidance regarding what you need to know, things to look out for, and action to take.

