

## Soft-Launch &amp; Assessment

Module 4 focuses on assessing the congregation's response to intergenerational and/or formation-based practices in children's ministry. One helpful way to explore the congregation's response is to create a small-scale trial through a single-event.

Note: This ministry opportunity should not be a primarily child-g geared event, but a child-incorporated worship, prayer, or study opportunity. For instance, an intergenerational approach to Ash Wednesday or Good Friday services, a community group study, or a prayer night would work well. An intergenerational bent to the church-wide Easter Egg Hunt would not work well because it still primarily appeals to, and centers around, children.

## Context:

- Main worship service
- Small group
- Special event or special service.

## Participants:

- Who is leading the service?
- Who would attend?
- What ages will this service appeal to?

## Activity:

- What is the goal of the event?
- What accommodations will need to be made to include children? Will these accommodations be made available to adults as well?
  - Printed writing helps children who can't follow text on a screen; it also helps adults who have difficulty focusing
  - Response activities help keep people engaged- these could include a doodle sheet with a prompt and opportunity to post or share or a pipe-cleaner to twist into a specific shape that's on-topic
- Will children be included in any aspects of leading the event? Can they lead alongside adults?
  - Welcoming/Greeting
  - Scripture-reading
  - Written prayers
  - Response-time in Bible study

## Preparation:

- How will you prepare the adults who will be present?
  - A written statement
  - A brief word at the beginning of the event
  - A time of collaboration with all the leaders of the event
- Who will be responsible for preparing the children?
  - Parents prior to the event
  - Children's ministry leaders prior to the event
  - Adults at the beginning of the event