

# TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS WHO SERVE CHILDREN

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## 1

**Youthscape Essentials** – a ten session introduction to the skills, knowledge and character needed for effective volunteering with young people. Sessions include subjects like adolescent development, family and school life, and how young people experience faith. The course is available online for £45 but many Dioceses are delivering it face to face for free, so contact your local Diocese to find out more.

## 2

**Children's Ministry Essentials** – a ten session introduction to the skills, knowledge and character needed for effective volunteering with children is going to be launched later this year. Contact [Carolyn Edwards](#) to be sent launch information when available.

## 3

**Cliff College** online [Children's Ministry](#) and [Youth Ministry](#) training – although both these courses were written with the pandemic conditions in mind, they are packed full of useful information about how children & young people experience the world & how we can nurture their spirituality & faith. There are six sessions on each course which you can work through at your own pace. Both are available at the reduced fee of £37.

## 4

**Faith in Kids** – Resources for parents, and bespoke training for churches. There are three audio recordings of [training sessions on their website](#) and a worksheet to help you think through how to communicate what God might be saying to the children in your group through your Bible passage. Each session is about an hour long.

## 5

**Scripture Union** are offering '[free mission support](#)' to help churches engage with the 95% of children and young people who have no connection with the Church. Signing up to their newsletter gets you information about free training being delivered near you.

## 6

**Hand in Hand Conference** is held annually in February. A weekend full of useful sessions and resources for around £100 plus travel and accommodation.

## 7

**Additional Needs Alliance** – if you are concerned about how to welcome and work effectively with children and young people with additional needs then this website is full of useful tips. Also available are [regular online training sessions with Urban Saints](#) for £10.

## 8

**Talking about our faith** – Many of us worry about how to talk to children and young people about the Christian faith and what we believe. The Church Army offers a number of 3-4 minute videos on how to talk about your faith with others. These can be viewed on their own or as part of a their [Faith Questions](#), [Faith Pictures](#) and [Faith Shared](#) free online courses.