

Missions Training Day Seminar Descriptors

- 1. Making the most of your small group (Primary)**

Small groups are absolutely key at Mission. How can you best make use of your small group time from the moment your group come through the door to the point where they hand back their badges? Ideas for activities to begin with to ways to encourage discussion and participation as you think about teaching together.

Leaders: Bruce and Kirsty Lockhart
- 2. Being an effective team member (Primary and Secondary)**

Did you know that as a team member on Mission you are key to all that happens. The young people may well forget the theme, even the memory verses but they will probably remember you. An opportunity to consider how you can positively let the fact that you follow Jesus show as you serve as a team member this year.

Leader: Phil Wray
- 3. Games that teach, including principles of leading games (primary/secondary)**

Most children love games but let's face it, we've seen some poorly led games and the melee that ensues. This session will help you establish some principles that will apply to most games sessions, help you to think about tying games in with teaching and give you some new games to try too!

Leader: Gavin Thomson
- 4. Ideas for crafts (primary)**

Paper and glue.....there's a lot more to crafts. This session will give you fresh ideas to try out with a particular focus on recent holiday club programmes. Oh....and this session is for you if you don't really think of yourself as the crafty one but you are willing to have a go.

Leader: Alison Herd
- 5. Leading children in praise (primary)**

Praise is important in our Missions and there is no shortage of resources. Have opportunity to think through how to choose songs, lead or help others lead music well during your Mission. This session will give you fresh ideas and at least two new songs to try out.

Leader: Lesley Crawford
- 6. Extending the boundaries of your Mission (focus on the Community)**

How can your Mission have a meaningful impact on the community? Learn from some folks who have developed their original children's holiday club week in Fintry into something with activities for all ages happening alongside the holiday club. How can you begin to ask the key questions that will allow you to plan something that both serves and reaches out to the community with God's love?

Leaders: Crawford MacKenzie

7. Enabling children to pray (primary)

Children will often pray very naturally to their heavenly father but often we could do more to assist them in prayer. We'll be looking at creative ways to help children pray in your small group as well as giving you ideas of how you might creatively pray from the front at Mission.

Leader: Elizabeth MacDowall

8. Helping children who are on the margins of society

Some of our Missions are in areas where there are very real challenges and in others we have children who come from backgrounds which are difficult. How can we help children who are offered little support at home; who deal with family members with big problems and who have never had opportunity to hear about Jesus before?

Leader: Vicki Shaver

9. Mission Rescue – new for 2011 (primary)

For you if you are using Mission Rescue this year. This seminar will offer practical tips of how to use the material; give you some resource ideas for different parts of the programme and opportunity to share some of the ideas you have had as well

Leaders: Jackie Ringan and Gordon McBirnie

10. The heartbeat of Mission (for those with planning responsibility)

Keeping the gospel central to all that we do is essential. We'll be examining how we maintain this throughout a Mission programme and making lots of practical suggestions.

Leaders: Esther Bailey

11. Where did that behaviour come from? (primary and secondary)

We've all been in situations where young people's behaviour takes us by surprise. Particularly at holiday club we may know little about what to expect from individual children and have to cope on the day. An opportunity to think about how we can work best with young people who may find it difficult to behave well or have ADHD or Aspergers.

Leader: Margo MacKay

12. The other 51 weeks of the year (primary/secondary)

Mission is only one week out of 52. How can your Mission have an impact all year round. Some practical ideas of ways your church can go on connecting with young people contact through your Mission and a look at resources that work

Leader: Jackie Ringan & Andrew Thompson

13. Help! They keep wanting to come (secondary)

It's great when young people still want to come to Mission but in reality they are now at secondary school and they are too old. This session will look at practical ways in which you can encourage this age group still to participate in meaningful ways and be stretched spiritually as well.

Leader: Hazel Jamieson

Trainee leaders track (for 16 and 17 year olds who are in S5 or S6)

1. What is expected of me on Mission?

This is your first time as a trainee on Mission. What will I be doing? Where will I fit? What might I be asked to do? Will the children respect me? How can I be the best leader I can possibly be? Answers to these questions and more.

Leaders: Hazel Jamieson and James Gill

2. How do I share what I believe?

I'm not sure what I'd say if one of the children wants to get to know Jesus. How can I share what I believe with those in my group? Some practical ideas and opportunity to explore how you might share the gospel naturally and simply with children

Leaders: James Gill