

ALM Children's Ministry Training 2025

Date & Time	Session Plan
<p>Sat 26/4/25 9am – 4pm Venue: See below</p>	<p>Discipling Children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How Children Learn</i>: Considering some of the theories surrounding how children learn and develop, and how these theories relate to children learning about faith. • <i>Developing Spirituality</i>: Unpacking theories of faith development from birth to adulthood. Explore children's spirituality and reflect on how we can create opportunities to enable this to grow. • <i>Children's Culture and Influences</i>: Understanding the breadth of personal, social and environmental relationships and the influences they have upon the child. • <i>Creative Methods of Delivery</i>: Exploring a breadth of creative teaching and delivery methods and materials to help children understand scripture and engage in prayer. • <i>Connecting with Boys</i>: Reflection and practical ideas on how we can help boys (who are often under-represented in church) engage with God, the Bible and prayer. • <i>Mission and Outreach</i>; Exploring the best way to approach engaging with children and families in your local area so they have opportunity to go on their own personal journey of faith. Considering initiatives such as Toddler Groups, Messy Church, Sports Ministry, Holiday Clubs, Who Let the Dad's Out, etc. and how these may meet the needs of your community.
<p>Wed 7/5/25 7 – 9pm</p>	<p>Inclusive Church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considering how we welcome <i>all</i> children into our church family. This session will help you to reflect on why diversity and inclusion is a central part of our Christian ministry and will cover the practicalities of how we support children with additional needs, so they are able to access our children's groups and worshipping communities.
<p>Wed 14/5/25 7 – 9pm</p>	<p>Children and Worship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Children's Worship Experiences</i>: Considering how children encounter worship in school, and the wider community, and reflecting on how this is similar or different to worship in church? • <i>Engaging and Including Children in Worship</i>: Identifying factors which help and hinder children in their engagement in worship. Considering how the experience of children's worship may help us to devise an act of worship that is inclusive of children. • <i>Practical Ideas to Engage and Include Children in Worship</i>: Researching suitable materials available for planning worship with children. Devise an act of worship suitable for a children's group and / or for an All-Age congregation, reflecting on the principles and practicalities.
<p>Wed 21/5/24 7 – 9pm</p>	<p>Growing Confidence in Volunteer Children's Ministry Teams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective Children's Ministry requires the whole church family to bring their gifts and talents to the table, whether they can lead from the front, whether that be in administration, as a musician, or as someone who can simply pray and ask God to multiply what you are already doing. This session will explore how you can establish a volunteer team and cultivate their gifts so that each member feels they can contribute to your Children's Ministry with confidence.

Venue: Clayton House, Walker Office Business Park, Blackburn, BB1 2QE