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THAT SHAPE THE FAITH OF CHILDREN AGED 0-4 YEARS:

- 1** Daily faith rituals and rhythms, and spontaneous teachable moments. These may include:
 - Prayer that is modelled.
 - Talking about God in the everyday moments of life.
 - Age appropriate Bible reading.
 - Spoken blessings.
 - Songs and stories.
 - Mealtime grace.
- 2** Short truths—God loves me; God loves others; God wants me to love others too.
- 3** Parents who model unconditional love and forgiveness, as a reflection of the way that God loves us.
- 4** A partnership between church and home so that parents are supported, resourced and mentored.
- 5** Grandparent figures and intergenerational relationships within the church community—that will hopefully be ongoing.

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES NEED:

1. Regular church attendance—aim for weekly.
2. Faith rituals and rhythms in the home.
3. Modelled discipleship.
4. Church led parenting resourcing and support.
5. Supportive peer relationships—for both parents and children.
6. Positive and intentional intergenerational relationships, e.g., with Children's Ministry leaders and other mentors.