

Children and Family Ministries

St. James Anglican Church, Caledon East

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- A. **Past and Present-** We have 3-4 children that attend our Bible Adventure Club, some regular volunteers and have had some families visit. The structure of our time together involves music, a Bible story, an activity or craft and some methods of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd that involve grounding skills and/or meditation on Scripture with the use of visual aids. Since beginning in September of 2019, God has been good and gracious to us and is helping us fine tune our ministry to the children. With that comes the need to support families that I will speak to in our third section.

We had a successful vacation Bible School this past summer that had 19 participants. It was led by Cross talk Ministries based in Montreal, Quebec. We are having them back from July 13th to the 17th, this coming year.

- B. **Finances.** – Our budget is attached. We received two grants from the Diocese. One for Children’s Ministry and the other for Youth Ministry. The first one will partly go towards larger materials to aid in the program and partly towards a Smart T.V.; of which we have submitted a request to advisory.
- C. **New Direction-** As of January 2020, I have discerned the need to support our families in a few new initiatives.
1. **Family service** titled something along the lines ‘*Our Father who is at home*’. If agreeable with the powers that be, I would like to begin a Family service this Fall that will happen once a month. The structure of the service would include Action songs, stories and prayers of the children. It will also be a time to introduce them to elements of worship. I will be incorporating more areas of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd where we nurture the child’s religious potential.
 2. **A Women’s fellowship titled ‘Fill my cup’** which will meet every other Saturday at the Church. We will begin in Lent. This is a time for all women to come and learn from the Word of God what it is that gives us strength when we feel our cups running dry and our burdens heavy. There will be some toys provided for Mothers of young children.
 3. **Parenting workshop from the Alpha Series-** This fall, come and join the many parents that strive to keep it together as we explore sessions dedicated to the following: Building strong foundations, Meeting our children’s needs, setting boundaries, teaching healthy relationships and long term goals.

I am looking for any and how many ever volunteers who would like to help me with these ministries. Thank you for being on this journey with our Church family. Blessings!