



Dear Friends,

I read this poem on internet:

A CHILD LIVES AND LEARNS

If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn.

If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight.

If a child lives with fear, he learns to be apprehensive.

If a child lives with pity, he learns to be sorry for himself.

If a child lives with jealousy, he learns to feel guilty.

If a child lives with encouragement, he learns to be confident.

If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient.

If a child lives with praise, he learns to be appreciative.

If a child lives with recognition, he learns what justice is.

If a child lives with acceptance, he learns to love.

If a child lives with honesty, he learns what truth is.

If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith in himself.

If a child lives with friendliness, he learns that the world is a nice place to live.

If a child lives with the spiritual, he learns to have faith in God.

Author unknown to me.

This reminds me of our responsibility as parents, teachers in the Children's Sabbath School and church members. What do our kids see in us? Are we people showing a desire to follow God, are we people who practise what they preach, are we fully committed to God? All very relevant questions. You cannot give what you do not have yourself. In a world where kids are getting mixed messages all the time we need to come with God's truths. It is not easy in our day and age. We live in countries where God is never mentioned, where law encourage people to move away from God's ideal. So our children are waiting for people who are committed to God in word and deed.

My prayer is that we will be those people. That our faith is so strong that nothing can keep us from helping our children discover God for themselves.

Blessings,

Clair

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NEWS FROM NORWAY

Gry Beate Marley, Children's and Family Ministries director in Norway

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SUPER SABBATH

This year's Day of Fellowship was no exception, again we arranged Super Sabbath for the children, in all three conferences. The children love the fact that they have a whole day where all the programmes are targeted especially for them. They have Sabbath School, their own church service and an activity trail in the afternoon. This year's theme was the Sabbath. We had visits from someone who told about when God gave us the Sabbath at creation, we heard from Joseph Bates, our very own Adventist pioneer, on how he rediscovered the Biblical Sabbath and finally we heard from someone who had listened to Jesus and what Jesus had said we could do on the Sabbath. At the end of the day everyone got a Sabbath bag filled with little Sabbath activities that they could take home with them.



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More pictures from the Super Sabbath



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BASECAMP 8

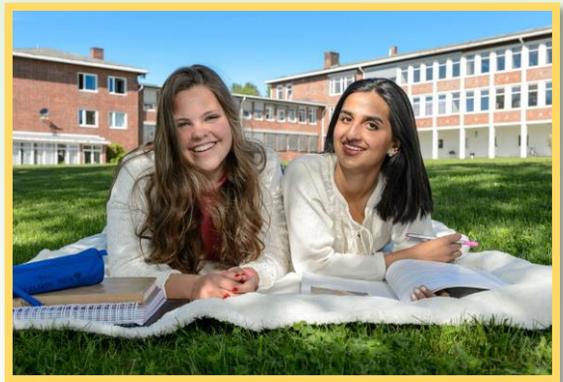
A week of fun winter activities! That is exactly what the children who are in 8th grade get to experience every January in Norway. Skiing, dog sledging and teambuilding activities, while also learning about the principals of temperance. Basecamp 8 is a co-operation project between the youth and the school department at the Union. So, in addition to learning about temperance the children also get to meet Daniel and learn about how he stayed close to God through all the challenges he faced in his life. It is a week where friendships are build and memories are made. It is an event that the younger children look forward to being able to come along to once they are old enough.



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ADVENTIST SCHOOLS IN NORWAY

Education is one of the strengths of the Adventist Church. We have made a difference in many children's lives through our schools and education systems. We aim not only at academic excellence but also work very hard on passing on core values like empathy and kindness. In Norway we are blessed with 12 Adventist schools. 11 primary and secondary schools and one high school. The schools are spread around in the whole country, from Sandnes in the West to Tromsø in the North and Moss in the East. The High School has a girls and a boys dormitory so young people from the age of 16-19 come and spend three years at the school before they move on to University.



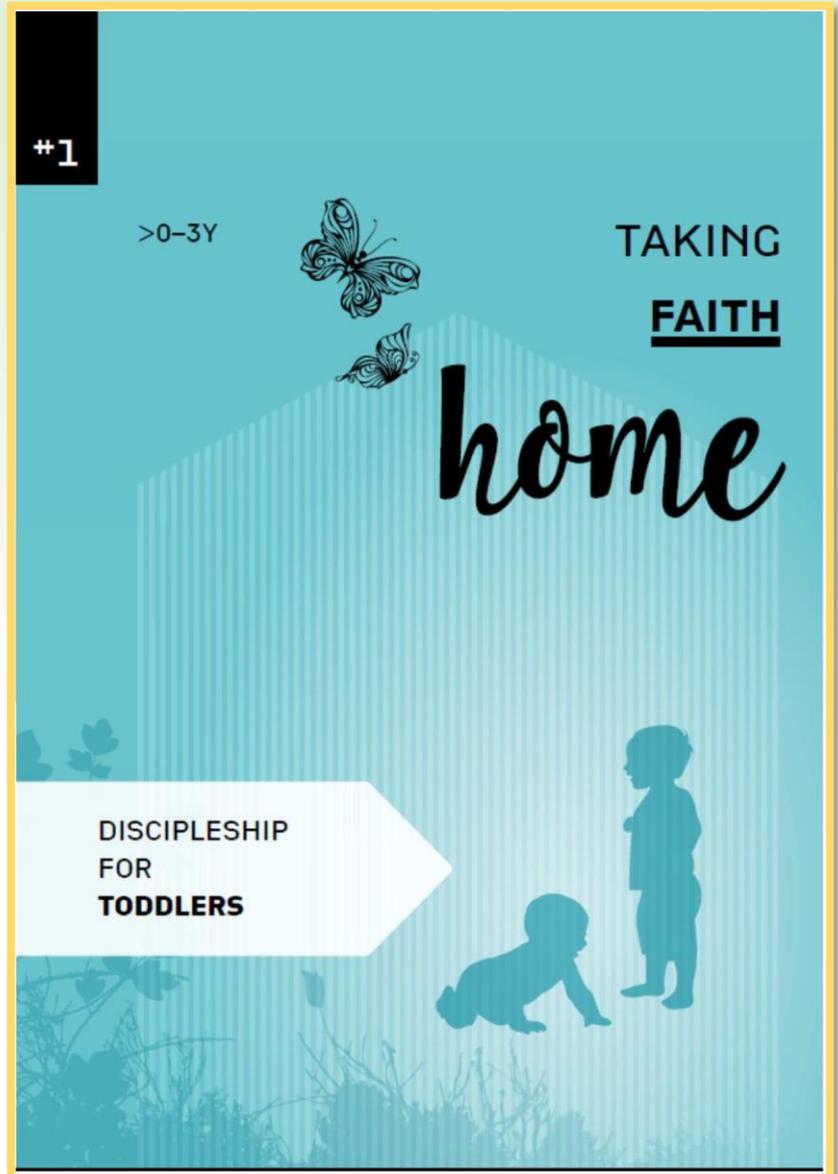
DISCIPLESHIP PATH

Working together brings fruit. Over the last couple of years the children's leaders in Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Finland has had a co-operation project where we have wanted to develop brochures for parents in our churches.

These brochures are to give parents advice and inspiration on how they can pass their faith on to their children and help their children feel at home in the church.

There are six folders aimed at different age groups. Each country fills the resource page at the back of their folder with resources that are available in their country.

The folders are at this very moment being produced and we look forward to seeing the final result very soon and being able to share it both with our local members and the other countries in the TED who might be interested.



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PATHFINDERS

As nature springs to life in spring with leaves on trees and melting snow then also comes pathfinder investiture time in Norway. All over the country pathfinder clubs celebrate the years achievements with special church services where the pathfinders receive badges and honours. We have several pathfinder clubs with many dedicated leaders. Every year we also have a pathfinder camp in the summer. Last year we were part of a Nordic camporee that took place in Denmark while this year we have a national camp with just Norwegian pathfinders. Pathfinders is a brilliant way for children to get to know, not just about nature and how to do pioneering, but also to get to know Jesus. Both through caring leaders and fellow pathfinders. We are lucky in that we have beautiful nature that we can enjoy with canoeing, mountain climbing and camping.



New Messy Church books

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Messy Church Does Science is here!

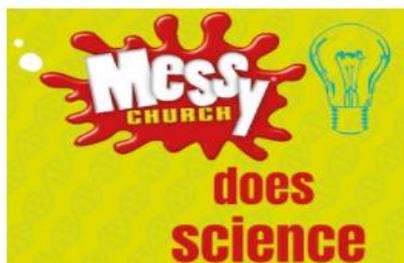
Does the idea of science leave you snoring? We're bringing together science and faith in our latest project [Messy Church Does Science](#).

We want to inspire you to do science at your Messy Church to help you to explore aspects of the Christian faith. Experience the wonder of God's creation while making a mess as you do.

(Messiness entirely optional: many experiments will suit those who need a bit less to clean up!)

...science is fun, a gift from God that brings joy to life, helping us to appreciate his life and love all the more. All of us want to share that sense with others, helping them to enjoy the wonder that science reveals all about the world and ourselves, and through it something of the God of life who lies behind it.

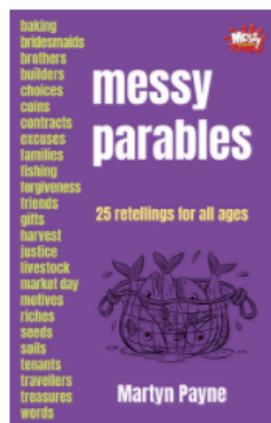
Dr Dave Gregory, Editor of Messy Church Does Science



Also out today is Martyn Payne's *Messy Parables: 25 retellings for all ages*.

Through 25 tried-and-tested retellings, together with sections on the importance of story, the power of parable, the challenge of all-age storytelling and becoming a Messy storyteller, this resource communicates the immediacy and relevance of Jesus' message for Messy congregations today.

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