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How do we
grow the number of
children and young people
in our churches?



**In 2022 we undertook
research into churches that
have grown their engagement
with under 18s.**

**This short booklet summarises
what the research found.**

**Read the full research report
and get inspired at
cofe.io/GrowthResearchCYP**

Prioritise Resource Adapt You



**The first thing we can
do as a church is pray.**

**Pray for families,
children and young
people to come to faith.**

Pray for our church.

**Pray for God's wisdom
and guidance.**





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Prioritise





Prioritising children, young people and families in our churches is fundamental.

In most cases one of the key drivers has been committed leadership that sets the culture and sees youth and children's ministry as an essential priority.





Resource

We can resource growth through a range of activities such as toddler groups, craft activities, Messy Church, parent groups and youth groups.

Volunteers are your best resource and if you have the option of employing a Youth and Children's Worker this can accelerate growth.





Adapt

10AM SERVICE

A welcoming place for all



Adapting is crucial.

The church must be prepared to change to ensure that it's a welcoming place for all ages. This might impact services and activities.



**Churches that are growing
acknowledge the whole family
in their services, not just in
their family activities.**





This isn't just about leadership,
this is about you.

It's about everybody in the
church. Whether you are 95
and can offer to pray for
younger people or only five
and can invite a friend along,
we all have a part to play.





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So, make sure that children, young people and families are a key part of your vision.

Have activities that will attract and disciple these people, ensuring that you're ready to change what you're doing to suit their needs.

This is a community effort and the whole church can be involved in reaching the next generation to see our church grow into the future.



The Kingdom of God belongs to such as these

Luke 18:16



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Youth and Children
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 **THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND**

For more information on the Church of England's strategy for doubling the
number of children and young people scan the QR code

