

# Children's Ministry - Leaders' Survey 2009

(please tick (✓) the box that applies)

Are you?

Male	1	
Female	2	

Your age?

Under 18	1	
18-19	2	
20-29	3	
30-39	4	
40-49	5	
50-59	6	
60-69	7	
70+	8	

Your occupational status?

in full-time work	1	
in part-time work	2	
housewife/ househusband/carer	3	
unemployed	4	
student	5	
retired	6	

Is your involvement in children's ministry?

voluntary	1	
paid part-time	2	
paid full-time	3	

Do you hold qualifications in any of the following areas?

Teaching	1	
Childcare (Classroom assistant / nursery)	2	
Youth work	3	
Social work	4	
Theology	5	

Please tick the type of group/s you are involved in (Please tick as many as are appropriate)

Sunday school during the main church service	1	
Sunday school outside the time of the main church service	2	
A bible club not on a Sunday	3	
A youth club for under 12s	4	
Family ministry	5	
Creche during church services	6	
After schools club	7	
Church sponsored uniform organisation for under 12s	8	
Music / Worship Group	9	
Holiday Bible Club	10	

As a leader do you help out

Every time the group runs	1	
On a rota basis	2	

Is the rota based on helping out so many weeks per month or is it done in blocks eg four weeks on four weeks off?

So many weeks per month	1	
In blocks	2	

If the rota is 'so many weeks per month' then how many times per month do you work in the group/s?

Once a month	1	
Twice a month	2	
Three times a month	3	
Every week	4	

If the rota is in 'blocks' then how long is each block?

Two weeks	1	
Three weeks	2	
Four weeks	3	
More than four weeks	4	

If the rota is in 'blocks' then how often is each block

Once a term	1	
Twice a term	2	
Once a year	3	

How often do you attend all of the church service

Once a month	1	
Twice a month	2	
Three times a month	3	
Every week	4	

Does working in your group mean you miss part of the church service?

No	1	
Yes	2	

If yes, do you mind missing part of the service

No	1	
Yes	2	

Do you attend any fellowship / Bible study group during the week?

No	1	
Yes	2	

Outside the group we meet on average as a leader team

Never	1	
Once a year	2	
Twice a year	3	
Once a term	4	
Once a month	5	
Every week	6	

Outside the group the leaders meet with the rector

Never	1	
Once a year	2	
Twice a year	3	
Once a term	4	
Once a month	5	
Every week	6	

Outside the group the leaders meet with the select vestry or ministry team

Never	1	
Once a year	2	
Twice a year	3	
Once a term	4	
Once a month	5	
Every week	6	

I have heard of 'Building Blocks'

No	1	
Yes	2	

I attend 'Building Blocks'

Every year	1	
If I am free	2	
Sometimes	3	
Never	4	

How many children's ministry training events or training courses outside your parish have you attended in the last year

None	1	
One	2	
Two	3	
Three	4	
Four	5	
Five or more	6	

I would be prepared to attend training in my parish to help develop my work

No	1	
Yes	2	

I would be prepared to attend training in the Diocese to help develop my work

No	1	
Yes	2	

If attending training, which of the following formats is most attractive (please tick only one box)

A one off evening course	1	
A one off Saturday training day	2	
Evening sessions once a month that I could pick and choose	3	
Saturday session once a month that I could pick and choose	4	
A short course of six evenings session held once a week in a block	5	
A short course of six Saturday session held once a week in a block	6	

## What type of person are you?

The following list contains pairs of characteristics. For each pair tick (✓) **ONE** box next to that characteristic which is **closer** to the real you, even if you feel both characteristics apply to you. Tick the characteristic that reflects the real you, even if other people see you differently.

**PLEASE COMPLETE EVERY QUESTION**

**Do you tend to be more...**

active  **or**  reflective

**Do you tend to be more..**

interested in facts  **or**  interested in theories

**Do you tend to be more...**

concerned for harmony  **or**  concerned for justice

**Do you tend to be more...**

happy with routine  **or**  unhappy with routine

**Are you more...**

private  **or**  sociable

**Are you more...**

inspirational  **or**  practical

**Are you more...**

analytic  **or**  sympathetic

**Are you more...**

structured  **or**  open-ended

**Do you prefer...**

having many friends  **or**  a few deep friendships

**Do you prefer...**

the concrete  **or**  the abstract

**Do you prefer...**

feeling  **or**  thinking

**Do you prefer...**

to act on impulse  **or**  to act on decisions

**Do you...**

dislike parties  **or**  like parties

- Do you...**  
prefer to design  **or**  prefer to make
- Do you...**  
tend to be firm  **or**  tend to be gentle
- Do you...**  
like to be in control  **or**  like to be adaptable
- Are you...**  
energised by others  **or**  drained by too many people
- Are you...**  
conventional  **or**  inventive
- Are you...**  
critical  **or**  affirming
- Are you...**  
happier working alone  **or**  happier working in groups
- Do you tend to be more...**  
socially detached  **or**  socially involved
- Do you tend to be more...**  
concerned for meaning  **or**  concerned about detail
- Do you tend to be more...**  
logical  **or**  humane
- Do you tend to be more...**  
orderly  **or**  easygoing
- Are you more...**  
talkative  **or**  reserved
- Are you more...**  
sensible  **or**  imaginative
- Are you more...**  
tactful  **or**  truthful
- Are you more...**  
spontaneous  **or**  organised

**Are you mostly...**  
an introvert  **or**  an extravert

**Are you mostly focused on...**  
present realities  **or**  future possibilities

**Are you mostly...**  
trusting  **or**  sceptical

**Are you mostly...**  
leisurely  **or**  punctual

**Do you...**  
speak before thinking  **or**  think before speaking

**Do you prefer to...**  
improve things  **or**  keep things as they are

**Do you...**  
seek for truth  **or**  seek for peace

**Do you...**  
dislike detailed planning  **or**  like detailed planning

**Are you...**  
happier with uncertainty  **or**  happier with certainty

**Are you...**  
up in the air  **or**  down to earth

**Are you...**  
warm-hearted  **or**  fair-minded

**Are you...**  
systematic  **or**  casual

*Please read each sentence carefully and think, 'Do I agree with it?'*

<i>If you Agree Strongly, put a ring round . . .</i>	AS	A	NC	D	DS
<i>If you Agree, put a ring round . . .</i>	AS	A	NC	D	DS
<i>If you are Not Certain, put a ring round . . .</i>	AS	A	NC	D	DS
<i>If you Disagree, put a ring round . . .</i>	AS	A	NC	D	DS
<i>If you Disagree Strongly, put a ring round . . .</i>	AS	A	NC	D	DS

I understand the reason for children's ministry is .....

to ensure children know stories from the Bible	AS	A	NC	D	DS
to shape a positive attitude in children towards church	AS	A	NC	D	DS
to keep children in church	AS	A	NC	D	DS
to give children a moral code for life	AS	A	NC	D	DS
because we have always done it	AS	A	NC	D	DS
to build positive relationships with children	AS	A	NC	D	DS
to bring children to a faith in Jesus	AS	A	NC	D	DS

I am a leader because ....

I enjoy doing it	AS	A	NC	D	DS
I feel I have to	AS	A	NC	D	DS
there was nobody else to take it on	AS	A	NC	D	DS
I feel called	AS	A	NC	D	DS
it makes good use of my gifts	AS	A	NC	D	DS
my children are involved	AS	A	NC	D	DS
my grandchildren are involved	AS	A	NC	D	DS
my children used to be involved	AS	A	NC	D	DS
of my own childhood experience	AS	A	NC	D	DS



I believe the children understand what we teach them	AS	A	NC	D	DS
I believe the children I work with have a faith	AS	A	NC	D	DS
The children I work with pray on their own regularly	AS	A	NC	D	DS
The children I work with read the bible regularly	AS	A	NC	D	DS
The children know what it means to be a Christian	AS	A	NC	D	DS

Please name the programme of resources your group uses

We have a clear plan for each term	AS	A	NC	D	DS
We have a clear plan for each session	AS	A	NC	D	DS
I like the programme we use	AS	A	NC	D	DS
I understand the programmes we use	AS	A	NC	D	DS
I wish we used a different programme	AS	A	NC	D	DS
I spend a lot of time preparing	AS	A	NC	D	DS
I tend to prepare last minute	AS	A	NC	D	DS
I am happy with the space/environment we work in	AS	A	NC	D	DS

We have enough time each week for our activity	AS	A	NC	D	DS
I would like more time to get to know the children	AS	A	NC	D	DS
I feel we need more time for bible teaching	AS	A	NC	D	DS
I feel we need more time for praying	AS	A	NC	D	DS

I feel we need more time for worship	AS	A	NC	D	DS
I feel we need more time for games	AS	A	NC	D	DS
I feel we need more time to listen to the children	AS	A	NC	D	DS
I feel I know a lot about the Bible	AS	A	NC	D	DS
I am happy praying in front of the group	AS	A	NC	D	DS
I would be happy talking to children about being a Christian	AS	A	NC	D	DS
I am happy with the way things are	AS	A	NC	D	DS
I would need help from my fellow leaders if we were to change things	AS	A	NC	D	DS
I would need help from the Diocese if we were to change things	AS	A	NC	D	DS
I am happy to be a leader for many years to come	AS	A	NC	D	DS
My church appreciate what I do	AS	A	NC	D	DS
My church understands what I do	AS	A	NC	D	DS
My church supports me in what I do	AS	A	NC	D	DS
My church prays for my work regularly	AS	A	NC	D	DS

**Thank you for completing this survey**