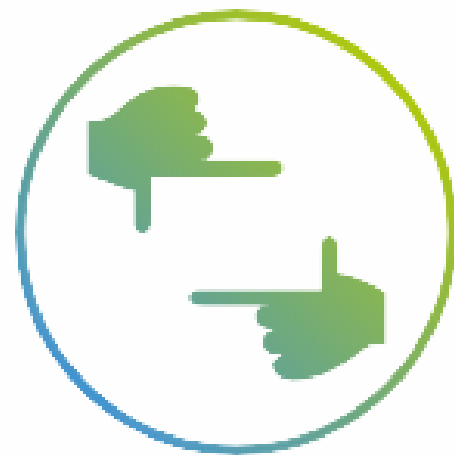


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- God's plan for kids' discipleship is in normal, everyday life (Deut 6:4-9).
- Every family is unique – there's no one right way to help them meet and know God.
- We want to help our kids be God-connected, not just God-smart.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

THE CHALLENGE



The reality we're facing

- Many children/young people have an 'acorn of faith' but it doesn't develop deep roots
- Surface faith doesn't last when they age out of an activity, hit hard times and the pressures of life or just when something more attractive comes along.
- Result = children's faith drop-off (or churches with no children)

Is this something you've seen in your contexts?



THE VISION



What do we want to see

We are aiming for, a faith that is:

- Deeper → not just surface-level, but resilient
- Rooted in:
 - Relationship with God
 - Biblical truth
 - Church community
- Lasting → survives the ups and downs of real life

**Child/
Teen**



Parent

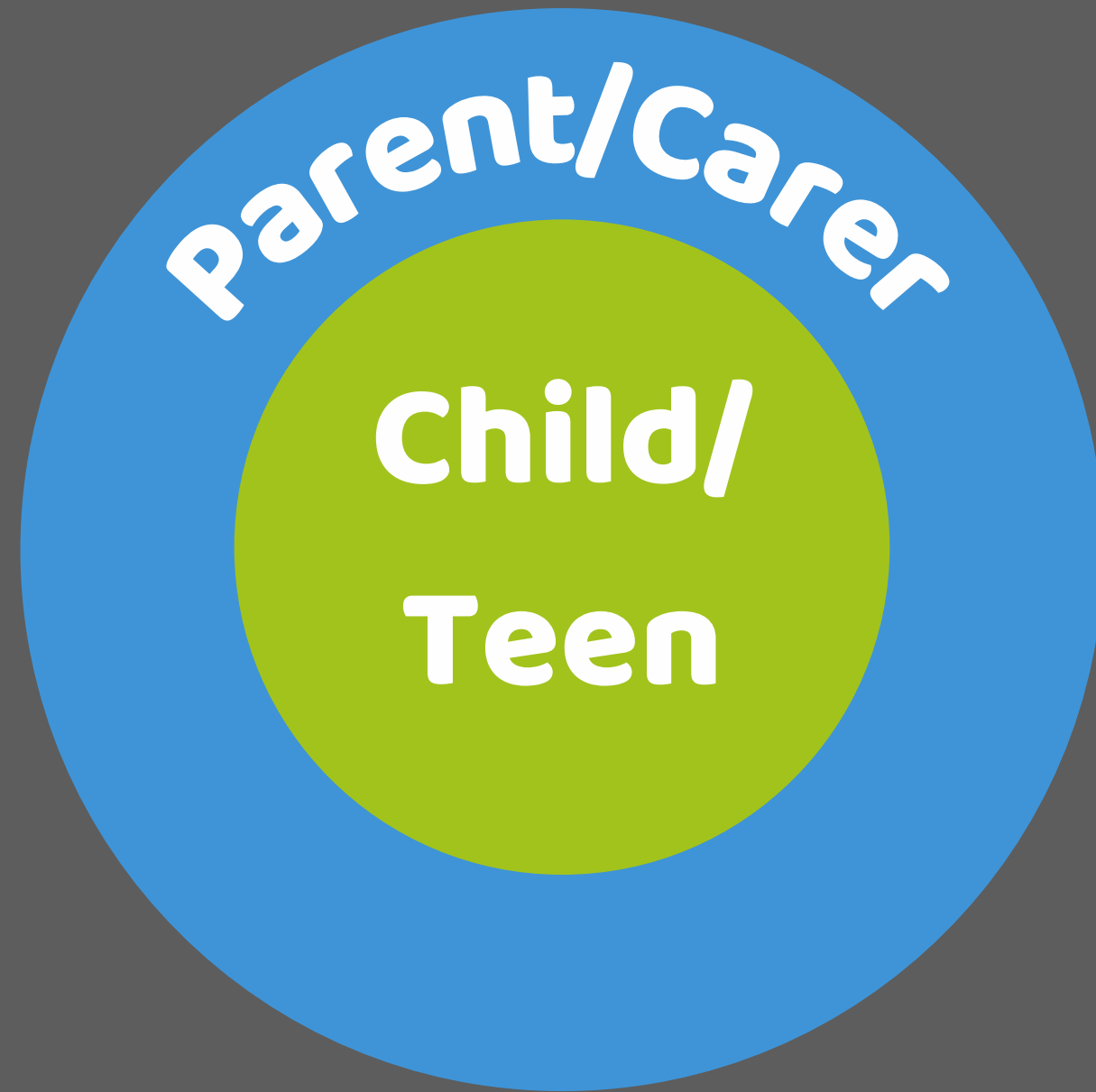


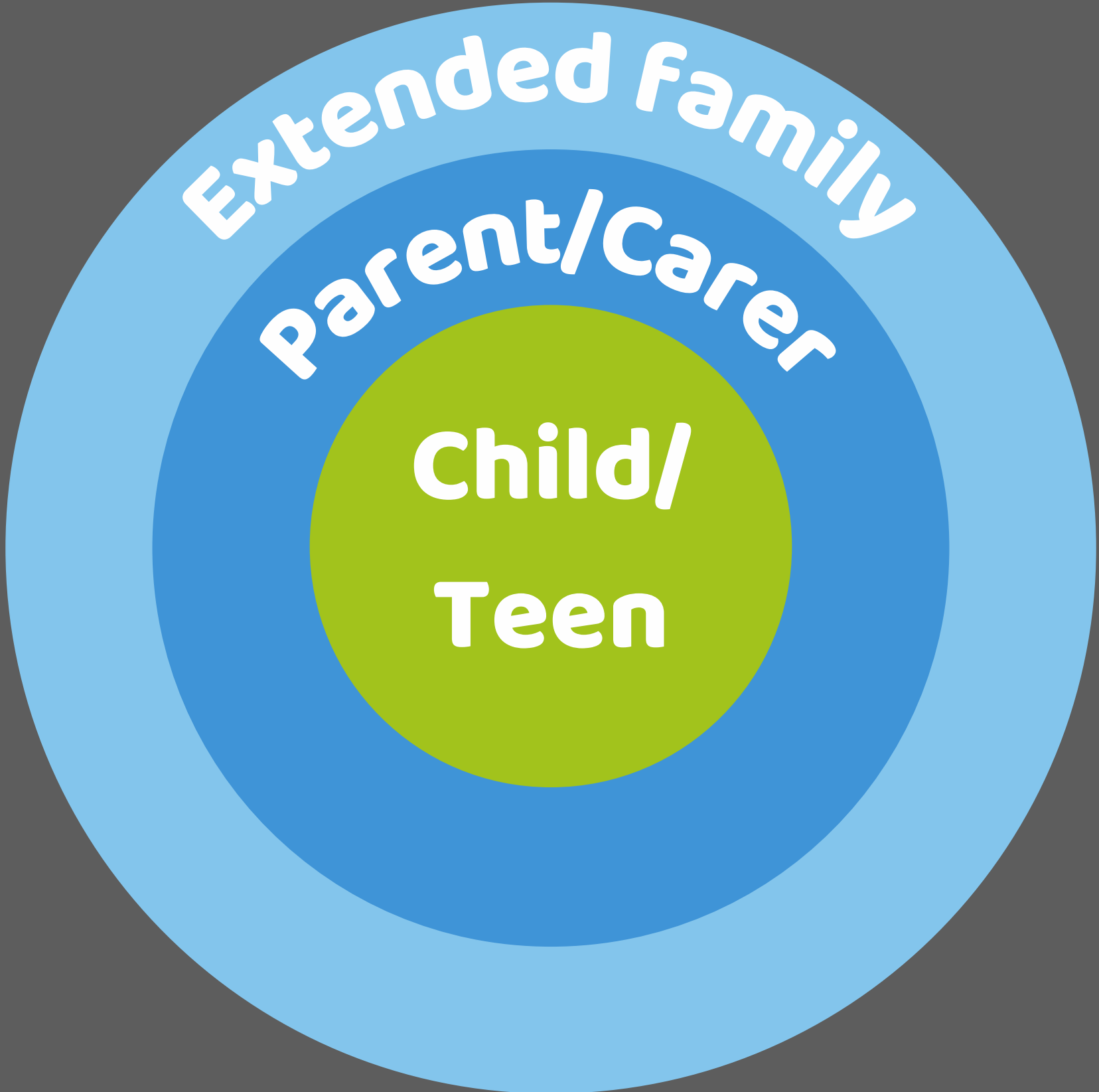
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**Child/
Teen**

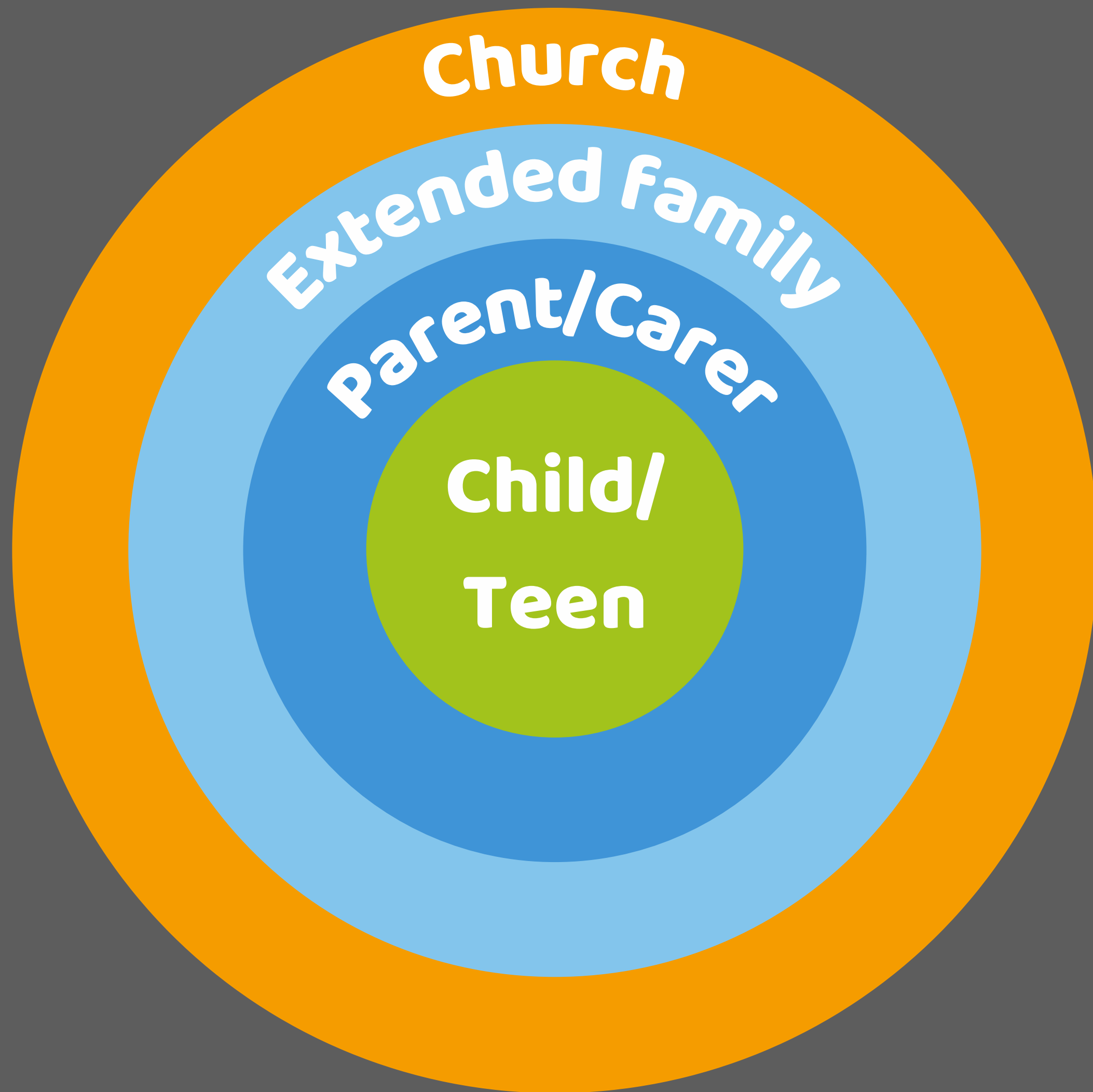




Extended Family

Parent/Carer

Child/
Teen



Church

Extended Family

Parent/Carer

**Child/
Teen**

REFLECT



- What challenges your current thinking?
- What excites you?
- Where do you feel resistance?



DENTIST

- Expert does it
- You come occasionally
- Passive
- Guilt/checking dynamic
- Often how parents/carers feel about church

IKEA

- Creates windows
- Displays the range
- Give you what you need to easily build at home
- Let's people try things out.
- Understands what you need to feel supported
- Flexible, adaptable

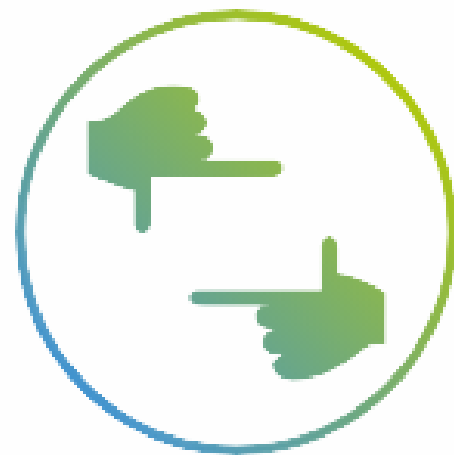


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NONE



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Five Key Tools



Creating Windows



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Image 'Open Bible on kitchen table with coffee mug'
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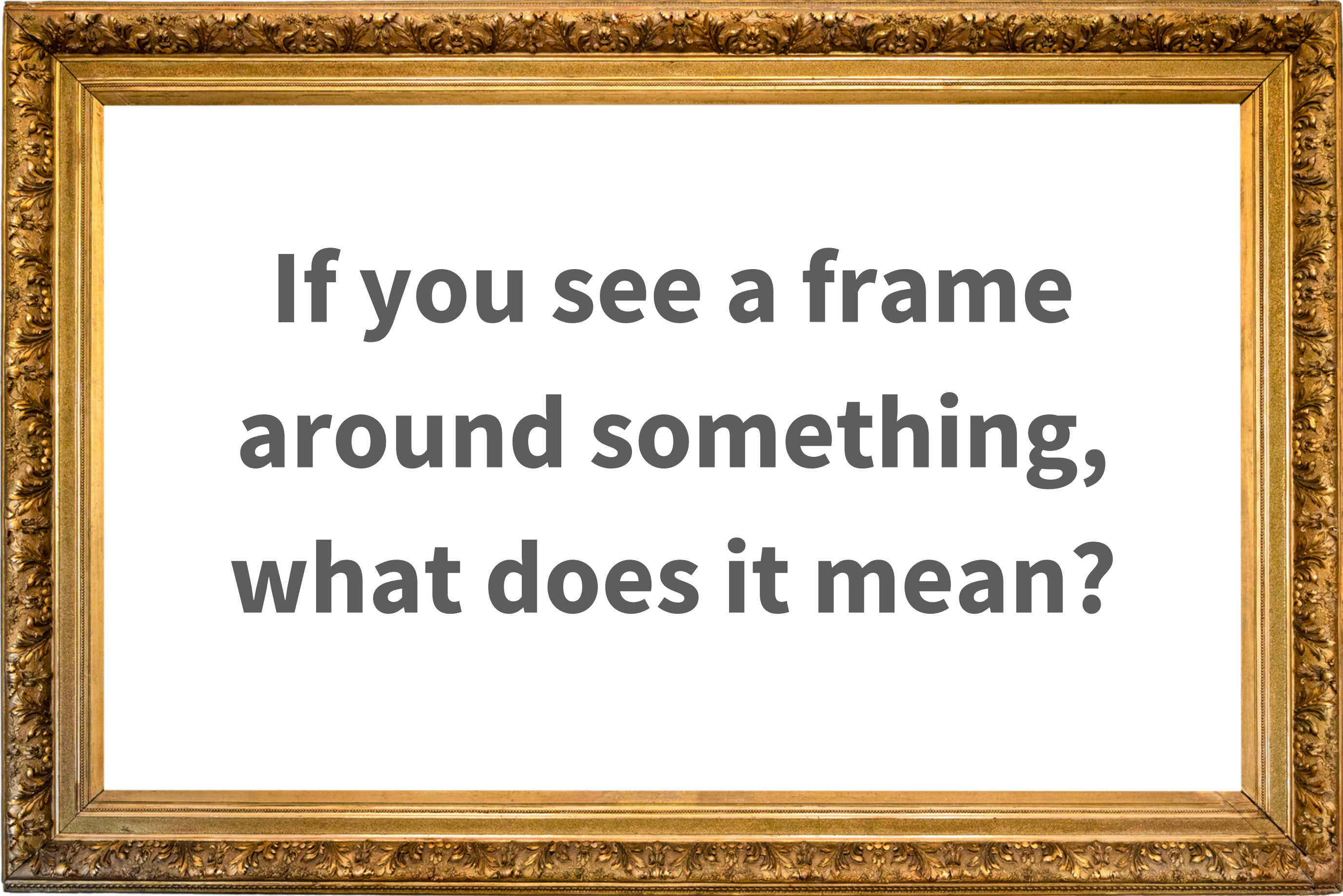
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In your life, who created windows for you, what were they and how has it shaped your faith?

Framing



Image 'People in modern art gallery hall'
by Pixelshot



**If you see a frame
around something,
what does it mean?**



Image 'Shadow of parent and child on pedestrian crossing'
by Hakase from Getty Images



What are some ways your parents or carers helped you interpret the world?

What happens if we add in some questions and space to wonder?

- I wonder what God was feeling when ...
- I wonder what God was doing when ...
- I wonder what God thought when ...



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Four steps to approaching any question

Questions

1. Ask

'What do you think?'

Often children ask questions because there's something going on inside of them, so get them talking first.

2. Ask

'What do we know?'

According to the Bible and wise people around us, what do we already know?

3. Ask

'What do we not know?'

There are lots of things that we don't know about scripture, theology and God. Let's be open about that and model that it's okay not to know everything.

4. Share

how you've handled it.

Explain to them how you've handled this question in your own life.

Chat and catch



Image 'Beautiful Happy african American Bonding at the Park' by Oneinchpunch

When do you pray most naturally?

How do you sense God speaking to you?

How does God speak?

What does the Bible tell us?

Some of the ways we can catch from God:



Skin



Mind

Dreams

Eyes
+
Ears

Emotions

Heart

Draw a picture with God
– chat to him about what
you are drawing and see
what you catch back

Chat with God about your
day and leave a gap for Him
to chat back, be ready to
catch

Ideas to help you keep catching from God

Ask him questions –
any question!
(We've got 101 for
you ...)



Read a Bible passage –
ask God to show you
something in it

Find out more at
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Unwinding

Image 'Tangled Christmas lights on a table'
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Activity

What is God like?

Let's name as many attributes as we can.



Activity

Which attributes do you naturally emphasise most with children or teenagers?

- What's overrepresented?
- What's missing?
- What might children or teenagers conclude?

Surfing the Waves



Image 'Parent and child walking with bodyboards towards the ocean' by Getty Images Signature

**One thing I want to
remember, try or do
as a result of today.**



Any questions?