

**Resources to start (or evaluate and refresh) your Family/Children's ministry:**

Check out the new Family & Children's kit for church planters or for any church who desires to start or refresh their family-focused children's ministry to help reach your target communities. This resource will help you evaluate your effectiveness and learn about some of the newest aids for a safe, community-oriented, fun, and biblically relevant family-based ministry that will help your church to thrive. Questions? Contact Julie Andersen ([jandersen@trinityefc.net](mailto:jandersen@trinityefc.net)), the NCD representative on the national EFCA Family & Children's Ministry Council.

**\* Pastors:**

There are two opportunities for you with this Family & Children's ministry kit - 1) Pick up a kit for your own church's family/children's ministry. Use the resources inside to evaluate your effectiveness and learn about some of the newest aids for a safe, community-oriented, fun and biblically relevant family-based ministry that will help your congregation to thrive. 2) Enter into this partnership with a church plant by committing to pay for the kit (\$100), and have your family/children's ministry area raise the additional \$100 for curriculum. They would also become prayer partners and encouragers for the church plant, all during the process of learning about what church planting is and catching a vision for how they can become a part of that Kingdom work.

**\* Church planters:**

Contact Dan Moose if you are interested in receiving this kit (free) in order to help you think through the needs and vision for a family-focused children's ministry to help you reach your target communities. You'll be given a host church that will sponsor the cost of the kit (\$100) and will make themselves available as a prayer partner. In addition, if the host church is willing to go an additional \$100 in donations (a great children's Sunday School project), NextStep Resources is willing to match that for a total of \$200, which they will provide to you in the form of Sunday School curriculum or children's/family ministry resources. Commit to sending your host church pictures of their offerings in action (i.e. pictures of your children's and family ministries) and updates on your church planting activities and vision. The relationship will be mutually encouraging and will help educate future generations on the importance of planting healthy churches where family ministry is a priority.

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