

A diverse group of grandparents, parents, and children posing together outdoors in front of a white building with a 'WELCOME' sign. The group includes an older man in a cowboy hat and sunglasses, a woman in a brown blazer, a man in a dark shirt, a woman in a white top, a woman in a brown sweater, and several children of various ages. The text 'GRANDPARENT CHAMPIONS' is overlaid in large white letters, and 'Resource Pack' is written below it in smaller white letters.

GRANDPARENT CHAMPIONS

Resource Pack

RESOURCE PACK CONTENTS

1. Inspiring Bible verses
2. Research findings
3. Recommendations & ideas
4. Resources

1. INSPIRING BIBLE VERSES

To share with grandparents
and grandparent-figures...

... and

your whole congregation!





DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7

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.

PSALM 78:4

We will not hide them from their descendants;
We will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,
his power, and the wonders he has
done.





JOSHUA

4:4-7

2. RESEARCH FINDINGS

Research carried out by Sarah Holmes in 2022 and 2024.

Interviews, focus groups, website and resource analysis



Key insight

HIGH influence ↑

- ✓ Meaningful relationships
- ✓ Faith conversations
- ✓ Prayer and modelling
- ✓ Emotional support

Grandparents are spiritually significant, but often under-recognised and under-supported.

LOW visibility ↓

- Rarely named in resources
- Limited practical guidance
- Often seen as peripheral
- Low confidence and support

Research among Christian grandparents (Holmes, 2022) ..





RESEARCH FINDINGS

Obstacles faced...

‘I think they are a generation who feel that they are not permitted or allowed to’

‘there is often a lot of fear and worry about causing offence’

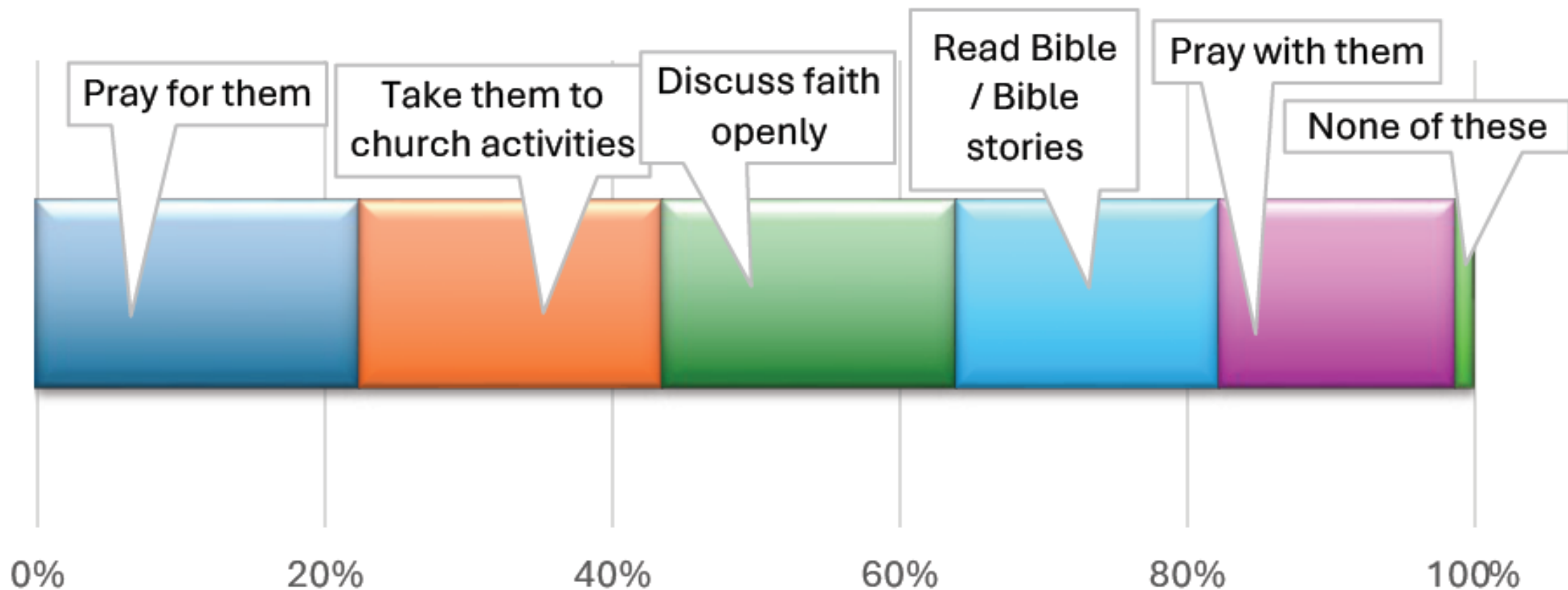


RESEARCH FINDINGS

Obstacles faced...

‘they seem to lack confidence in informal scenarios’

‘they are happy to answer and discuss faith when asked direct questions but won’t necessarily instigate it themselves.’

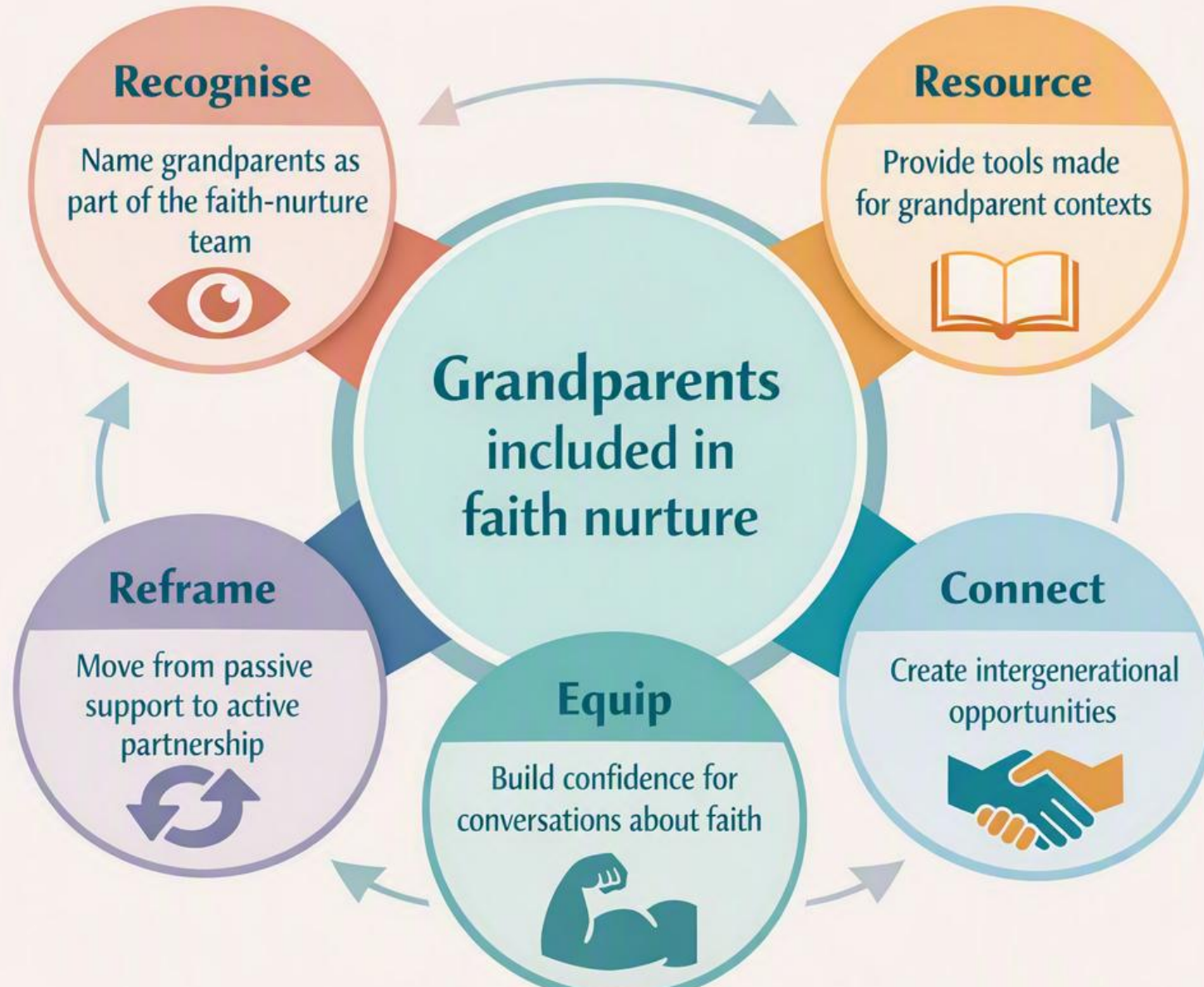


Which of these faith activities are you able to do with your grandchild(ren)?

3. RECOMMENDATIONS & IDEAS



Five ways churches can include grandparents



PRACTICAL IDEAS

Explicitly recognise grandparents and grandparent figures

1. Mention grandparents and grandparent figures in church children's and family ministry vision statements.
2. Include grandparents and grandparent-figures in church communications about children's ministry, not just parents.
3. Use inclusive language such as "parents, carers, grandparents and significant adults" in notices and publicity.
4. Pray publicly for grandparents and grandparent-figures during services, especially at key family moments.
5. Mark Grandparents' Sunday with stories, prayers and encouragement.
6. Invite grandparents to baptism, dedication, confirmation or milestone preparation sessions where appropriate.
7. Feature stories from grandparents and grandparent-figures in church newsletters or social media.
8. Include images of older adults and grandchildren in church publicity.
9. Ask grandparents to contribute ideas when developing family ministry plans.
10. Name grandparents and grandparent-figures as part of the church's wider "faith nurture team" for children.

PRACTICAL IDEAS

Develop targeted resources

1. Create a simple “grandparent toolkit” with prayers, conversation starters and activity ideas.
2. Produce age-appropriate faith conversation cards for use at home, on walks or during visits.
3. Provide short guides on praying with and for children/young people.
4. Share seasonal resources for Christmas, Easter, school holidays and birthdays.
5. Recommend children’s Bibles, devotionals and Christian storybooks suitable for different ages.
6. Create take-home activity packs grandparents can use with grandchildren.
7. Offer guidance on using everyday moments — mealtimes, car journeys, bedtime, nature walks — for faith conversations.
8. Develop simple Bible story sheets with questions and craft ideas.
9. Provide resources for long-distance grandparents, such as prayer prompts, postcard ideas or video-call activities.
10. Create a church webpage or regular email section specifically for grandparenting faith.

PRACTICAL IDEAS

Encourage intergenerational ministry

1. Run occasional grandparent-and-grandchild activity mornings with Bible stories, crafts and prayer.
2. Create intergenerational services where children and older adults contribute together.
3. Organise prayer partnerships between older adults and families, with clear safeguarding boundaries.
4. Invite grandparent-figures to help with church festivals, holiday clubs or family events.
5. Host shared meals where different generations can build relationships.
6. Include children, parents, grandparents and older adults in small-group discussion events.
7. Create storytelling moments where older adults share faith stories with children.
8. Invite grandparents and older adults to take part in all-age worship planning.
9. Pair families with older church members who can offer encouragement and prayer.
10. Develop intergenerational mission projects, such as serving the community together.

PRACTICAL IDEAS

Build confidence

1. Run a short seminar on the role grandparents and grandparent-figures can play in faith nurture.
2. Offer practical training on talking naturally about faith with children and young people.
3. Provide examples of gentle, invitational, non-pressurising phrases for faith conversations.
4. Reassure grandparents that small everyday moments can be spiritually significant.
5. Create discussion groups where grandparents can share experiences and learn from one another.
6. Provide guidance on respecting parents' wishes and navigating family sensitivities. Also provide prompts for conversations to clarify boundaries and expectations.
7. Encourage grandparents to share their own faith stories simply and honestly.
8. Offer pastoral support for grandparents who feel anxious, excluded or unsure.
9. Use sermons or teaching slots to affirm the biblical and relational value of older generations.
10. Celebrate small examples of grandparents and grandparent-figures making a difference, not just formal ministry roles.

PRACTICAL IDEAS

Challenging existing assumptions

1. Review church policies and ministry plans to see whether grandparents and grandparent-figures are mentioned at all.
2. Ask children's and family ministry teams how they currently involve grandparents and grandparent-figures.
3. Avoid assuming faith nurture is only the responsibility of parents.
4. Train church leaders and volunteers to recognise grandparents and grandparent-figures as active partners.
5. Challenge language that describes older adults only as helpers, supporters or babysitters.
6. Include grandparents and grandparent-figures in conversations about discipleship, not only pastoral care.
7. Ask grandparents and grandparent-figures directly what support they need rather than assuming.
8. Review church publicity to check whether older adults are visible in family ministry.
9. Share research evidence about the influence of grandparents in children's faith development.
10. Build grandparent and grandparent-figures involvement into church strategy rather than treating it as an optional extra.

4. RESOURCES



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THE GRANDPARENTS' GUIDE TO PASSING ON FAITH

FOREWORD BY J JOHN

SARAH HOLMES, OLLY GOLDENBERG & MARK GRIFFITHS

This practical guidebook will help Christian grandparents (including spiritual grandparents!) to share their faith naturally, confidently and lovingly with the children and young people around them.

Packed with biblical insights, relevant research and real-life stories from Christian grandparents, this inspiring book explores how children's interests change with age, how faith develops over time and how grandparents can play a meaningful part in that journey.

Inside, you'll find encouraging wisdom for navigating the everyday joys and challenges of family life with grace and hope as well as simple, practical ideas for praying with and for your grandchild, choosing an age-appropriate Bible, reading and discussing Scripture together and more.

As a grandparent myself, I found this book both encouraging and challenging. It is encouraging because it reminds us of the immense privilege of being grandparents. It is challenging because it reminds us of the responsibility that comes with that privilege. (J John)



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Some quotes from people who've been doing the course already

"I'd been seeking how to better share my faith with my grandchildren. This has energised, informed, and hit the spot"

"I loved hearing the stories of how other grandparents have overcome challenges and issues."

"It helped us to get to know each other better in church, so that we can support each other more authentically."

LITURGICAL RESPONSIVE READING

FOR NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY

The Faithfulness of God from Generation to Generation (ESV)

Leader: The Lord is faithful in every generation. He calls His people to remember His mighty works and to declare them to those who come after us.

Congregation: *"One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts"* Psalm 145:4.

Grandparents: *"Even to your old age I am he, and to grey hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save"* Isaiah 46:4.

Congregation: *"We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done"* Psalm 78:4.

Grandparents: *"Even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come"* Psalm 71:18.

LITURGICAL RESPONSIVE READING

FOR NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY

... Congregation: *"Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen ... Make them known to your children and your children's children"* Deuteronomy 4:9.

Grandparents: We rejoice that the Lord has entrusted us with a sacred calling—to bless, encourage, pray for, and bear witness to His faithfulness before those who follow us.

Congregation: We give thanks for the wisdom of age, the testimony of faithful lives, and the gift of every generation.

Grandparents: May our words be gracious, our prayers be constant, our example be faithful, and our hope remain in Christ alone.

Congregation: May every home become a place where Christ is known, His Word is treasured, and His Gospel is proclaimed.

Everyone: Faithful God, from generation to generation You remain the same. Strengthen grandparents to finish well, encourage families to walk together in faith, and raise children who will know, love, and follow Jesus Christ all the days of their lives. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. (SU Canada)



COMMISSIONING PRAYER

(SU Canada)

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Gracious and Faithful Father,

We thank You for grandparents and Your sacred calling on their lives. We recognize that grandparenting is more than family relationships; it's a divine opportunity to connect successive generations with You.

Your Word reminds us that one generation shall commend Your works to another and declare Your mighty acts. Lord, raise grandparents to faithfully share Your story, speak of Your faithfulness, and pass on a heritage of trust.

We thank You for the wisdom, experience, and faith stories of each grandparent. May they see themselves as spiritual influencers, disciple-makers, and faith builders. Give them opportunities to leave lasting legacies of lifelong followers of Christ.

Lord, strengthen grandparents to teach Your commands diligently to the next generation and speak about Your works, wonders and ways in the everyday moments of life. May their homes be places where faith is nurtured, prayers are offered, Scripture is treasured, grace is modelled, the Gospel is proclaimed, and Christ is honoured.....

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

..... Help grandparents be intentional. May their faith become a spiritual inheritance. May every whispered prayer, Scripture shared, faith conversation, and act of love become seeds planted for eternity.

For grandparents who are active and present in their grandchildren's lives, give them opportunities to encourage, guide, and display Christlike living. For grandparents separated by distance or difficult circumstances, remind them that prayer crosses every boundary and that their influence extends beyond what they see.

For grandparents who carry regrets or missed opportunities, extend healing and hope. Help them trust You to restore, redeem and use their availability for Your purposes.

Commission these grandparents, we pray, as ambassadors of faith. May they be faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ. May they invest their prayers and presence purposefully, so that future generations will know and follow You.

We pray for our church, too. May we recognize, encourage, and equip grandparents to fulfil this vital ministry. May our gatherings be occasions to learn from one another, worship, and participate in God's mission together....

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

..... Today we commission these grandparents, not to a task they accomplish in their own strength, but to a calling empowered by Your Holy Spirit.

Lord, use these grandparents to build a legacy of faith that echoes through generations until the day when every tongue confesses that Jesus Christ is Lord.

In the precious name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

LITURGICAL RESPONSIVE READING

FOR INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE

Passing Faith from Generation to Generation (NLT)

Leader: Today we thank God for grandparents and for the gift of every generation. Let us affirm together our calling to pass on the faith.

Congregation: *"We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders"* Psalm 78:4.

Grandparents: *"Grandchildren are the crowning glory of the aged; parents are the pride of their children"* Proverbs 17:6.

Congregation: *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength"* Deuteronomy 6:5.

Grandparents: *"Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up"* Deuteronomy 6:7.

Congregation: *"Only be careful—and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen. Do not let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to your grandchildren"* Deuteronomy 4:9.

LITURGICAL RESPONSIVE READING

FOR NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents: *"Even when I am old and grey, do not abandon me, O God. Let me proclaim your power to this new generation, your mighty miracles to all who come after me" Psalm 71:18.*

Congregation: *"We who know the Lord must tell future generations about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders" (based on Psalm 78:4).*

Grandparents: *"The righteous will flourish like palm trees and grow strong like the cedars of Lebanon ... Even in old age they will still produce fruit; they will remain vital and green" Psalm 92:12, 14.*

Congregation: *"One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts" Psalm 145:4 (adapted)*

Grandparents: Like Lois and Eunice, may our sincere faith be seen in our children and grandchildren (2 Timothy 1:5).

Everyone: Heavenly Father, by Your grace, may our lives point the next generation to Jesus Christ. May our faith be lived, our stories be shared, and Your Word be treasured from generation to generation. To You be the glory forever. Amen.