

All God's Children

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All God's Children: Snapshot



[All God's Children: The Church Family Gathers for a Very Blessed Summer](#) is a resource designed for intergenerational gatherings during the summer. It can be used as an intergenerational VBS or tailored to other summer programs or schedules. The sessions or events involve sharing a meal, playing through games and creative activities, reading and discussing Bible stories, and prayer. The curriculum includes menu and recipe ideas for the meals, and the publisher also provides suggestions for using the resource in at-home or online settings.

All God's Children: The Basics

- **Theme:** “The Church Family Gathers for a Very Blessed Summer”
- **Publisher:** [GenOn Ministries](#), 2020 (independent; see their [Theology and Values](#))
- **Intended ages/grades:** intergenerational
- **Format:** onsite, with suggestions for online and at-home gatherings
- **Number of sessions:** 5
- **Types of activities:** meals, crafts, games, Bible lesson, music, prayer
- **Cost:** \$54.90

All God's Children: Scope & Sequence

- **Day 1: Walking and Growing with Jesus**
Luke 24:13–48
- **Day 2: Trusting the Good Shepherd**
Psalm 23; Luke 10:11–18
- **Day 3: Bearing the Good Fruit**
John 15:1–8
- **Day 4: Love Each Other**
Psalm 98; John 15:9-17
- **Day 5: Green and Growing in the Kingdom of God**
Psalm 92:1–4, 12–15; Mark 4:26–34

All God's Children: Where It Shines

Intentionally intergenerational

This program is focused on bringing generations together. Leaders will not have to guess at how best to engage multiple different age demographics. This program does that for you.

New sessions

If you have used “The Church Family Gathers for Summer,” this material is new. These sessions are different in both topic and grounding scripture. If you liked what you used before, you can be assured that you can continue with this program.

Inclusion of outreach options

This program has an entire section on blessing others that can be used to expand on the basic lessons. You can choose to bless those in your church, community, or the world for a wide range of experience and impact.

All God's Children: What We Miss

Child-specific programming

Very Blessed Summer encourages people of all ages and stages of life to be fully engaged. While all of the suggested activities will be appropriate for children, you are less likely to see child-specific activities.

More specific step-by-step instructions

This program gives a lot of content and support, but you will want someone who is familiar with this kind of programming helping to plan, coordinate, and lead. This is not a program you want to put into the hands of an inexperienced volunteer without being able to offer them guidance as they determine what will be best for your community.

All God's Children: Overall Assessment

**A highly
adaptable
resource for
intergenerational
groups who enjoy
gathering around
a shared meal**