

## CORE SKILLS

### Core Skills has 3 aims:

- ♦ to help participants to develop an understanding of children and the skills required to nurture children in their journey of faith
- ♦ to provide the participants with the opportunity to explore, develop and reflect on their own experience of faith and Christian journey, and the effect it has on their work with children
- ♦ to help participants capture and share a vision of a Christian church community in which children's faith is expressed and valued

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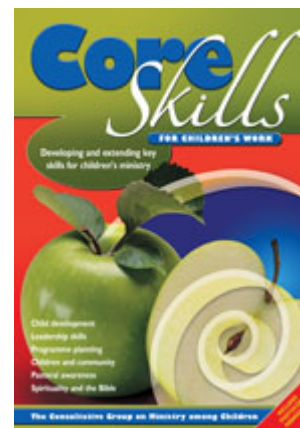
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for working with children in the church and community



**A certificate  
training course**

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### Topics:

- **child development and faith growth**
- **effective leadership**
- **reaching every child you teach**
- **successful child evangelism**
- **caring for the whole child**
- **developing the spiritual life**

## Why

### Why Core Skills?

- ◆ It effectively equips those involved in ministering to children.
- ◆ Children's work is essential for church growth because:
  - childhood is the time when most Christians accept Jesus as their Saviour ([www.barnaresearch.com](http://www.barnaresearch.com))
  - a ministry by caring adults influences children to become involved in their church
  - children who are active in church are less likely to stop attending church
  - children have a wonderful ability to share their faith

## Whose

### Whose Core Skills?

Core Skills training is for all those involved (teens and adults) in a ministry which nurtures children:

- ◆ all pastoral workers
- ◆ Sabbath School teachers & superintendents
- ◆ Children's Ministries leaders
- ◆ choir leaders
- ◆ those involved in community activities such as Holiday Bible Schools, weekly clubs, church plants
- ◆ parents & child carers

## What

### What is Core Skills?

- ◆ A certificate training course which includes:
  - the aims of the Seventh-day Adventist General Conference Children's Ministries training course
  - 6 areas of expertise from the government's department for children, schools and families (DFES) "Common Core of Skills and Knowledge for the Children's Workforce"
  - material from the Consultative Groups on Ministry among Children (CGMC) which is based on the successful Kaleidoscope course
- ◆ Core Skills is made up of six modules. Each module is creative, thought provoking, interactive and designed to inspire and refresh participants. The six modules will be taught over a residential weekend. Trained presenters in local churches may also run Core.

**Module 1** Understanding the physical, emotional, intellectual, social, moral and spiritual development of children.

**Module 2** Evaluate current leadership skills, gifts, strengths and weaknesses. Identify ways for personal development.

**Module 3** Discern how learning styles and culture differ so that effective planning of events can be done creatively.

**Module 4** Reflect on the many methods available to evangelise children and how to implement suitable strategies.

**Module 5** Share insights on caring for the whole child through providing a safe environment physically, emotionally and spiritually.

**Module 6** Develop ways children, within the church and home, can experience spiritual growth.