

Workshops:

Youth Steam		
Session	Presenter	Description
How to run a fun, engaging, and fast paced game time.	Eddie Wong, Awana – BAC	This is based largely on experience as an Awana Games Director, but will include general skills and tips for leaders and youth volunteers in how to lead and manage large group activities effectively. An interactive session that will use games to demonstrate that having fun and good discipline are partners.
Not Just the Future: Disrupting Youth Stereotypes	Sabrina Gibson, CEF Manitoba	Tired of being told you're "just the future" while getting sidelined today? It's time to rewrite the script. Leadership isn't something you unlock when you're older—it happens right now in your everyday choices. This interactive session is all about dropping the excuses, cutting through the noise, and proving that your age isn't a limitation. We'll talk real life, tackle the stereotypes holding you back, and give you simple tools to take charge of your story. You'll leave with a clear plan to replace self-doubt with action, break past low expectations, and make your voice heard right now.
TBD	Joyce Law, Fraser Land, CEF BC, Awana Canada	

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Preschool Ministry	Kathy Zelman, Kathy Zelman Consulting	
What is Child Discipleship? The 3 Bs that lead to lasting faith formation in kids	Sarah Armstrong, Awana Canada	What is Child Discipleship and why does it matter? Drawing on 75 years of the Awana ministry, this workshop explains the 3 factors that contribute to resilient and lasting faith in Jesus Christ. In this session explore the research and practical steps behind each of the 3 Bs: Belong, Believe, and Become. An engaging session for anyone interested in the faith development of children and youth.
Parenting Faith: What Canadian Research Reveals About Helping the Next Generation Follow Jesus	Cheryl Walsh, Converge Canada	"How is faith passed from one generation to the next in today's Canadian culture? What role do parents play, and how can churches best support them? Drawing on the groundbreaking Parenting Faith study conducted by the EFC's Centre for Research on Church and Faith, this workshop explores the experiences, challenges, and priorities of Canadian evangelical parents representing more than 3,000 children across the country. The research reveals significant shifts in how today's parents approach faith formation. Parents overwhelmingly see themselves as the primary influence on their children's spiritual development, yet they often navigate faith conversations very differently than previous generations. Many emphasize religious choice, prioritize relationship-based conversations, and discuss faith in everyday moments rather than through formal teaching. At the same time, traditional faith practices such as Bible reading, prayer, and sharing personal faith stories are not being consistently adopted by children in ways that suggest long-term continuation into adulthood. This practical and encouraging workshop will highlight key findings from the study, identify factors that help or hinder the transmission of faith, and explore the opportunities these insights create for churches, ministry leaders, and volunteers. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the realities facing Canadian families today and discover practical ways congregations can come alongside parents as they nurture a lasting faith in the next generation."

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More Than a Screen: Teaching and Reaching Gen Alpha with the Gospel	Joyce Law, Fraser Land, CEF BC, Awana Canada	TBD
Worship: Feeding the Flock, Fueling the Team	Stephen Toon	TBD
Every Child Needs a Safe Harbor: Equipping Children's Ministry Leaders Through Lived Experience & Trauma- Informed Care	Sabrina Gibson, CEF Manitoba	Every child enters our ministry spaces carrying a unique story—and for some, those stories are marked by deep hurt, anxiety, or sensory overload. Hosted from a perspective of childhood lived experience with complex trauma, this practical workshop moves beyond surface-level behavior management to cultivate true relational safety in the church. Participants will learn to recognize core forms of trauma, reframe challenging behaviors through a lens of compassion, and apply de-escalation tools that reflect God's love. Equip your leaders, volunteers, and parents to build a sanctuary where every child feels safe, known, and valued.
Supporting Neurodiverse Children in Church: Practical Strategies for Inclusive Ministry	Kimberley Quin, Teacher – Surrey School District	This workshop is designed to equip church leaders, ministry volunteers, and children's ministry teams with practical tools and evidence-informed strategies for effectively engaging and supporting neurodiverse children within the church environment. Participants will gain a greater understanding of common neurodevelopmental differences, explore the unique strengths and support needs of neurodiverse children, and learn how to foster a welcoming, inclusive, and accessible ministry for all families. Through interactive discussion, real-life scenarios, and practical applications, attendees will develop strategies for adapting teaching methods, managing sensory and behavioural needs, improving communication, and creating supportive environments that encourage meaningful participation in worship, learning, and fellowship. By the end of the workshop, participants will be better prepared to build a culture of belonging where every child has the opportunity to grow in faith, develop relationships, and participate in the life of the church.

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Teaching the Way Kids Learn: Learning Styles	Melissa Dunlop, CEF BC	TBD
Teachers that Touch Lives	Dennis Quin, CEF BC	TBD