The Building Blocks of Faith Toolkit

Building Block Chart Variations

Example 1: Assessment by Age Group

Under each age group, list all the programs and ministries in your church that address the Building Blocks of Faith.

Building Block	Birth to 5th Grade	Teens	Young Adults	Adults	Post-retirement
Belonging	Worship GEMS and Cadets		Worship	Worship Coffee time	
Knowing and Understanding	Sunday school	Worship Sunday School	Worship	Worship Adult ed	Worship Adult ed
Having Hope		Youth group		Worship	
Being Called and Equipped		Youth group		Worship Sunday school	

Example 2: Assessing Each Building Block by Ministry Area

List your congregation's ministry areas in the left-hand column. Then give a copy of this chart to each member of your group or congregation to fill in. In another copy of the chart, enter the averages of all responses. This will help you identify areas of strength and areas of weakness or opportunity. Repeat for the other Building Blocks of Faith.

Enter a number from 1 to 5 in each of the boxes:

1=disagree strongly, 2=disagree, 3=neutral, 4=agree, 5=agree strongly

Building Block: BELONGING			
Ministry area	**Participation** We have strong participation in this ministry area.	**Effectiveness** This ministry area helps people know that they *belong.*	**Sufficiency** This ministry area meets the need for *belonging* in our congregation.
Worship			
Nursery			
GEMS			
Cadets			
Sunday school			

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Example 3: Assessment for People in the Third Third of Life (age 55+)

For each group, write down the names of all the ministries of your church that help people experience each of the Building Blocks of Faith.

Building Block	"Go-go" group (very active)	"Slow-go" group (moderately active)	"No-go" group (mostly stay at home)	People with dementia	People who have "dropped out" of church
Belonging					
Knowing and Understanding					
Having Hope					
Calling and Equipping					

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Example 4: Assessment of Intergenerational Faith Formation

To use this tool to plan and evaluate current intergenerational gatherings or ministries (weekly worship, service projects, Bible studies, etc.) as well as future intergenerational gatherings, note in the boxes how that specific gathering or ministry meets the faith formation needs (blocks) for each age group.

Building Block	Children	Teens	Young Adults	Middle Adults	Elders/Seniors
Belonging					
Knowing and Understanding					
Having Hope					
Being Called and Equipped					

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