

## Every MOPS Moment Matters

Typical MOPS Morning Element	How Opportunity For Evangelism Occurs In This Element	How "Non-Team Leader" Christian Mums Can Be Involved In Evangelism
9:30 am Mums arrive and settle children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What mum is not going to notice and appreciate the love shown by a group of virtual strangers who are willing to give up their time and energy to look after another person's children?</li> <li>• MOPPETS is a great way to introduce children to Jesus in a developmentally appropriate way. For many children, MOPPETS may be the only spiritual input they receive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you notice a new mum as you arrive, chat to her, begin to get to know her</li> <li>• Direct her to the MOPPETS rooms and introduce her to one of the leader MOPPETS workers</li> <li>• Do you have a mother, grandma, uni student friend who would be willing to be involved in this vital ministry as a MOPPETS carer?</li> </ul>
9:30-9:45am Morning Tea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beautiful décor and yummy morning tea with good hot coffee and everything organized before the mums arrive spells love</li> <li>• A welcoming smile and sincere warmth at the sign in desk, helps a mum to feel comfortable and relaxed. Knows she is in a place where she is accepted.</li> <li>• Serving the mums makes the mums feel loved and special.</li> <li>• Making the room inviting and warm helps the women relax and feel like they belong.</li> <li>• Welcoming every mum and making sure that no mum is left alone.</li> <li>• Have intentional conversations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be on the morning tea roster</li> <li>• Be on the décor making team</li> <li>• Strike up a conversation with mums at the morning tea table.</li> <li>• Invite a new mum to join you at the table where you sit.</li> <li>• Offer to get a coffee and food for a mum who is new and too shy to get it for herself.</li> </ul>
9:45-10:00am Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Icebreaker, welcome of new mums with a gift, announcements of pregnancies, all help break down barriers, build relationship and make women feel loved. Icebreakers can often help women talk about things they may not have thought to share before.</li> <li>• Run an uplifting and intentional icebreaker.</li> <li>• Help keep the group informed of what is happening both in the Chartering Church and local community - builds community. Intentional relationship building - know the names of the mums who attend.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be attentive and help the mums on your table focus on the coordinator.</li> <li>• Participate in icebreakers with the heart attitude not of what you can get out of it but how you can better connect to the mums on your table or in your MOPS group.</li> <li>• Help the mums to connect by suggesting the group attend things the coordinator is promoting. Say things like "I'll go with you" to a mum who has expressed an interest in going.</li> </ul>

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10:00am Teaching time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build strong one-on-one relationships of trust that will, over time, allow them to ask the question "Can I pray with you about that?" and also share the things of God.</li> <li>• Organize at least 2 Gospel presentation mornings per year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do you know someone who could be another Mentor in our group?</li> <li>• Encourage mums with 'heavy' life impacting issues to chat to the Mentor. Go to the mentor with them and support them.</li> </ul>
10:20am Discussion time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include at least one question that can easily and naturally lead to Christians sharing a God perspective about the topic of the morning.</li> <li>• Connection with the mums in the discussion groups can be deeper because it is a more intimate group.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share your God stories as they are relevant to the morning topic</li> <li>• At home, pray for non-Christian women within your discussion group.</li> <li>• Develop a relationship with a non-Christian mum in your group. Invite her for coffee, to the park, play dates, when you are getting together with your other friends outside of MOPS.</li> </ul>
10:45am Creative time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This may be the one area that attracts some mums to a MOPS group and keeps them there.</li> <li>• It's important to include this creative element of the program in a MOPS morning, great to hold after your discussion groups. It allows mums to continue to discuss the topic of the morning in a casual manner after 'formal' discussion groups are finished, also allows discussion group leaders to refer mums with a sticky issue to have a quiet chat with the Mentor, or just talk deeper one on one with her.</li> <li>• Creative time also allows Mentors to circulate and build relationship often leading to important conversation</li> <li>• A well thought out craft shows the women they are valued and loved.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participate</li> <li>• Have intentional conversations during craft time.</li> <li>• Hold a baby for a mum wanting to do craft.</li> <li>• Make sure no-one is sitting alone</li> <li>• Offer to help mums sitting near you.</li> </ul>
Outside of MOPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evangelism through deepening relationships with the mums in the MOPS group.</li> <li>• Posting birthday cards shows we care about the mums.</li> <li>• Invite mums to small study groups to learn more about Christianity, eg Christian Explained course.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intentionally build relationships - going to the park? Invite another mum from your MOPS group whom you don't know very well.</li> </ul>