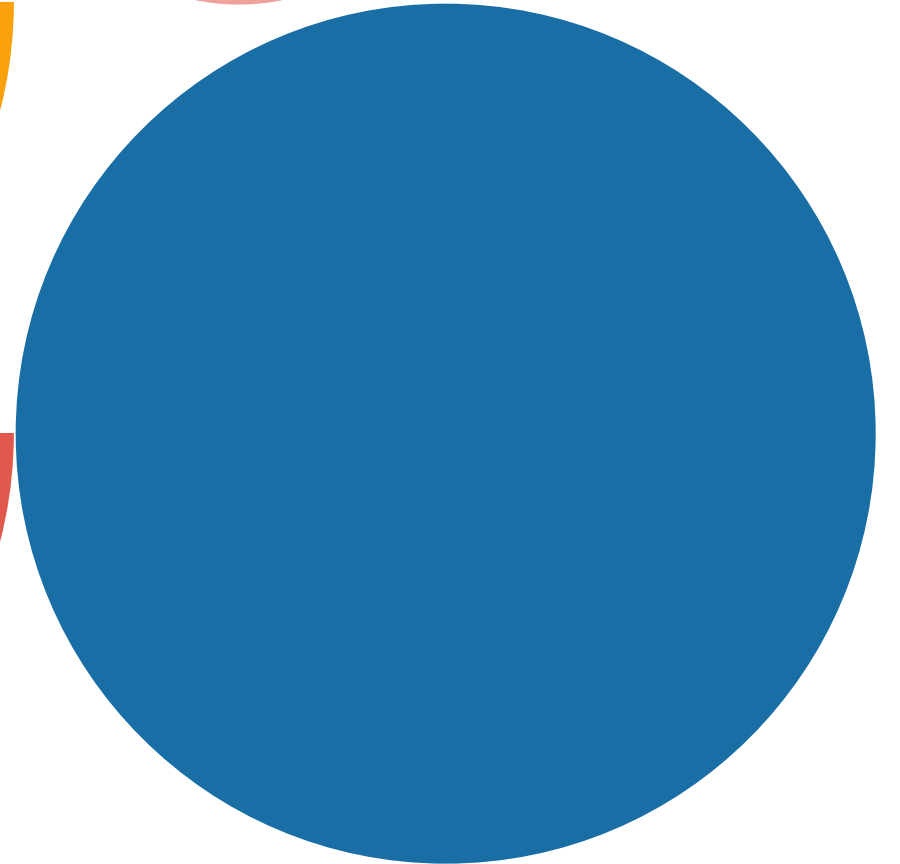
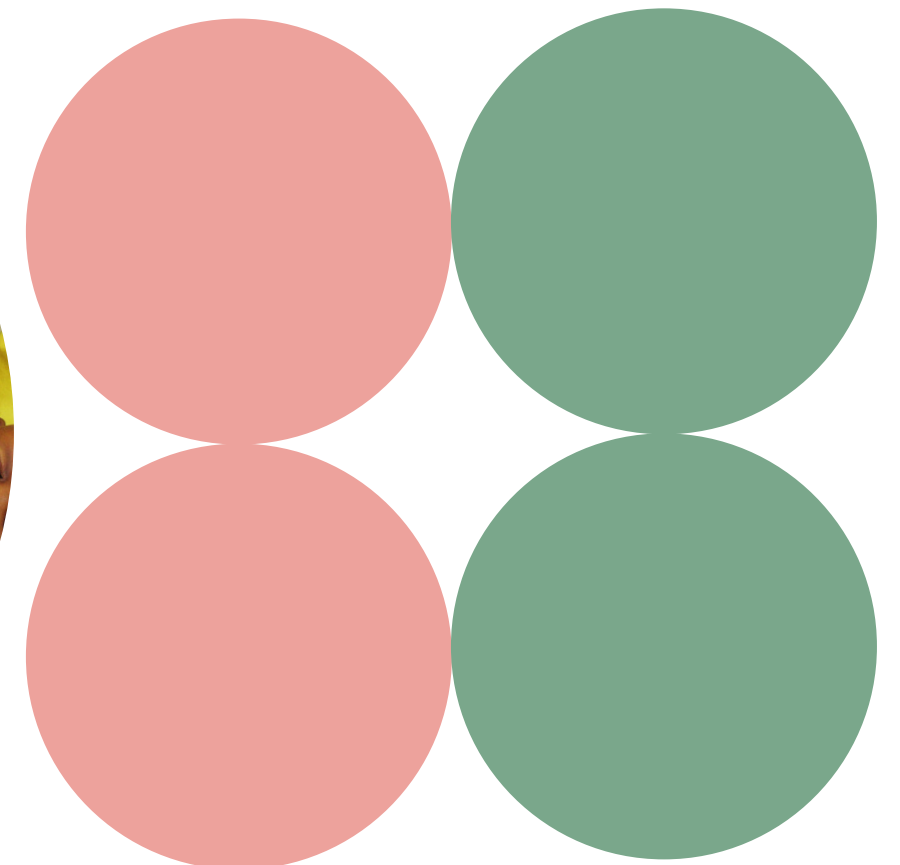
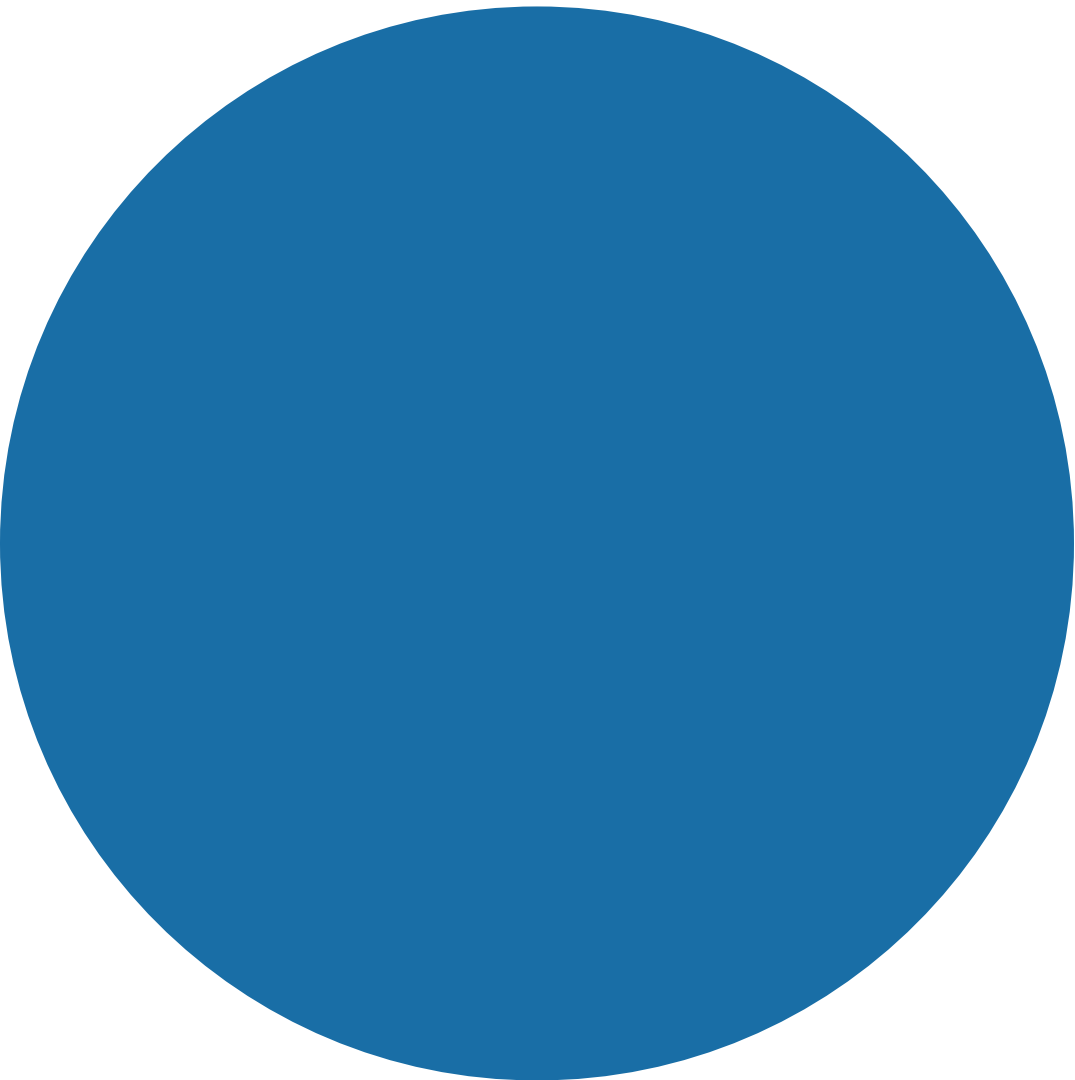


What's next in Christian Education?





Poll time!



Basic formula:

connection+

story+

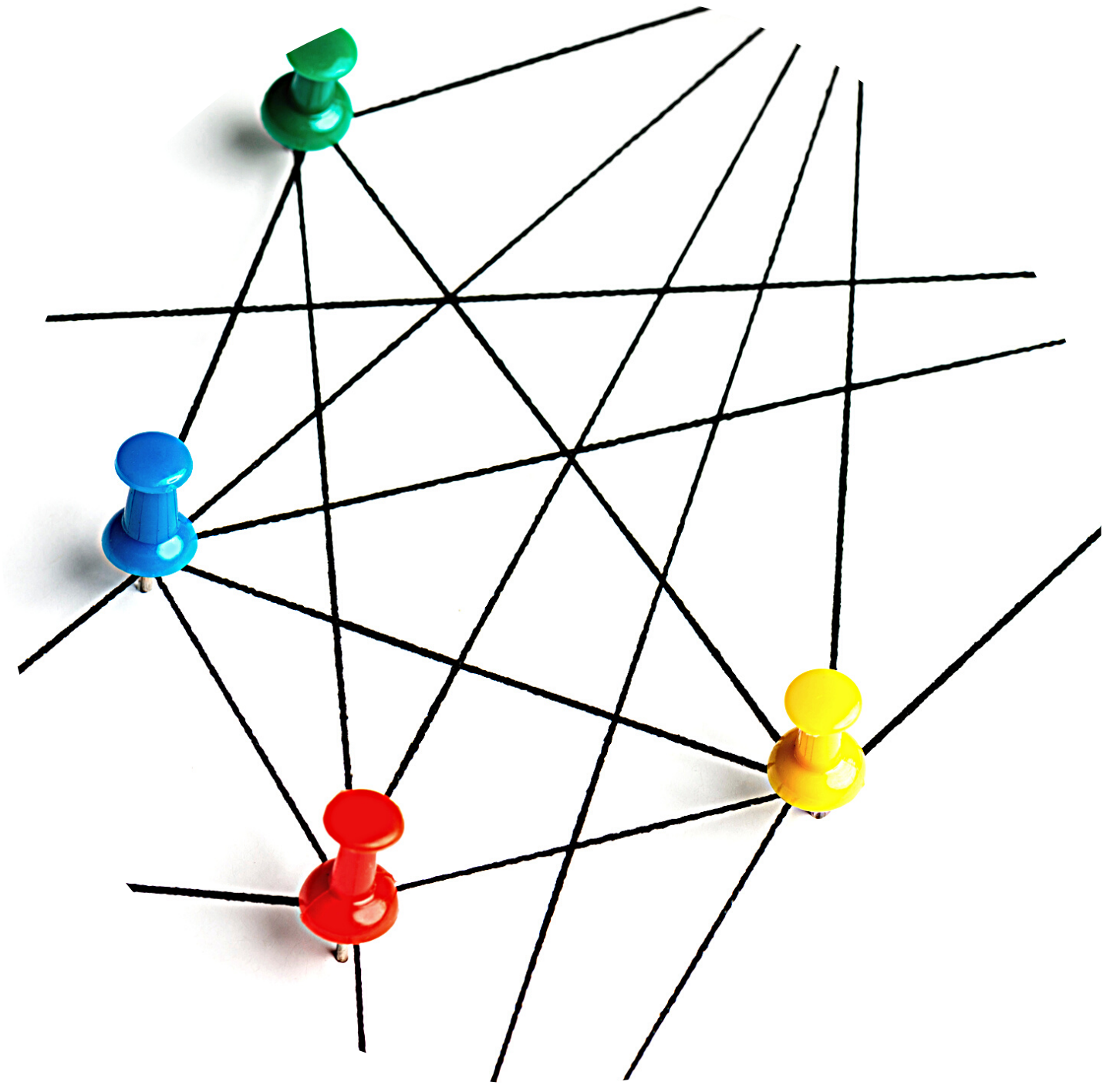
time+

relevance=

faith formation

CONNECTION:

- to each other
- to families
- to church community
- to larger community
- global

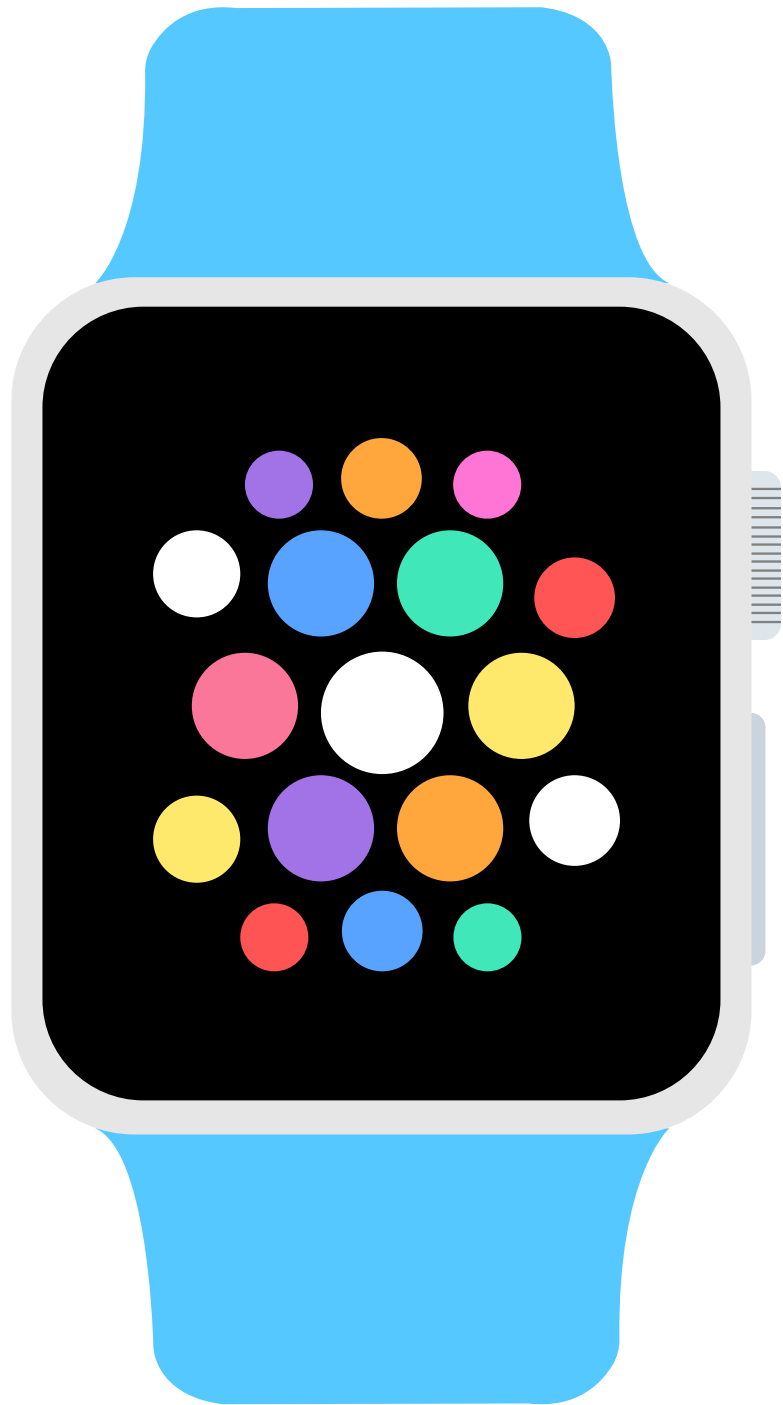


STORY:

- individual
- Bible
- quality literature
- points of view



What's your story?

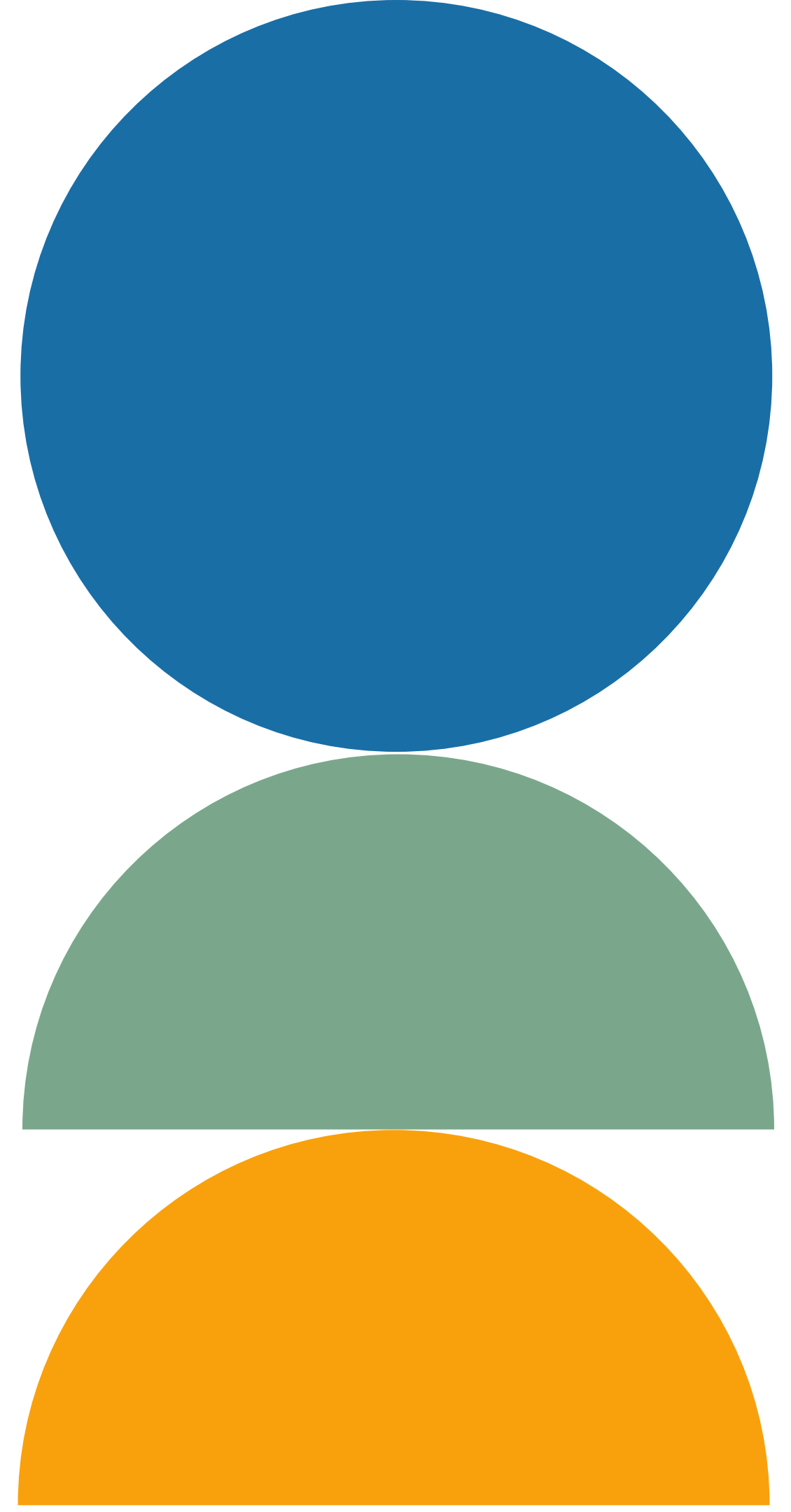


TIME:

- investment in growth
- multiple formats
- look at core
- interrelational time vs. instructional time
- time to wonder

RELEVANCE:

- to everyday experiences
- to family make-up
- to community make-up
- to current events
- to concerns of the children
- to concerns of the families





QUESTION:

What are the needs in the community that may not be considered traditional needs for a faith formation ministry to address but get at the meat of what matters to the families in your sphere?

considerations for effective children's ministries in today's contexts

- **format**
- **curriculum**
- **children**
- **budget**
- **new lenses**





FORMAT

- **one room**
- **multigenerational**
- **age level groupings**
- **special ministry events**
- **in person/online/hybrid**

CURRICULUM

- **lectionary**
- **topical**
- **what fits with your theology**
- **how much do you have to adapt**
- **what are your leaders' strengths**





CHILDREN

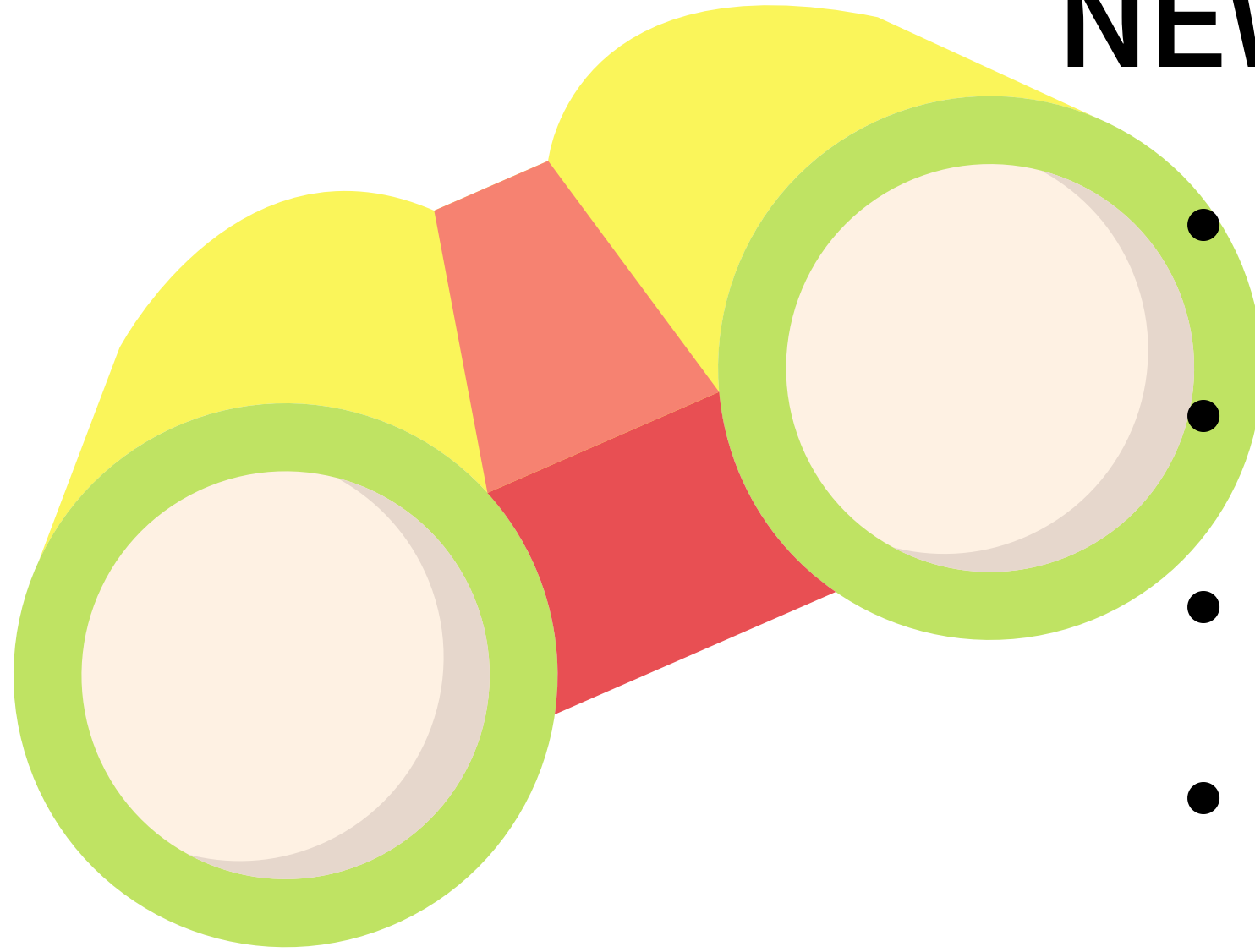
- hands on
- interaction
- outside activities
- school needs
- family make up

BUDGET



- **investment in the future**
- **living into baptismal covenants**
- **needs to be robust**

NEW LENSES



- **who remains**
- **who has joined**
- **who is missing and WHY**
- **what are the immediate needs of the community**
- **what are the needs of the community in the next three years**



QUESTION:

What is one need/concern that continues to take your attention?

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

- **set up for success**
- **behavior as communication**
- **covenant**





SET UP FOR SUCCESS

- use features to your advantage
- build in social
- build in quiet
- build in boisterous
- pivoting is planned for



BEHAVIOR IS COMMUNICATION

- what happened before
- what are the alternatives
- what do you need to plan for
- what do you have in your back pocket

COVENANT

- we do our best
- we take care of each other
- we use kind words
- everyone agrees and signs





QUESTIONS?