

## TBTCHURCH IMPACT REPORT FOR GATEWAY CHURCH, POOLE

**DATES:** 14 June 2021 – 19 July 2021

**SESSION THEMES:** Food, Seaside, Body, Farm, Transport, Party

**SESSION TRUTHS:** I am Welcome, Heard, Loved, Found, Special, Precious

**OLDER ADULT ATTENDEES:** 8

**PARENT ATTENDEES:** 8

**CHILD ATTENDEES:** 10

**TOTAL # OF ATTENDANCES:** 130



### AIMS:

The aims were two-fold. For TBT, we wanted to see if the model developed to be hosted in a care home would work effectively and have a similar impact if hosted in a church for older adults in the community. For Gateway, we wanted to provide a simple, enjoyable, inclusive activity that told tales about the love of God and the belonging found in the church family.

## DID WE ACHIEVE THESE AIMS?

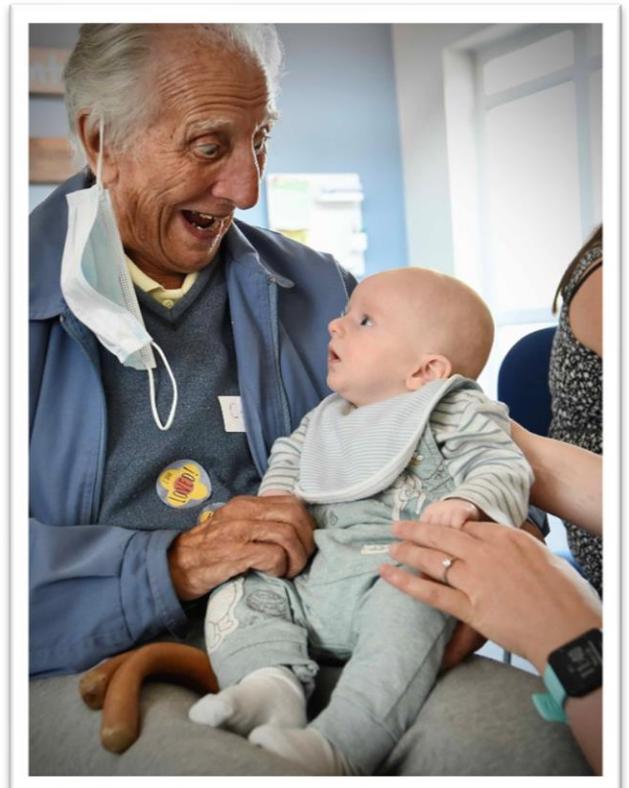


Yes! And we know because we assessed the impact of the group in 4 ways:

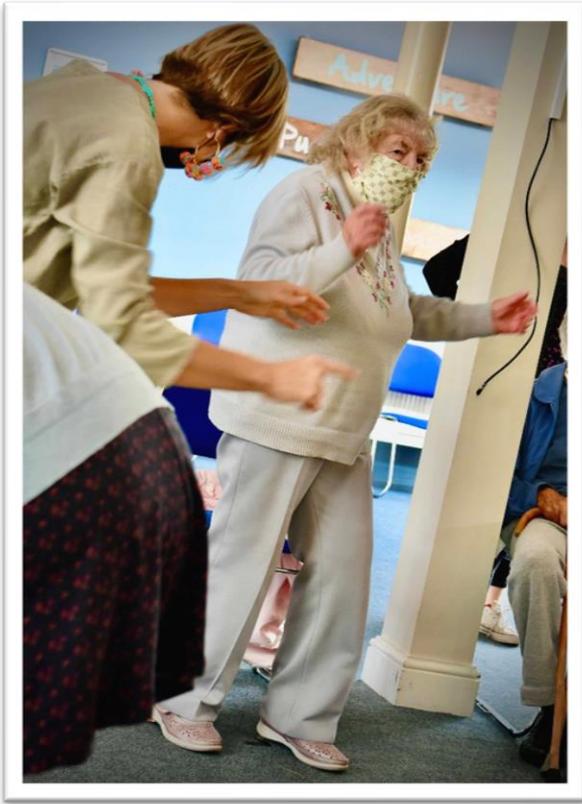
- 1) Each week we asked attendees to assess how they felt arriving and leaving the group
- 2) Each week the storyteller completed a 'Storyteller Reflection' form which captured their observations and attendee quotes.
- 3) At the end of the set of sessions, older adults and parents completed a 'Guest Reflection' form.
- 4) All generations participated in a hands-on activity together on the last session.

## A SUMMARY OF THE IMPACT:

- 100% of attendees said that "TBT helps me to feel included and offers a sense of belonging".
- 100% of attendees said that "TBT helps me to feel fulfilled and purposeful".
- 100% of attendees used the word "joyful" to describe how they felt during TBT sessions.
- 93% of attendees said that "I feel more connected to the local community because I am part of TBT".
- 80% of attendees said that "I feel more connected to the local church because I am part of TBT".
- 73% of attendees said that they felt TBT sessions improved their wellbeing.



OTHER HIGHLIGHTS:



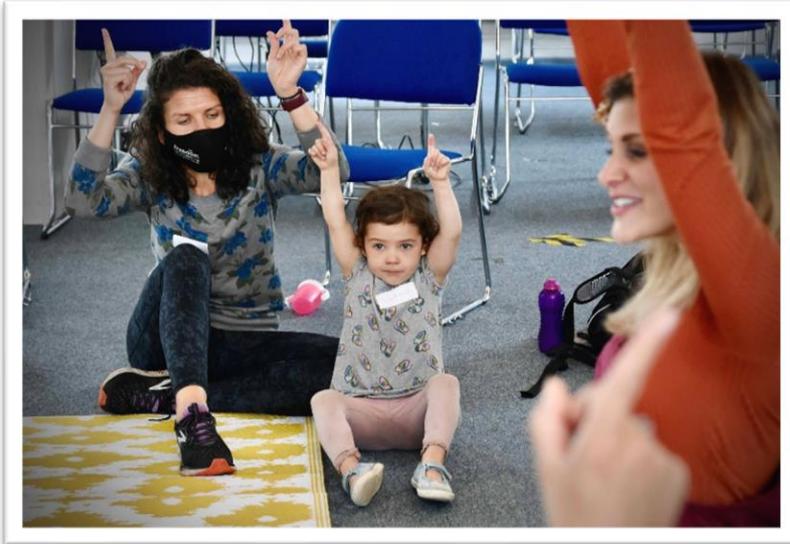
One of our older friends sprung to her feet to dance along to our 'welcome' track "This little light of mine" and joyfully danced for the duration of the song!

"The children's happiness rubs off and they share it with me."



Four generations enjoying Truth Be Told together!





"You're giving us something to look forward to"

"I feel included, it's so nice seeing others laughing. I miss people joking around."

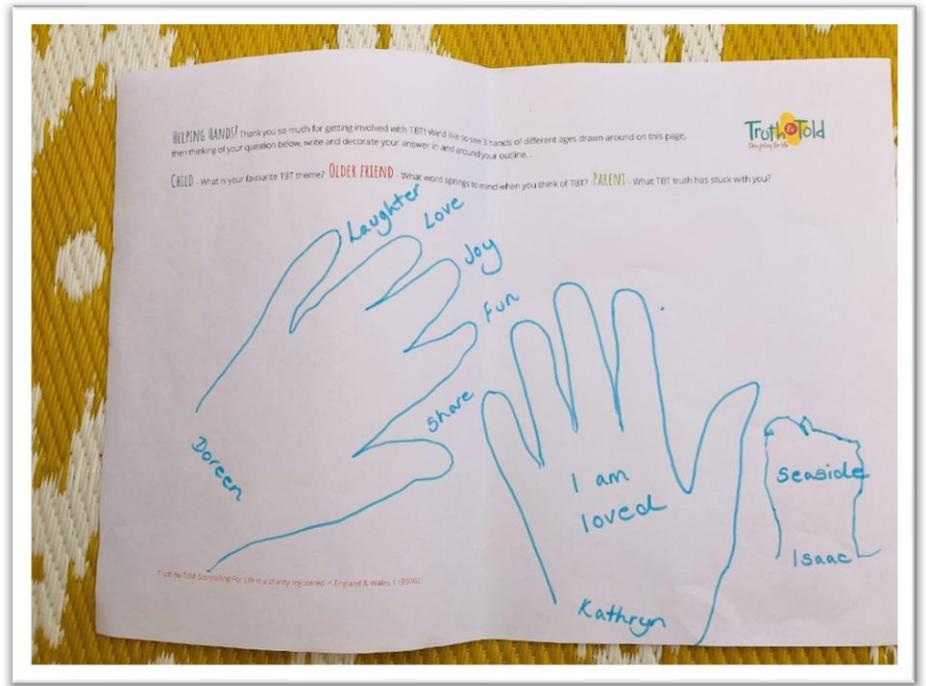


"My children engage and communicate more here at TBT than anywhere else"



"I enjoyed the interaction and the Jesus focused themes - my 2-year-old really took things on board and told my husband later on that "I am heard" etc!"

One of our attendees was a Consultant Geriatrician. She reported feeling more positive after sessions, telling us they were very well run and engaging. She said how lovely it is to be multi-generational.



"I feel welcomed and part of a little family."

WHEN ASKED "WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEND NEXT TIME?", 100% OF ATTENDEES SAID "YES"!

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