

## Using Search Engines

Google is probably the best place to start when searching the internet! The more generic search criteria you use, the more search results will appear. Try to narrow down what you are looking for. You may find a website like [youthworkresource.com](http://youthworkresource.com) a good place to find sessions, starters and games for youth work.

- There are also many websites which you can pay for a subscription to access ready to go plans and activity ideas.

Be mindful of which websites and sources you use!

Scan the QR code for more advice and guidance from the Go Team



## How to find useful resources online

### Take care when using online material

Ensure that you understand the content of the resources before using them with children or young people. The danger of searching online is that anyone can put things onto the internet and their beliefs and theology may not match up with your own. Beware! Some people will have a very different agenda to ours when posting things online. As you would for any printed, hard copy resource, always prepare well, read through the resources and adapt appropriately for your group/context.

### Start with a theme or Bible reference

For example, you could search for a theme you want to base a session on such as 'being a good friend' or a Bible story 'The Good Samaritan', or simply a Bible verse 'John 10:10'

You could also search by age group (e.g. 11-14 or 7-9) and by activity type 'Bible study questions' or 'ice breaker game' to help find the element you are looking for.

Many of the resources we use in our ministry with children and young people are predominately found online. Unlike the children and young people we serve, some of us have not grown up in a digital age, meaning we often feel like we are playing catch up. The internet can feel like a mass of information (which it is!) and when it comes to accessing resources online, we have no idea where to start.

