

*"This book makes an important contribution to the  
revolution in children's ministry that needs to happen."*

— Brian D. McLaren



## ***CHILDREN'S MINISTRY THAT FITS***

Beyond One-Size-Fits-All Approaches  
to Nurturing Children's Spirituality

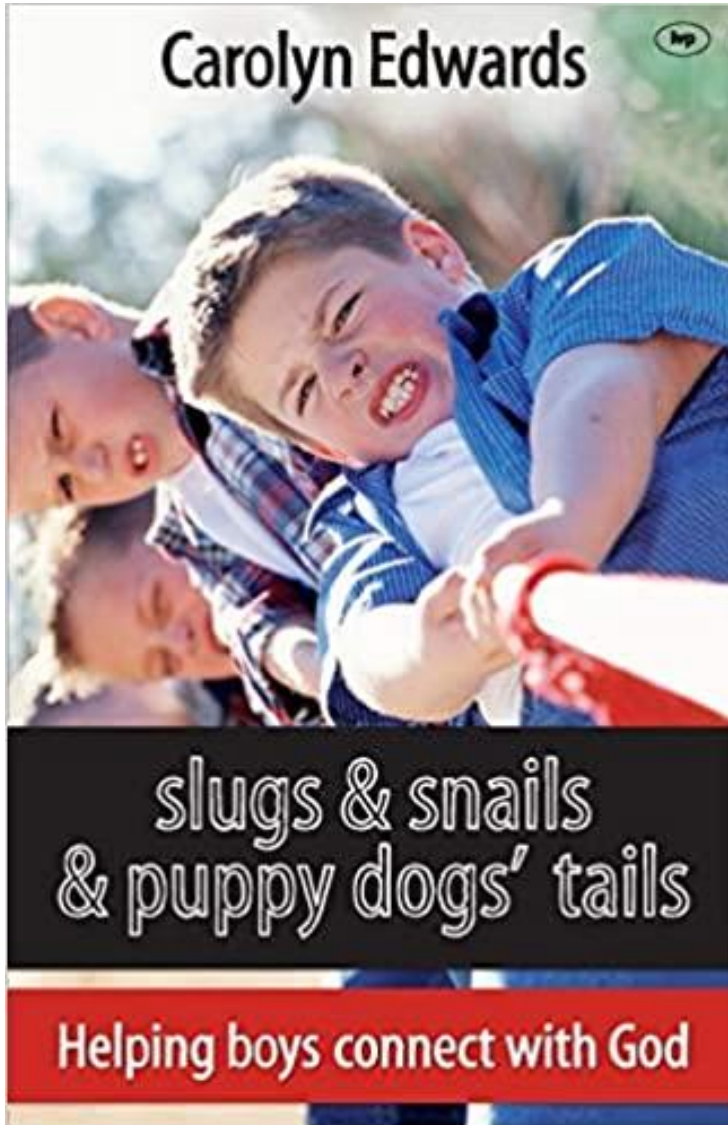
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# Spiritual Styles

David Csinos – Children's Ministry that Fits

- **Word-Centered Approach** – people of this style focus on their intellectual thinking of God through what they can touch, see and imagine.
- **Emotion-Centered Approach** – places ones feelings at the core of spiritual experiences
- **Symbol-Centered Approach** – people of this style put significant worth on the power of quiet, silence, listening and hearing, and ‘connecting with and spending time with God so as to enjoy union with God’
- **Action-Centered Approach** – these people believe that they need to do more than just pray for the world – they must actively and radically seek to transform it



# Spiritual Connections

Carolyn Edwards – Slugs and Snails and Puppy  
Dogs' Tails – helping boys connect with God

<b>Relational</b>	<b>Aesthetic</b>	<b>Intra-personal</b>	<b>Active</b>	<b>Ritualistic</b>
Relationship	The Arts (creativity)	Thinking and philosophising	'Good works' or service	Silence
Pain and Loss	Senses	Mystery and Wonder	Risk Taking	Prayer
Story or narrative	Nature		Music	Ritual
Conversation			Play	
Touch				
Humour				

- What do you think is your spiritual style?
- What spiritual connections do you prefer?
- What spiritual connections are offered in your churches worship?

