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Review

Karen-Marie Yust *Children Matter* invites Christian educators to imagine the faith journey with children as a pilgrimage or dance with God. Pastors and teachers are encouraged to explore the contexts in which children live, investigate the biblical and historical roots of children's ministries, and make an informed and animated commitment to nurture a vibrant faith in their youngest church members. Through stories of their own ministry experiences, the authors make a strong case for true belonging and meaningful participation in the church for all of God's children. Theory and practice are interwoven so that church leaders can explore and try out new ideas, extending the conversation begun in the book to their own setting. This book matters for churches in which children matter!

From the Back Cover

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