

Roots Support Group 2024-2025

Sharing the Pearls

“When he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it” Mathew 13:46

Meeting Locations	Sept	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May
<u>Fairview Baptist Church</u> 3311 Centre Street N, Calgary - Mondays Drop ins welcome 10am-12pm & Advance registration required 1-3pm	16th	21 st	18 th	NO MEETING	13 th	10 th	10 th	14 th	12 th
Venue Change <u>First Alliance Church</u> (Deerfoot) 12345-40 Street SE Calgary - Tuesdays 10 am-12pm	17 th	22 nd	19 th		14 th	11 th	11 th	15 th	13 th
<u>Cornerstone United Reformed Church</u> 11610-95A Street Edmonton, Wednesdays 1-3pm	18 th	23 rd	20 th		22 nd	19 th	19 th	23 rd	21 st
NEW! <u>Zion Evangelical Missionary Church</u> AB-582 Didsbury Wednesdays 9:30-11:30am	25 th	30 th	27 th		TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

**** Note: Due to space limitations at the Calgary North (1-3pmWe) meeting, we require advance registration through the Roots website. Calgary North (10am – 12pm) accepts drop in attendance.**

Support Group Topics

September – *Ice Breaker/ Schedules*

Let’s get to know each other better and meet our new Roots families. Find out how to adjust your family schedule and go from a harried to a peace-filled home.

October – *Passing Pearls on to Our Children*

God’s word is the most precious thing we have been given and parents want to ensure we pass our love for Gods word onto our children. How do we do this? What devotionals have families used? What are some ways/ tips to teach scripture to our children?

November – *Pearls & Diamonds (purity, honesty & wisdom)*

How do we treat trials? Obstacles or opportunities? Our perspective affects more than just our own personal contentment. Our approach is observed by many watchful eyes, waiting to see if we really believe all Christ said.

January – *Creativity*

This is going to be a meeting to share laughs and fellowship together while we work on a creative project to take home.

February – *Birth Order*

Jennie Van Hooft will lead an exploration of how birth order may be affecting your home education program by looking at both how it could be affecting you as a parent and your children. Please note that birth order is not a science, but a study on tendencies.

March – *Mentorship Panel: Perseverance*

“But faith is not necessarily, or not soon, a resting place. Faith puts you on a wider river in a boat, in the fog, in the dark. Even a man of faith knows that we've all got to go through enough to kill us.” - Wendell Berry in *Jayber Crow*

April – *Curriculum Share*

With AHEA around the corner, it is great timing for families to share their favourite curriculums, apps, novels, or programs that they used this year. Remember to bring the item you want others to see.

May – *Summer Boredom Busters*

Now that summer is around the corner what should we do? Let's take a look at some free resources, fieldtrips, activities and apps to pass the summer by.

The topic schedule was put together by the support group leadership team:

Lesley George, Alana Butin, Leeza Peterson, Robyn Cabrera, Joan Jardine, Tijana Mechler and Tammy Eacott

Common Questions about Support Group Meetings

What happens at support group meetings?

This is a time for Roots parents and children to come together to enjoy one another's company while supporting each other on our homeschooling journey. Our meetings follow a basic format of announcements, testimonies, main topic/ discussion and end with small group prayer time. Coffee, tea, and snacks are provided for the parents only. Bring a snack for your child to eat in your vehicle on the way home.

Can I bring my children?

Absolutely, bring your children!

Crawlers – Age 3 will go in the “nursery”

Ages 4 & up Children will be split into age specific groups to participate in activities/games appropriate for their age. Note that the age groups may be split differently at each venue due to space availability at each venue.

Parents keep their tiny ones with them since we're not set up to provide that level of care.

Parents Please Note:

- 1) Registration for the Calgary North 1-3pm meeting is required.
- 2) We encourage advance registration for the other meetings to expedite your sign in process upon arrival. Advance registration is encouraged as it helps us to ensure we have the proper ratios for workers to kids in each class.
- 3) Make sure kids come dressed in proper clean indoor footwear for running (no flip flops or winter boots)
- 4) Put all coats backpacks and extra shoes against the walls in designated classrooms to keep the hallways clear in case of an emergency.
- 5) Bring labelled water bottles for children (due to allergies, food is not allowed in the children's classes).
- 6) Remind children to be respectful of the leaders and listen to the instructions being given. It is a more enjoyable experience when everyone listens and participates!
- 7) Take everyone to the washroom before dropping them off to their class.