



CHILDREN IN WORSHIP



Help them with 'why' we worship:

Upbeat faster songs

- Thanking God - Getting excited about what He has done.
- Ask them for good things God has done in their week; tell them we are going to thank God for these things with songs.
- Talk about how we cheer for our favourite sport team; shouldn't we cheer just as loudly for God and the incredible things He does?!
- These are perfect songs for instruments... get out

the box with noise makers and let them really make noise and move. Let them celebrate

Slower, more intimate songs

- Talk about telling Jesus we love Him
- Suggest that while the song is playing if they aren't singing along, they just tell God how much He means to them and how they love Him.

Using our body in worship

- Talk to them about why we raise our hands in worship, or kneel down etc.

Remember Age Matters:

Older children

- Use words
- Help them with the meaning of the words you are singing (I went through the words of one song and helped the children understand the meaning of what they were about to sing – sometimes they won't understand certain words)

Younger children

- Actions
- Lots of movement
- If it is a quieter song, use spots for them to sit on or lay on while they are listening

Other top tips:

Music

- Use CD's
- Use anyone in your group who has enough musical talent. All it takes is a guitar or keyboard. (please ask if keyboard is needed)
- Use a DVD – sometimes live worship recording can really draw you in as you watch others worshiping

Where in your lesson

- Anywhere that fits.
- You can bring it back to whatever you are learning. If it is the faithfulness of God sing a song that fits, if it is the love of God sing a song about his love..etc.

Re-use the same songs

- The more they are familiar, the more they will engage.

Be an active participant yourself

- They will follow your lead and actions more than your words.
- If you want them to sing, you must sing yourself, if you want them to do the actions do the actions and do them exuberantly