

No Worship Leader... No Problem



How Can We Have Worship Without a Worship Leader? Worship with Pre-Recorded Songs!

How to get started

OPTION 1:

1. Choose songs & arrange in iTunes, burn to a CD, or create playlist for your iPod.
2. Print off worship song lyrics to "overhead transparency sheets." Worship song lyrics can be found at www.iwillworship.com or tons of other sites.
3. Plug CD player OR iPod to your sound system.
4. Use "transparency sheets" with your overhead projector.



OPTION 2:

1. Choose songs
2. In editing program on computer lay down music then overlay with lyrics and burn to DVD.
3. Play DVD which is connected to a projector and a sound system.



OPTION 3:

1. Go to www.YouTube.com and find the worship song with lyrics that you want to use. Copy the URL. Then download using a program. I use www.4kdownload.com.
2. Arrange the downloaded songs (videos) in Keynote/PowerPoint on your computer.
3. Connect "Keynote/PowerPoint" computer to projector and a sound system.



Worship Time Guidelines & Environment

1. Prepare the children for worship before they enter in the place of worship:
 - ◆ Proverbs 22:6 tell us to: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."
 - ◆ Pray with the children before going to the worship room.
 - ◆ Take a minute to talk with the students about what worship time should be.
 - ◆ Before leaving your classroom, make sure to put up the sign explaining where the class has gone. *(This sign will be ready for you and placed under your sign in/out clipboard on the classroom table.)*
 - ◆ IMPORTANT: As your class goes to the worship room, it should be done in an orderly manner with all the children staying together as a class. Make sure to take a head count.
 - ◆ TEACHERS should be apart of the time of worship *(we are examples)*.

2. Oversee the children as they enter the worship area:
 - ◆ Make sure to encourage the children to remain quiet while entering the worship room.
 - ◆ Class should sit together during worship time. *(From oldest class in the back section of the chairs to the youngest class in the front)*.
 - ◆ TEACHERS should watch and be aware of latecomers, making them feel comfortable and welcomed is very important.

3. Expectations during the worship time:
 - ◆ We are here to worship the Lord, so let's worship the Lord together.
 - ◆ If for some reason a child does not want to worship the Lord, please have them sit quietly, not disturbing those around you.
 - ◆ Bathroom use by the children while at worship should be kept to a minimum.

4. Worship teacher/leader role:
 - ◆ **Important:** Explain to the kids what worship is about. Why are we here?
 - ◆ The time right before worship is crucial. It should be a time in which you are preparing their hearts to worship our Lord (3-5 min)
 - ◆ Encourage them to close their eyes, not to look around and focus on others.
 - ◆ As worship prepares the heart to receive the Word, so should your words, before worship, prepare them to worship our Lord Jesus.
 - ◆ You will set the tone for worshipping the Lord. If you close your eyes and raise your hands, many of the kids will follow
 - ◆ It is important that you and the teachers be an example for the kids.

5. Dismissal of children from the worship time:
 - ◆ At the end of worship one of the teachers should close in prayer then dismiss each class.
 - ◆ Youngest classes should be dismissed to go back to class first.
 - ◆ Head back to the classroom in a quiet manner.
 - ◆ When you get back to class, take a head count to make sure all the children have returned with you.

Song Selection:

Song selections: _____ of worship will always _____ of songs.

♦ What is the _____ of the song? _____ is the focus?

♦ _____ songs:

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Songs with many words are often not good worship songs. They may be great to listen to and worship as you listen, but difficult to sing and worship at the same time.

Be careful not to pick out very wordy or silly songs
(*Typically, silly songs are not very worshipful*).

When picking out songs it is good to ask yourself what songs are worshipful and will they be singing them in Jr. High, High School, and the Sanctuary.

As far as the speed of the songs goes, a great pattern for worship is:

1) Slightly upbeat 2) Slow to medium 3) Slow to medium 4) Upbeat

Example of Intro:

What is worship?

Is it a time to hang out with your friends?

What about bugging someone?

Or how about talking to others?

No... Worship is a time in which, we as followers of Jesus, spend time with Jesus.

It says that Adam and Eve walked and talked with God. But something changed all that, what was it? Sin changed all that. And that is why God had to send His Son into the world to die for us.

When Jesus died on the cross do you know what happened in the temple? The curtain that separated all the people from the Holy of Holies was torn in two. Do you know why? Do you know what that means? When that curtain was torn it signified that now as followers of Jesus we can come into the presence of the Lord and worship Him and talk to Him. That is why Jesus died for us. To allow us to once again have fellowship with Him.

You see, we were created to spend time with God.

So worship is a time in which we, as followers of Jesus, get to talk and spend time with Jesus as our Lord and Savior. This is a special time that we have to sing our praises to the Creator of the Universe our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Let's pray...