

WORSHIP IDEAS

CME WORLD YOUTH DAY '23



Note: We have listed a few ideas young people use to create youth engaged worship. Allow young people an opportunity to be use their gifts in worship.

YOUTH LEADING WORSHIP

Youth Sunday should be an outgrowth of ongoing youth ministry and character development activities, and not simply a day of the year when we let the youth lead. Youth learn how to lead worship by worshipping – building a relationship with God – and esteeming his character above the images they see in our society. Worship must reveal the character of God, relate his work throughout our history and during the present moment, and reflect our relationship with God.

As you begin planning worship with the youth consider a simple exercise that will help them look at the following elements of the service in the context of how the “practice” can be applied in their daily lives.

For example:

Invocation – Practice: inviting and acknowledging the presence of God. Just as we begin service by inviting God’s presence, have the youth consider how they begin their day. When they wake up in the morning, do they talk to God to thank him and invite him to lead and guide them throughout their day? Do they read his Word? The practice of “invocation” reveals God as “ever present” and reinforces the need of starting every day by praising God, listening to his voice, and seeking to “go with God.” It strengthens their reliance on God.

Offering – Practice: acknowledging God as the giver of all things and returning to God what is already his. In worship the “offering” is generally centered on monetary tithes and contributions. And, although we should teach youth to be monetary givers, there are other ways that we can teach youth to give back to God during their early years of life when their financial resources are small. In their day-to-day comings and goings, youth can offer their time, talents, and gifts to God; and they can offer their problems and their questions. This practice reveals God as “all sufficient” and able not only to sustain us but makes clear that he is the “giver” of that which they have and that which they give. As they acknowledge God as the giver and sustainer, God is able to reveal God’s divine will for them. This challenges youth to take on a deeper level of sacrifice and offer themselves fully to God.

Invitation – Practice: choosing God. How can youth know when they are making good choices? How does society want them to choose? Is it in or out of harmony with God’s will? How can our youth remain open to hear God’s voice so that they can make the right decisions? In worship, we can teach youth that they have chosen God when they do the best thing, in the best way, at the best time, and for the best purpose. Exploring worship in this context can help youth make a practical connection between these “practices” and the

character of God and his intentions for them. It begins to connect the worship service to a lifestyle of worship.

The African American Lectionary (Youth Sunday)

SUMMARY

1. The participation of young people in worship planning enables them to grow in faith and in their commitment to God and to the church.
2. Working with young people to plan and execute quality worship takes time, resources and energy.
3. Worship for teens needs to be a safe environment that draws them into the presence of God.
4. Teens can be effective in bringing the spoken word to worship.
5. Teens should be encouraged and mentored in the process of sharing a personal testimony.

We recommend downloading the PDF File—A Theology of Youth Led Worship Services: (westashepres.org/images/Youth_Sundays.pdf) as a guide to be used in engaging youth in leading worship.

Traditional Worship Format

Note: Allow young people to lead the worship.

Praise and Worship

Opening Hymn (have youth select their favorite hymn)

Modern Affirmation of Faith

This I truly believe.

I believe in Jesus the Christ.

I believe in the ever-present Spirit

I believe in God whose love transforms all things.

Though false teachers come and delude the gullible,
God's truth remains sure.

Though temples crumble and churches wither,
God's gospel remains sure.

Though earthquakes strike and diseases ravage,
God's purpose remains sure.

Though good people suffer injustice and persecution,
God's love remains sure.

Though saints go to prison or face execution,
God's life remains sure.

I believe in God who treasures and nurtures us,
who yearns over the fate of each one as if they were all,
and who turns loss to gain and defeat to victory.

This I truly believe.

Amen!

<http://www.bruceprewer.com/DocC/C63sun33.htm>

Invocation

Ministry of Music

Scripture Reading

Dance/Drama/Arts Ministry
Ministry of Music
Offering
Introduction of Speaker
Music Ministry
The Message (Youth Speaker/Preacher)
Invitation to Christian Discipleship
Altar Call
Benediction

1 Hour Creative Worship Format

*Allow you people to serve all aspects of the worship. This is also a great to partner them with seasoned members of the congregation to learn how to properly handle worship services.

- ⇒ Worship Leader
- ⇒ Welcome
- ⇒ Youth Praise Team
- ⇒ Invocation
- ⇒ Creative Scripture Reading/ Dramatization
- ⇒ Arts in Worship Moment (Mime/Rap/Puppets/ Spoken Word)
- ⇒ Offering
- ⇒ Music Ministry (Youth Choir/ Youth Praise Team/ Youth Soloist)
- ⇒ The Message (Allow several youth to speak on the theme *"Release and Be Bold"*)
- ⇒ Invitation to Christian Discipleship
- ⇒ Altar Call
- ⇒ Benediction