

Multi-generational Worship Planning Sheet



PLANNING COMMITTEE

(This should include child representatives from the various Sabbath School divisions, Childrens Choir leader, Adventurer leader and your grade school teacher)

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Time:

Place:

Members Called:

PROGRAM PROMOTION

- Bulletin Insert
- Bulletin Announcements
- Letter to Members
- Posters
- Articles



MUSIC

CHILDREN'S ROLES

In advance of the program:

During the program (behind the scenes):

Participants and parts (up front roles):

Materials Needed:

It Takes a Church to Raise a Child

The following program includes all the material needed for the entire multi-generational church service. It uses children and young people in a skit in place of the regular sermon. The theme, “It Takes a Church to Raise a Child,” is aptly illustrated through the eyes of the young people involved.

WORSHIP PREPARATION TIPS

Here are several suggestions that will help your worship service flow smoothly and with continuity.

- Have several separate rehearsals for the various parts of the program such as the kids choir, scripture voice choir, sermonette parts, and prayer.
- Work up a schedule, using columns and headings that specifies where people are to sit, where they are to enter and exit, and what mikes will be used. Give a copy of the schedule to those running audio, adults participating, and key children participating to keep things running smoothly.
- Have at least one dress rehearsal prior to presenting your service where you go through the entire service.
- Have all participants wear similar colors, or wear the same kind of flower on their lapel—such as a white daisy—to set them apart from the audience.



SUGGESTED WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Music Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship
Praise & Offerings
Prayer
Scripture
"It Takes a Church to Raise a Child"
Song
Benediction
Music Postlude

PROGRAM NOTES

Music Prelude

Have organist or pianist play music familiar to children for the prelude. There are many music books available that have beautiful arrangements for songs that both children and adults will recognize as being kid-friendly.

Welcome

At this time have the pastor or children's ministries coordinator welcome everyone. This is also the time to make any announcements for upcoming events.

Call to Worship

(may be done by an adult or older teen)

"My son, my daughter, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart. Never let love and faithfulness leave you. Bind them around your neck. Write them on your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name with God and man."

"Trust in the Lord with all of your heart. Don't depend on your own understanding. In everything you do, acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

Praise & Offerings

(Ask a mixture of several adults and children of all ages to lead out in the praise time singing. An adult can do the call to offering between songs and the congregation continue singing as offering baskets are passed by junior-aged children.)

- "Let the Little Children Come"
(Piano plays introduction and children come from all areas of the church and meet up front to sing song together. Have some children remain up front to help lead out in praise singing with the rest returning to their places.)
- "Children of the Heavenly Father"
p. 101 *Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal*
- "The Family of God," p. 139,
Sing for Joy Offering Call
- "Jesus Loves Me" p. 190, *Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal* (congregation continues singing as offering is passed)
- "Lead Them My God, to Thee"
p. 653 *Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal*



Prayer

(Select a group of 4-5 earliteens or youth to do the pantomime of this prayer while a youth (hidden from audience) reads the prayer.)

Introduction to Prayer: When Jesus lived here on this earth He shared His message in words that even a child could understand. When His disciples asked Him to teach them how to pray, the example He gave was a simple yet powerful prayer, for people of all ages. Today we invite you to listen with your ears and watch with your eyes to this beautiful prayer Jesus taught His followers.

The Script

The Action

In this manner, therefore pray:	<i>Fold hands and bow head</i>
Our Father	<i>Raise hands and look up in praise</i>
In Heaven,	<i>Point up and swirl hands in the sky to suggest clouds</i>
Hallowed be your name	<i>Raise arms and bow from the waist</i>
Your kingdom come	<i>Make sweeping motion with one arm</i>
Your will be done	<i>Point up, hit fists together, and outstretch hands with palms up</i>
On earth	<i>Touch the ground with one finger</i>
As it is in heaven.....	<i>Point up and swirl hands in the sky to suggest clouds.</i>
Give us this day	<i>Cup hands together to form a bowl</i>
Our daily bread.	<i>Make eating motions</i>
And forgive us our debts,	<i>Look up and wring hands</i>
As we forgive our debtors	<i>Stretch out arms forward withpalms up</i>
And do not lead us into temptation,	<i>Cover eyes with hands</i>
But deliver us from the evil	<i>Hide face in hands and crouch in fear</i>
For yours	<i>Raise arms high in praise</i>
Is the Kingdom	<i>Sweep out with both arms, palms up</i>
And the power	<i>Swirl hands in circles as you raise arms high</i>
And the glory forever	<i>Applaud</i>
Amen.	<i>Kneel on one knee, fold hands, and bow head</i>

(Matthew 6:9-13, New King James Version)
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