

Worship Training Class

Week 1 – Preparing for Worship

This week we talked about why we worship and how we can prepare for each Sunday. We also looked at the bulletin. Over the next several weeks we will focus on the parts included in the worship service.

Review

Why should we worship? (This gets repeated every Sunday)

- God created us to worship (catechism – Why did God make you and all things? For his own glory.)
- Worship is why we go to church
- Worship is the only thing we get to do forever (shown in Revelation)
- Jesus commands us to worship (Luke 19:37-40)
- Worship is good for God's glory (Psalm 29:2)
- Allows us to fix our eyes on Jesus and not think about other things
- God values children (Matthew 18:14, Mark 10:14, Luke 18:16)

Ways to prepare for worship

- Put on the full armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-18)
- Set out clothes and shoes the night before
- Bring a Bible
- Get tithing ready the night before
- Look at bulletin on Spring Run website (posted on Fridays) to see scripture and music for following Sunday
- Get proper sleep Saturday night
- Listen to praise music on the way to church
- Come with a good attitude

Next Week

PARENT MEETING (children are welcome) during Sunday School. Please attend or contact Amy Jacks (jacksfamily@verizon.net)

Bring a Bible if you have one.

Look at a bulletin on Spring Run website to prepare for worship (posted on Fridays). Prepare for worship!!!

Upcoming Weeks

Sept. 16th – Prayer and Tithing (Parent meeting during Sunday School)

Sept. 23rd – Scripture and Sermon

Oct. 7th – children in worship with parents – no class

Oct. 14th – Music

Oct. 21st – Review Sunday

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Week 2 – Prayer and Tithing

This week we talked about why we pray and tithe each Sunday. We looked through the bulletin and talked about the various prayers and how we can participate. We also talked about why we tithe and how God desires our first fruits.

Review

Prayers during worship service – look at bulletin:

- Meditation
- Confession of Sin and Assurance of Forgiveness
- Prayer of Petition
- Benediction (blessing)

How can you participate in these prayers each Sunday?

- Silently pray along
- Pray out loud in the congregational prayers – bold print and stand when asked
- Memorize the Lord's Prayer
- Pray for the pastors and our church during the week

How do we prepare for tithing?

- Pray and plan
- Discuss with parents what you will give of your time, talents, and tithe.
- Prepare ahead of time – don't rush out the door and give God your left overs.

Next Week

We will study scripture and sermons.

Bring a Bible if you have one.

Look at a bulletin on Spring Run website to prepare for worship (posted on Fridays).

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Upcoming Weeks

Sept. 23rd – Scripture and Sermon

Oct. 7th – children in worship with parents – no class

Oct. 14th – Music

Oct. 21st – Review Sunday

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Week 3 – Scripture and Sermon

This week we talked about how we can participate when scripture is being read. We also discussed the sermon in worship and how we can actively participate before, during, and after.

Review

How are we worshipping when we read scripture?

- God has something important to tell you through scripture - listen!
- Scripture prepares us for what we will hear in the sermon
- Some scripture teaches us or reminds us how to worship (Psalms)

What can you do during the service to focus on scripture?

- Look up the Bible verses before the worship service begins. Mark it with a bookmark.
- Follow along when the verse is read. Point to it in the bulletin or in your Bible. Have your parents help you if you are still learning to read.

What do you do during the sermon? How can you listen?

- Sit with your parents during worship (harder to pay attention to God when paying attention to a friend next to you)
- If you can't sit with a parent during worship, sit with someone your parents want you to sit with and who won't be a distraction
- Avoid going to the bathroom (go before church and limit water)
- Avoid getting up to get a drink of water
- Eliminate distractions (toys, books, loose change, coloring books, trucks, dolls, candy, gum)
- Ask parents questions if you don't understand
- Listen for the "stories" being told in the sermon
- If your parents are okay with this, draw a picture of the sermon or take notes

What can you do when the sermon is over?

- Review highlights when you go home
- Quiz your parents – ask them 3 questions about the sermon to see if they were listening
- Pray for your pastor as he prepares the sermon.
- Pray for your family to have teachable hearts to learn the Word of God.

Next Week

We will study Baptism and Communion.

Please bring a photo of your baptism if you have been baptized.

Bring a Bible if you have one.

Look at a bulletin on Spring Run website to prepare for worship (posted on Fridays).

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Upcoming Weeks

Sept. 30th – Baptism and Communion

Oct. 7th – children in worship with parents – no class

Oct. 14th – Music

Oct. 21st – Review Sunday

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Week 4 – Baptism and Communion

This week we talked about the two sacraments we celebrate in worship – baptism and the Lord’s Supper (communion). We discussed what they are and where they are talked about in scripture. Below are suggestions for how children can actively participate while these sacraments occur in worship.

Review

Baptism

- Watch, listen, and pay attention when a person is being baptized
- Pray for this person
- If a baby is baptized, help and love them in the nursery, at bagel time, outside of church

Communion

- Participate once a profession of faith has been made before your family and the church/elders
- If taking communion, pray before and after (make sure your unresolved issues with God or others has been resolved)
- If not ready for communion, walk up to the front with your parents as they get the elements. Pray with your family members when they partake in communion.

Next Week

NO CLASS – children will be in worship with parents to practice what we have been learning

Look at a bulletin on Spring Run website to prepare for worship (posted on Fridays). Prepare for worship and the Lord’s Supper

Upcoming Weeks

Oct. 7th – children in worship with parents – no class (Communion Sunday)

Oct. 14th – **Music and Prayer**

Oct. 21st – **Review Sunday, Last Class**

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Week 5 – Music

This week we talked about the music in worship and how we can praise God with our bodies, voices, and hearts.

Review

God looks at our heart when we worship Him.

Ways to worship with song:

- Clap, sing, shout, stand, dance, lift hands, musical instruments, bow
- Sing la la la if don't know words
- Sing the chorus or words that repeat
- Squeeze your parent's hand every time you hear the word Jesus, God, etc.
- Have your parents explain meanings of songs before or after worship
- Think of a Bible story while listening to a piece of music

Next Week

We will review – this will be our last class

Bring a Bible if you have one.

Look at a bulletin on Spring Run website under sermons (posted Friday evenings).

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