



FAITH SHAPER FOR WORSHIP LEADERS

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Service and Mission:

- Friendships with people living near them (inviting friends to worship)
- Families serving others together (testimonies in worship)
- Children expressing compassion and generosity (giving in worship)
- Children sharing their faith story (testimonies in worship)
- Outreach opportunities with and for children (evangelism through engaging worship)

Homes Empowered:

- Church, home, school, common vision and purpose (what about pastors and congregations suggesting common curriculum for church worship and family worship)
- Family central to church programming strategy _ don't overschedule (make corporate family friendly worship the key event of the week)
- Milestones and life staged of children (I recall a recent Christchurch worship service where the ministry focus included a congregational cheer that Junior had graduated from nappies to trainer pants!)
- Family faith practices (synergy between cooperate and family worship)

Authentic Relationships:

- Role models and mentors (insist that all worship committee members and worship leaders are mentoring a child)
- Modelling grace in program management
- Social placed for positive peer connections

Participation:

- Children part of church community (consider no worship service effectively planned until it actively involves and features children)
- Children in intergenerational worship
- Participate and using their gifts
- Equal opportunity – having a voice
- Mentoring into meaningful participation

Intergenerational Connections:

- Children engaged in worship with families
- All generations worshipping together
- All generations at faith milestones

Noteworthy Memory Events:

- Homes and churches creating special rituals and traditions (special worship events which reoccur every year)
- Intentional memory events in church calendar
- Supporting children at conference wide memory events (local worship teams coach children for roles they will undertake at big events)
- Events that allow children to respond (challenge to worship leaders and pastors to provide response opportunities - not all highly emotionally charged, but relevant to the life experience of children at different ages)
- Events that allow children to be inspired

God Encounters:

- Provide environment and experiences allowing encounters with Jesus
- Activated that are experimental, multisensory, varied learning styles (clear call to diverse communication styles in worship planning)
- Awesome stories from Bible and stories of faith
- Children's stories intertwined with Bible stories
- Children engage with wonder and mystery of Bible through discussions, questions, questioning and arts – i.e. art, drama, music,