WORSHIP LEADER HUDDLE

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5:45- Dinner 6:00PM - Welcome

Setting Yourself Up for Success:

In Preparation:

- Pray often and lead with reverence, energy, enthusiasm, and authenticity
 - Spend time personally worshiping with the songs
 - Have any of the lyrics stood out to you, yet?
- Communicate early and often with your teams: Children's Minister, Host, Coleader(s), Production Team, Parents, Kids
 - Connect as soon as possible with your campus Tech Person, Host, and Children's Minister to set the schedule, expectations, flow of service and walk through the scripts together.
 - Share with parents practice times, changes, website, Spotify playlist, rehearsal and arrival times for the week of AWVBS, pick-up code system, etc.
 - Consider a run-through with your Host/Tech <u>before</u> your dress rehearsal and without kids, so you can work out any transitions or kinks without wiggly kids in the room.
 - Two-way communication for parents.
 - What methods have you all used to keep in touch with your team?
- Read the Large Group Script
 - Have a full picture of the flow of service so you're able to remain flexible.
- Make a plan! Schedule practices, plan the flow of each practice and dress rehearsal
 - Example:
 - The week before your first practice, text parents the 2 songs that will be taught and ask for kids to start listening/watching the videos.
 - Ask for a teen to stop/start songs during practice.
 - Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the words for an intentional devotion time, prayer, and introduction to today's songs.
 - Teach motions to song 1.
 - Water/bathroom break.
 - Teach motions to song 2.
 - Review song 1.
 - Dismiss on time, even if you don't make it through your entire plan.

During Practices:

Logistics:

- Keep safety in mind!
 - Have a check-in process that identifies kids and provides a pickup code for parents.
 - Communicate this process well with the parents.
 - Have a way to engage kids as they arrive so you can keep an eye on the door
 - Avoid propping doors open during practice so you can be aware of who is in the building with you.
 - Have a plan for how you'll respond in case of emergency.

• Keep your phone in close proximity and remind kids often to listen to the leaders. What are some ways you've immediately engaged your kids upon arrival?

• Start with the "WHY"!

- Use this as a discipleship opportunity! Share your heart for why we worship, spend time sharing a verse or word from the lessons or your heart, pray for them and with them!
- Teach kids what the songs are about, explain language that may be "Christianese."
- Remind kids that they are leaders on and off stage.
- What are some common issues you've experienced during practices?
 - Behavior? Technology? Mirroring motions? Knowing when motions are "good enough"? Kids not singing? Parents in the room?
- Set Expectations (For yourself and co-leaders)
 - We will begin with prayer and set our minds on Christ.
 - We will learn the names of our kids so they experience being known and loved while with us.
 - We will strive for excellence, not perfection.
 - We will sing audibly.
- Set Expectations (With parents and kids)
 - Explain what it means to be a leaders during AWVBS.
 - What behavior or expectations are required for kids to remain on the team?
 - Your children's minister will have conversations with parents, as needed. Keep a thorough and open line of communication with your CM about any issues or frustrations.
 - When your behavioral expectations are not met, be specific with the parent and your children's minister for each incident.



- Attendance requirements: avoid "mandatory" practices except for the June 9th dress rehearsal
 - Offer "maximum number of practices missed" or "minimum number attended" instead.
- Dress code: What do you and your children's minister expect the worship team to wear on stage?
- If AWVBS T-shirts are required nightly, provide a way to help make this happen keeping all walks of life in mind.
- Everyone on stage gets one free AWVBS shirt.
- Keep their shirts and distribute them during dress rehearsal on the first night.
- Encourage kids to wear closed-toe shoes and wear long hair tied back.

During Adventure Week VBS:

- The flow of service will be in Planning Center and each worship leader will be added.
- Printed copies will also be available for you during the week.
- Your mic will stay on. Lead through pauses and cue worship.
- Talk with a mentor (tech person, production team member, or Children's Minister) about ways to cue, things to say, how to keep engagement up.
- Smile! Be inviting. Show your own excitement for worshiping and why we are there.
- We will use all lyric videos. This gives you some freedom to make slight changes to choreography as needed.
- All songs and resources can be found at <u>rockbridge.cc/awvbsresources</u> but have been emailed to you!

Sunday, June 9, 2024

- 3:30pm Full Dress Rehearsal
 - Have your worship team kids check-in and get their name tags <u>before</u> rehearsal.
 - Encourage them to arrive by 3:15pm.
 - Worship team/tech team practice and run-through on stage.
 - Have a plan for getting kids on and off the stage quickly and efficiently. Mark kids' places and practice walking on and off stage.
 - 4:30pm Join all BBs for prayer huddle.
 - 4:45pm Worship team should be clear of the lobby.
 - Have dinner for worship team.
 - Have a separate space for them to gather.
 - 5:15pm All crew leaders will head to their spots in the auditorium.
 - 5:25pm Worship team can be dismissed to their crew leaders.

Order of Large Group

- 5:30 6:00 Crew Leader Connection (30 mins)
 - *A calmer, more intentional environment for kids to be known by their crew leaders, lights will be up

• 6:00 - 6:10 Jump Start (10 mins)

- The purpose of Jump Start is to kick things off with excitement, fun, and give time for any registration issues before large group starts.
- We are above reproach as we aim to draw people closer to Christ and avoid seeds of division.
- We provide a list of approved songs and games.
- Please add any recommendations for this list by **May 6th** to be approved.
- All approved Jump Start songs will emailed to you in a Google Drive Folder.
 - If you want a video from Youtube, please send to Megan by May 6th.
- Please make sure moves will appeal to all ages as well as boys/girls.
- Any songs or games that have been big hits? Any places where we want to switch things up?
- Choose your own style! What appeals to you to bring high energy and fun?!

• 6:10 - 6:40 Opening Session (30 mins)

- 6:10 Countdown
- 6:10 Host Welcome
 - Daily Truth, Main Point
 - Intro to worship (pre-decide with Hosts the verbal transition into worship)
- 6:15 Worship
 - Worship Song 1
 - Worship Song 2
- 6:25 Bible Story- Host(s)
- 6:30 Wrap-Up/ Main Point
 - Worship- Song 3
- 6:35 Preschool Dismissal
- 6:35 Missions Introduction
- 6:40 Prayer/Dismissal
- 6:45-7:50 Rotations
 - Your worship team is with their crews. Use this time to evaluate, celebrate, adjust and prepare for future sessions.

• 7:50 - 8:15 Closing Assembly (30 mins)

- 7:50-8:00 Mini Jumpstart
- 8:00-8:15 Closing Session
 - Recap
 - Offering Update
 - Worship Song 4
- 8:15 Dismissal

**Bonus Tip: Two great opportunities to allow your worship team to practice in front of an audience:

- 1. AWVBS Training night
- 2. June's First Wednesday Service

Remember, we are here to support you! If you need guidance with a particular song let us know and we will help!

