



WORSHIP LEADER HUDDLE

GETTING READY TO LAUNCH:

In Preparation:

- **Pray often and lead with reverence, energy, enthusiasm, and authenticity.**
 - Spend time personally worshiping with the songs and allow the words to minister to you first.
 - Be ready to share with your kids in an age-appropriate way how God is using the worship songs to reinforce His truth in your life.
 - Encourage them to do the same as they practice!

- **Communicate early and often with your teams:** Children's Minister, Host, Co-leader(s), Production Team, Parents, Kids.
 - Schedule a time in early May to connect 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 VBS, pick-up code system, etc.
 - Consider a run-through with your Host/Tech before 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 has worked well for you to communicate with your team?

- **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 to and watching the videos.
 - Ask for a helper to stop/start songs during practice.
 - Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the words for an intentional devotion time, prayer, and introduction to each day'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!**
 - Arrive early so kids are always supervised and parents are not waiting.
 - 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 and keep your phone in close proximity.

- **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 words or phrasing in the songs that may be "Christianese."
 - **Remind kids that they are leaders on and off stage.**

- **Motions:**
 - All videos (except 1) are motion videos this year. This means you will need to learn the motions as they are.
 - Each week, film yourself from behind and share the videos with parents so kids are learning the motions correctly. (mirrored)
 - Songs:
 - He Is the Light
 - Shine
 - Your Love For Me
 - Take You at Your Word
 - Jesus You Alone

- ***What are some "worship wins" you've experienced during VBS in the past?***
- ***What are some ways you've immediately engaged your kids upon arrival?***
- ***How can you model worship beyond the stage (in hallways, during rotations, and free time)?***



- **What challenges do you anticipate?**

- Behavior? Technology? Mirroring motions? Knowing when motions are “good enough”? Kids not singing? Parents in the room?
- Mirroring Motions: If there are struggles with mirroring, be consistent with leading cues (e.g., always starting on the same foot/hand, break motions into counts).
- Behavior Challenges: Use quick response strategies to address behaviors as they occur (e.g., use names often, engage kids with roles like “motion leader,” redirect energy).

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.
- Read the Large Group Script
 - Have a full picture of the flow of service so you’re able to remain flexible.

Set Expectations (With parents and kids)

- Explain what it means to be a leaders during VBS.
- 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 8th 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 VBS 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 VBS 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 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.
- All songs and resources can be found at rockbridge.cc/vbsresources
- and will be emailed to you!

Sunday, June 8, 2024

3:30pm - Full Dress Rehearsal

- Have your worship team kids check-in and get their name tags before 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.

