

"Fired Up Praise and Worship for Kids"

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Psalm 8:2....from the lips of children and infants God has ordained praise!

Remember, when leading children in praise and worship:

***God DESERVES our praise!**

***You are contributing to kids' worship habits. No small thing!**

*** It is good to praise Him at all times, with all our hearts!**

a) "I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise will continually be on my lips."

b) "I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart..." Psalm 9: 1 & 2

TIPS FOR LEADING WORSHIP WITH CHILDREN:

1) BE SINCERE! Kids can READ you like a book!

*** Make worship a part of your private life**

2) PRAY for them, invite the Holy Spirit to guide you, move them!

3) PREPARE WELL!

*** Songs, intros, motions, keys**

*** Technically! (Lyrics, DVD clips, music, band) Leave no gaps!**

4) CHOOSE GOOD, meaningful, catchy, age-appropriate songs.

5) Briefly INTRODUCE a song---

a) Tie songs to SCRIPTURE

b) Include a point/word for them to listen for

c) Explain why songs are important to you

d) Go over new motions

e) "Quiz" kids on known motions ("What was our motions for____?")

6) USE HAND/BODY MOTIONS! Even on "grown up" songs.

a) Use sign language

b) Appropriate level of difficulty

c) Sometimes just big and fun!

d) Ask teens for ideas

7) ENCOURAGE THEM!

- a. Eye contact
- b. Smile!
- c. These are your future worship leaders...they are sponges!

8) The "magic" of the quiet voice....and microphone

9) BE ENTHUSIASTIC...it's contagious!

Remember: You don't need to be a great singer to be a great worship leader...just a great example!

10) Don't be afraid to REPEAT (and repeat and repeat) favorites!

Fun, fresh, and FAMILIAR is a good mix

11) CHERISH your time with them! They are young for such a short time!

12) Do your best in all your service to Him, then let God do His work!

WHAT ABOUT THOSE "too cool" kids?????

What about "soaking worship" with kids?

What about technical, atmosphere, volunteer, limitations?

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