

Helping Children Engage In Online Worship



Worship is all about God – all adoration, adulation, awe, devotion, homage, honor, reverence, and wonder for who God is and what He has done.

– Kathleen Chapman, Author of *Teaching Kids Authentic Worship*

Preparing for Worship:

1. Preparation for Worship Begins on Saturday Night.
 - Be sure to instill in your children an attitude of anticipation!
 - Have Children pick out what they are going to wear to worship.
 - Pick out where you will be having worship on Sunday Morning.
 - Allow your child to pick out the Bible they will be using during service.
(If you don't have a Bible, please let our church know and we can help you with that!)
 - Go to sleep at a time that allows you to wake up at a time that you won't feel rushed.
2. Sunday Morning
 - Start your day with a prayer for your family and your church.
 - Eat a good breakfast.
 - Work together to clean up and prepare the area you will be worshipping in.
 - Take care of bathroom and drink needs before the worship time begins.

During Worship

1. Worshipping through Song
 - Position your child close to you.
 - Use cues to...
 - let your child know what the song you are singing is about.
 - talk to your child about how the song makes you feel and why we sing it to God.
 - Allow your child to see you sing a song of Worship to God.
2. Worshipping through the Message
 - Let your child know their physical boundaries of where you are comfortable with them being during the sermon time.
 - Be gentle and patient with behavioral reminders.
 - Allow them to draw or journal (coloring pages)
 - Use cues to let your child know what is taking place in worship. (Lord's Supper, Baptism, Parent Dedication, etc.)
3. During the time of decision
 - Talk about what is taking place (this is the time when we pray and make choices on how we can follow God when we leave.)

After Service

- Ask Children if they had any questions about what they heard today.
- Let children know how the message spoke to you.
- Say a prayer of Thanksgiving.