



Children’s Worship Pilot

Sundays at 9AM during March

What is this pilot all about?

Overview for Elementary Kids (1st-5th)

The idea behind this pilot is to provide a multi-sensory, experiential worship service for children. The objective is that kids will be able to worship God in their own way and to better understand what a worship service is all about. An additional goal is for older kids to learn to help lead, side by side, with adults.

Process

For the 4 Sundays, Parents will drop their kids off (and sign them in) in the Shalom room between 8:50 and

9AM and will pick them up by 10:10 for Sunday School, which will be in the Gathering Room as usual. Kids will need to be signed back in during Sunday School, even if they were previously signed in at Children’s Worship.

Because this is a pilot program, and we want to test it out, we are only applying the new program to the 9AM service. It will run for 4 weeks in March (starting March 4) and will culminate on Palm Sunday when the kids will attend worship with their parents.

Format

The format will be very similar to the regular Sunday worship service because the point is to get the kids comfortable with the order of worship. The only difference is that for the last 2-30 minutes, kids will rotate between several different centers in an adjoining room.

Theme

The theme will be what it means to worship with our hearts, souls, minds, and strength. We will also go over the elements and format of the worship service.

Summary of Events:

• *Saturday Night—children’s worship will remain the same*

• *Sunday 9AM*

Preschool/K will meet in Mt. Zion at 9AM and will be picked up at the end of the service.

1st-5th graders will meet in the Shalom Room at 9AM and will be picked up t the end of the service.

• *Sunday School Hour*

All 9AM worship kids will need to be picked up by 10:10 and taken to their normal Sunday School rooms and signed in by 10:15.

Children not attending 9AM worship will just report to Sunday School as usually.

• *Sunday 11:15 AM—children’s worship will remain the same.*

• *Palm Saturday/Sunday*

Kids will attend the worship service with their parents, and some older kids will help lead, side by side with adults.

Is there a pilot for younger kids?

Of course! Preschool and K kids at the 9am service will immediately go to the Mt. Zion room before the service. They will be working on “My Great Big God” curriculum, which is similar to the current Children’s Worship cur-

riculum, but this one is specifically geared for younger children.

“My Great Big God” is multi-sensory, as well, and includes rotation to centers such as blocks, science, art,

music, worship, and games.

Again, the pilot will only occur at the 9AM service, so kids will need to be signed out by 10:10 and brought to their Sunday School classrooms to be signed in again.

