

Creative Adventures Through the Bible

Helping one another, Supporting one another, and Caring for one another

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September = Music, Prayer, and a time of Reflection

For the month of September, I am providing some alternative ideas for Outside Worship or ideas that can be done in creative ways inside a church building that also allows for social distancing. The theme I will be focusing on is music, which includes prayer and a time of reflection.

We continue to be invocative when it comes to Worship time and even how we adapt to online Sunday school. We know people are missing seeing one another. We hear they are eager to be in Worship together, to be able to sing together and to be able to pray together. We can listen and sing worship songs together in a building, outside and even in our own homes. We can create a joyful noise by clapping our hands, tapping our feet, using instruments that make noises, and so much more.

For the month of September if possible, try one or more of the ideas provided as we consider the different ways, we can make a joyful noise unto God and pray to God.

The Scripture Texts for the month of September are:

Week of September 6, 2020 – Psalm 149

Week of September 13, 2020 – Exodus 15: 1-11, 20-21

Week of September 20, 2020 – Psalm 105: 1-6

Week of September 27, 2020 – Psalm 78: 1-4 and Exodus 17:1-7

Here are some links that give ideas for doing an outside worship or if you are able you could create an inside Worship space that includes Prayer stations. You can break up the ideas and spread them over the month of September.

<https://engageworship.org/ideas/outdoor-worship-stations>

<https://engageworship.org/ideas/god-here-outdoor-praise-shout>

To make this accessible to people with disabilities, and if you are able, have the Prayer stations in your church building where people enter from one location and exist another so that social distancing is in place.

If you are going to include items that people will need to write on or touch, I suggest finding out how many people will be attending the Worship/ Prayer service and create packets/ bags that will be given out. The one handing the packets/ bags should have a mask on and be wearing gloves. Included in the packets/ bags would be enough paper and pens/ pencils for the family to use. Where they would be the only ones touching

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those items. Plus, consider using pens/ pencils that have the church name on them or a special Christian message.

If you do not have an out door space or the weather is starting to turn too cool to have outside worship or you are in an area that the church buildings are still closed, you can even make up the packets/ bags that can be dropped off at each of the homes so the families can create a Prayer Stations in their homes.

Ideas for items for the packets/ bags:

Pen Ideas:

Oriental Trading has various pens and pencils with Christian messages on them:

https://www.orientaltrading.com/inspirational-message-pens-a2-36_1889.fltr?keyword=pens+with+Christian+messages

(If you scroll down, more pens are listed.)

Pencil ideas:

https://www.orientaltrading.com/bulk-religious-pencil-assortment-100-pc--a2-5_624.fltr?categoryId=551467&rd=pencils

https://www.orientaltrading.com/bulk-religious-pencil-assortment-252-pc--a2-5_717.fltr?categoryId=551467&rd=pencils

https://www.orientaltrading.com/jesus-loves-me-pencils-24-pc--a2-36_2997.fltr?categoryId=551467&rd=pencils

Bag ideas:

If you are thinking about using bags, you could either personalize a bag or purchase a bag with a message already on them.

Some examples:

<https://www.orientaltrading.com/large-god-s-love-bright-tote-bags-a2-13820368.fltr?categoryId=551141>

https://www.orientaltrading.com/personalized-medium-blue-canvas-tote-bags-a2-47_6073.fltr?categoryId=551141

<https://www.orientaltrading.com/large-religious-cross-tote-bags-a2-13742384.fltr?categoryId=551141>

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For the music, you can choose songs like, “Jesus Loves Me,” “All God’s Creatures Have a Place in the Choir,” “Awesome God,” “Down in My Heart,” “Deep and Wide,” “Kum Ba Yah,” “This is the Day,” “Noah (Arky, Arky)” song, “Do Lord,” “I’ve Got Peace Like a River,” “His Banner Over Me Is Love,” He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands,” “Come Praise the Lord,” “Standing in the Need of Prayer,” or any of the newer cotemporary songs.

Musical Instrument ideas:

https://www.orientaltrading.com/cymbals-with-handles-a2-16_690.fltr?keyword=music+instruments

<https://www.orientaltrading.com/cymbal-shakers-a2-13788483.fltr?keyword=music+instruments>

<https://www.orientaltrading.com/daisy-tambourines-a2-13682016.fltr?keyword=music+instruments>

https://www.orientaltrading.com/festive-neon-maracas-a2-12_2067.fltr?keyword=music+instruments

<https://www.orientaltrading.com/small-religious-fish-tambourines-a2-13743135.fltr?keyword=music+instruments>

<https://www.orientaltrading.com/handheld-drums-a2-13758375.fltr?keyword=music+instruments>

Instead of purchasing the music instruments, instruments could be made.

<https://feltmagnet.com/crafts/Music-Instruments-for-Kids-to-Make>

<https://musicinourhomeschool.com/easy-to-make-homemade-musical-instruments/>

<https://takelessons.com/blog/homemade-musical-instruments-z15>

Have Fun!

Make Joyful Noise!

And Pray.

Blessings to you!

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