

Things to take:

- Question box with pens & paper.
- Door welcome sign, register & rules.
- Memory verse sign.
- Music for musical statues.
- Dice templates if using for the response.
- A ball for the final game.

Session Aim:

To understand that worship is more than just singing songs, it's a lifestyle.

**"Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."**

**Deuteronomy 6:5**

**Game as they arrive and register: Musical statues**

Put on some music as children arrive and get them to run or dance around the room. Explain that every time the music stops they have to become a statue (you could make this themed, such as super heroes or animals). If they move at all when the music isn't playing they have to sit down.

**Game: Charades**

Using things/places where people 'worship'. Ask one child to mime it in front of the others.....

Football match, earning money, walking on catwalk, X factor, church, shopping, cricket match, star arriving at the Oscars etc

**Pray for today's session****Rules & answer questions in the question box****Memory verse**

**"Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."**

**Deuteronomy 6:5**

Get the group into teams and get them to come up with some actions to help remember the verse. Show them to the rest of the group.

**Bible bit:** Joshua - The walls fall down (read from *Lion storyteller Bible* by Bob Hartman, p.38)

(You could divide the children into 3 groups; one the people of Jericho, one the Israelites and the middle one the wall! The wall group link arms and they all mime the story/ emotions as you tell it)

**Talk: Worship**

Praise is powerful! Look what happened to the walls when Joshua and the Israelites praised God! But them shouting and singing about God was not the only way they praised God. (May want to refer to Psalm 8:2) Is it just what comes out of our mouths? Or is it more than that-our attitudes, the way we do things as well as what we do? The Israelites listened and obeyed God and this is a way of worshipping God too. Why should we praise God? The Bible says we should love God with all our hearts, soul and strength. We have loads of things to praise God about, can anyone think of anything we can praise God for? Talk too about praising God in all circumstances, not just when we feel like it.

**Testimony:**

Get a leader to share about a time where they praised God because they saw something amazing he had done.

**Group Prayer:**

Father, you are the most amazing God. You love us, you've saved us, and you give us new life. You never change. Help us to praise you, in the way you deserve-every day, even when we feel grumpy. Amen.

**Response:**

Get a big sheet of paper and get all the children to draw things that make us want to worship God. It could be anything: flowers, a fun day out, football etc

Spend some time thinking of all the ways we can give to God in worship. Make a worship poster together to remind you that worship isn't just singing, or praying; it can be making things, or giving things, or using your gifts and abilities too. Plan to worship God together in a different way each week.

OR

Make a praise dice using the template on the 'extras' section of the CD. Get the children to draw something to praise God for on each side. Make the dice up and then roll them and praise God for whatever it lands on!

**Song & Actions:**

This term you could either do 'God's Love is Big' from 'Kids Wanna Praise Rock' CD or 'Deeper' by 'Delirious?' which you can download from Amazon for 69p. Words for both of the songs are on the resources section of the CD.

**Game: Catch it, push it****Equipment: ball**

Get the group to stand in a circle with you in the middle. When you throw the ball to a child you say either 'catch it' or 'push it' (so they push it back towards you) but they have to do the opposite action. After a practice run, children are out and have to sit down if they do the wrong action.

**Pray:** Kids Rock prayer before they leave.