**PROVIDENCE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON GUIDE FOR ALL AGES (MAY 31, 2020**)

**Planning ALL AGE WORSHIP**

**Objective:**

1. To familiarize children with the different elements of worship,
2. To assist children to plan worship and execute the leading of a worship service.

**TO Parents of beginners, Primaries and younger juniors: You will need to assist with the planning especially if there are no older siblings. You can read each section below and listen to their views and help them write their plan.**

**TO ALL PARENTS: BEFORE THE WORSHIP SESSION, PLEASE APPROVE OF ANY YOUTUBE VIDEOS children choose if they are not ones included on this lesson guide.**

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This week you are asked to lead a family worship session with your family in your household this evening or during the course of this week. Don’t worry if there are just 2 persons in your household (parent and child), you can still have an amazing and grand worship session.

**Please watch the video [Anna Kay please insert video link]**

**ELEMENTS OF A SERVICE**

In order to plan, let us think about the elements of a service. The elements include:

* Call to worship,
* Songs
* Prayers
* Scripture Readings
* Message and/or Time of Sharing
* Closing

Please read the paragraphs below before you plan the Worship session.

**THEME**

Before you plan your service, you should think about the theme of the service. We spoke about the lectionary in the video. When planning a Methodist service, the planner reads the appointed Lectionary readings for the day or they think of the special occasion that the church is celebrating in its Christian Calendar and then decides on the theme for the service.

Today many Christians around the world celebrate Pentecost or the Festival of the Gift of the Holy Spirit. What would you like your theme to be?

**OPENING and CLOSING**

Think about how you would like to open and close the Worship Session. It could be something like this:

* “I would like to welcome you to this ALL AGE WORSHIP Family session. Oh come, let us worship before the Lord our Maker! AMEN”

At the end you could close the service by asking the family say the benediction:

* “The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all now and for evermore, Amen”

**READINGS**

Since this is an all age worship session, you need not have as many readings as you might have in church. We recommend that since it is the Festival of the Gift of the Holy Spirit the reading is taken from Acts 2.

You can use a short reading from Acts 2:1-4

Or a longer one - Acts 2: 1- 21

You can use one person to read or assign different persons to read different paragraphs

**SONGS**

Once you select your theme, then you can choose some songs that are fitting with the theme that you know well. Eg. If your theme was “the Holy Spirit”, then songs could be like:

* Every move I make, I make in you Jesus <https://youtu.be/_Tr5eUBTClw>
* Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me <https://youtu.be/BagH-zTfnsQ>
* Fire, fire, fire, fire fall on me, on the day of Pentecost fire fall on me
* Anointing fall on me <https://youtu.be/BsAcaqMAuqY>

If you wish, you can use You Tube video music but make sure to have the links ready so your worship flows fluently.

**PRAYERS**

There are different types of prayers that we use. In your worship session try to have:

* **Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving** E.g. Oh God you are the awesome Creator. You are a wonderful Healer and you are our Provider and Protector. We thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit. We thank you for [insert all the things you are thankful for].
* **Prayers of Confession** E.g. We are sorry that [insert all the things you want to say sorry about and ask God to help us do better as individuals or as a family]
* **Prayers of Intercession** E.g. We pray for our family, our country, our church, our school, our friends [insert all the persons and situations you would like to pray for. E.g. Help Tom to do well in his exams; help the children who are sick with Covid ; help all the nurses and doctors in Jamaica etc]
* **The Lords Prayer**

You can split up the prayers or have them all together. You can do them all yourselves or assign them to different persons. You can say or sing The Lord’s Prayer together.

**MESSAGE/TIME OF SHARING**

Since this is an ALL AGE worship session we can keep the message very short and/or interactive. Even a one minute message from a child can be surprisingly effective. You will want to think about the style of the time of sharing. You can do one of or a combination of any of the following:

* talk about what you read from the bible and/or share your opinion
* ask your parents questions about God or the reading.
* have a quiz on the reading
* share a testimony.
* use special resources like YouTube Videos. However sometimes there are YouTube videos that are not consistent with what we think in the Methodist Church so involve your parents in the decision about the video before the service.

Providence Sunday School can recommend the following YouTube videos on the subject of Holy Spirit:

* <https://youtu.be/OMQKy1Mx49M>
* <https://youtu.be/vuUK6REOWuE>
* <https://youtu.be/oNNZO9i1Gjc>
* <https://youtu.be/JQhkWmFJKnA>

**SO LETS PLAN NOW**

You can use the planner below to plan the Worship service but first please pray:

**Prayer**: Dear Lord, thank you that we can worship you freely and openly in Jamaica. As we begin to plan a worship service that we will lead with our family, we invite the Holy Spirit to be with us and to guide us. We pray that it will be an awesome experience and it will allow us to become closer to you and to our family.

WORSHIP PLANNER

THEME of Worship: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Scripture Reading: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Songs we will sing: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Who will say Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Who will say Prayer of Confession: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Who will say Prayer of Intercession: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Message/ Time of Sharing** - Choose your style from one of the columns and then complete that column.

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| YouTube Video  (Please ensure your parents are ok with the video especially if it is not one of the videos recommended by the Sunday School) | Our Own Message or Testimony (you can write out what you want to say or notes of what you want say.    Can be 1 to 5 min | Quiz Questions | Questions we would like to ask our parents |
| Insert link |  | 1.  2.  3.  4.  5.  6.  7.  8. | 1.  2.  3.  4.  5.  6.  7.  8. |
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Order of Worship

You have made your decisions about the content of the service. It’s now time to put it in an order, (i.e. what goes first, second etc). This is called ‘Order of service’. We will give you an example which you can use as your template. Though there is an order, it can be flexible, light, interactive and even fun. Happy Worshipping!

1. **Call to Worship**

e.g. I would like to welcome you to this ALL AGE WORSHIP Family session. Oh come, let us worship before the Lord our Maker! AMEN

1. **Opening Song**

[insert name of song]

1. **Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving**

[insert name of person who will pray]

1. **Prayer of Confession**

[insert name of person who will pray]

1. **Song**

[insert name of song]

1. **Scripture Reading Acts 2: 1-**

[insert name of reader/s]

1. **Message/Time of Sharing**
2. **Song**

[insert name of song]

1. **Prayer of Intercession**

[insert name of person who will pray]

1. **The Lord’s Prayer**
2. **Closing song**

[insert name of song]

1. **Benediction**: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all and for evermore, Amen