

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP UNIVERSITY

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Early Bird Session

Andrew Pressley

Engaging Kids in Corporate Worship (w/KidsCore Preview)

This session will feature a presentation of convictions and practical ideas for engaging children in gathered worship. KidsCore, a customizable song-by-song music and worship curriculum, will be available to preview as well.

Break Out Sessions

Darlene Abbott

A NEW Song!

Teaching music with color. Breaking down the basics of music with simple techniques using one of the first things young children learn – colors! Boost your teaching with the knowledge that these musical concepts, as well as classroom management techniques, can be taught so simply.

[Preschool thru 2nd Grade]

A NEW Groove

Movement. How do we teach with movement for younger children? This session will look at ways to teach musical and spiritual concepts using movement. Children move all the time. Learn how we can harness that energy and make it productive towards spiritual and musical development.

[Preschool thru 2nd Grade]

Music Fun with Basketballs

Teaching music and steady beat with basketballs. Be ready to move in this class. We will all use basketballs to practice the concepts being taught. We will also learn part of a routine using basketballs. (We will learn as much of a routine as time will allow.) [Grades 3-6]

Scripture Memory for Young Children

We are to hide God's word in our hearts. But can preschoolers really memorize scripture? What about 1st Graders? How much scripture? Should we do one scripture a week? We will explore the answers to all these questions and more. We will learn different scripture memory techniques using music and rhythm to memorize the scriptures. [Preschool thru 2nd Grade]

Kimberly Ingram

Smarties! Strategies to Reach and Motivate All of God's Children

God gifts us with so many ways to be smart! Multiple intelligence theory can help us find new ways to motivate every child in our choir. Boost your teaching game and learn a few new things about yourself and your family as well! [Grades 1-6]

Kimberly Ingram (continued)***Terrific Tune Ups***

How do we get their attention – and keep it? Let's test drive some unique exercises and games to keep our choirs focused and working together. You can use these strategies in your classes this week! [All ages]

Scripture Skits

Every child has a special part in these Scripture skits! Let's look at some skit/song pairings for worship, VBS, Summer Camp, and choir tours. We'll dive deep into our Bibles with creativity and fun and give our kids a memorable experience with Scripture. [All ages]

Jenny Kujath***Instruments, Kids, and Choir – Oh My!***

Learn how to incorporate instruments in your choir rehearsal in a fun and engaging way. Instruments are a good way to engage those kiddos who "don't like to sing" and those who do! We'll play boomwackers, chimes, shakers, and maybe some instruments you haven't thought about using in your choir rehearsal. [All ages]

A New Day – A New Rehearsal

This class will demonstrate how to structure a children's choir rehearsal: arrival activity, spiritual lesson, teaching a song (including basic conducting and music teaching strategies), and reviewing a song. [Grades 1-6]

A New Way to Do Children's Choir – Worship Arts

Interested in transitioning your children's choir into more of a worship arts ministry? Curious about what a worship arts ministry for kids looks like? This class will walk you through setting up a worship arts ministry and/or give you lots of ideas of arts classes that can be incorporated into your children's choir program. [Grades 1-6]

A Whole New Ballgame – Putting on a Musical

For those who have never done a musical before AND for those who have but could use some new direction and new ideas. In this class we'll walk through the entire process of putting on a musical. Starting with choosing the right musical all the way to the after party – and everything in between! [Grades 1-6]

Katheron Latham***NEW Life in Christ: Incorporating Evangelism and Discipleship***

How do we encourage our children to know Christ and walk with Him? This class will give you plans for incorporating gospel presentations and discipleship within your Children's Choirs and Worship Arts experiences. [Grades 1-6]

NEW Skills for a NEW Song: Teaching Vocal Skills

How do you teach children to use great singing skills while keeping them engaged? Come gain new inspiration for helping your children develop the vocal skills they will carry with them for a lifetime of healthy worship singing! [Grades 1-6]

Katheron Latham (continued)***A NEW Plan for a NEW Day: Developing Effective Plans for Ministry***

We live in a “new day” in which we have very little time with our children. How can you plan your ministry time to the fullest? Learn how to develop effective plans for all aspects of your teaching. [All ages]

The NEW Leadership Teams: Developing and Encouraging Your Teams to be Effective

How can we cultivate a heart of service and worship leadership in children and young people? How can we develop a ministry that trains the worship leaders of tomorrow? How can we develop a ministry plan that includes teachers of various ages, experiences, and walks of life to guide children to have a love for worship? [All ages]

Angela Leonhardt***Let Imagination Bloom***

Utilize children’s story books and Bible verses to capture our youngest learners’ imaginations. Tried and true activities will be shared for singing, playing, and exploration. [Preschool]

Energizer Bunnies: They Just Keep Going and Going...

Little people love to move! Let’s channel that movement into creative music-making to build musical skills, create independence, and explore through the preschool lens. [Preschool]

A Pinch of This, A Dash of That: Let’s Sing, Dance and Play

Come explore ways to mix up your weekly rehearsal time with student creativity, stories, instruments, and more. [Grades 1-6]

Christy Semsen***How to Have a (Relatively) Chaos Free Rehearsal***

Never need to shout or “shhhhhh” your choir again! (Well, almost never). Tips to utilize positive reinforcement to re-energize and maximize your choir time! [All ages]

The Building Blocks of blocking: Staging Choir and Drama for a Musical

How to easily and creatively position your choir so that they are engaged in the whole musical, as well as rehearse and block your actors effectively. [Grades 1-6]

Secrets to Starting (or re-starting) a Children’s Choir

It’s a new day!! Learn some exciting ways to kick-start that choir you’ve been praying about starting! [All ages]

Musical Preview: Joy Ride: Cruising Through Philippians

Listen to a preview of a unique new children’s project from Christy, Daniel, and Nathaniel Semsen. Joy Ride has the exciting new option of being performed in a concert setting with short narration, or as a complete non-seasonal musical! AND, all the songs are scripture-memory songs from the book of Philippians! [Grades 1-6]

David Talaguit***Let's Get Moving***

Not a choreographer? Then you need this class. Learn effective ways to incorporate movements in your programs and worship events, while developing your young musician's musicality and creativity. [All ages]

Level Up

There's nothing like drumming to electrify your programs and worship experiences. Learn techniques to level up your student's drum playing (hand drums, conga, tubano). [All ages]

Among the Nations, Among All the Peoples

Music Education and Missions are a perfect combination. Explore new songs from all around the world that will get your church GREAT-COMMISSIONing! [All ages]

Nuevo Dia

Want to reach out to your Hispanic community? Learn songs, Orff instrumentation, and other activities that will be sure to be a hit. [All ages]