

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP UNIVERSITY

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Early Bird Session

Friday, 1:45pm

Early Bird Arriver Activities! – Karen Gosselin

Let's play some games that can be played with one or 50 people. These will be awesome early arriver games to keep adding children in!

Break Out Sessions

Friday, 3:15pm

Building Blocks for a Successful Preschool Music Time – Carol Dickerson

Come and discover the latest songs and activities for your preschool singers in the Growing in Grace Preschool Music Curriculum. They will have fun while learning important musical and spiritual concepts. [Preschool]

Organizing – Optimizing – All the Zings of Choir – Susan Eernisse

Are you finding it hard to squeeze everything into each week's rehearsal? We'll look at some practical ways to make the most of every minute – time management, planning, selecting, and organizing materials and much more! [Grades 1-6]

No Instruments? Let's Use Our Body! – Karen Gosselin

Tried and true activities that require no additional stuff! With or without music to add some spice into your choir time...use as brain breaks...incorporate them into your choir time...however you choose. Let's play! [Grades 1-6]

Building Through Hands-on Learning – Katheron Latham

Explore using games, visuals, and handheld manipulatives to build an atmosphere where children with multiple learning styles can thrive and develop their own worship skills. [All Ages]

Building Up Worshiping Children: A Theological Foundation (Psalm 127) – Andrew Pressley

Beginning with Psalm 127, this session will explore the biblical call to disciple children to be active and informed worshipers of Jesus Christ. Come to be encouraged and inspired by a biblical call to raise up our kids, and take home some notes to help you advance the cause of children's music and worship education (perhaps even among your church's leadership!). [All Ages]

Making Melody: Children's Singing and Vocal Development – Lynette Vincent

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● *This class is repeated on Saturday at 11:45*

Friday – 4:45pm***Musical Production Blueprint – Yana Cisco***

Putting on a musical can revolutionize your program and we have a blueprint to help you with the process. We'll help you select a musical for small or large groups, young singers and experienced or blended choir. We'll cover topics including developing a timeline of musical "construction," anticipating important check points, and overcoming common roadblocks. [Grades 1-6]

Building Blocks for a Successful Elementary Music Time – Carol Dickerson

Come and discover the latest songs and activities for your elementary age singers in the Growing in Grace Elementary Music Curriculum. They will have fun while learning important musical and spiritual concepts. [Grades 1-6]

Tips and Tools for Terrific Teaching! – Susan Eernisse

Let's talk about some great supplemental materials to enhance your program – collections, musicals, hymn studies, even create-your-own! [Grades 1-6]

Scarves, Parachutes, Balls, Sticks – Karen Gosselin

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Choirs Under Construction – Teri Van Duyn

Every construction project includes four basic elements to ensure the structure's sustainability. This workshop will use those four principles as applied to children's choir. Attendees will leave with a strong understanding of requirements needed to build a choir program that will stand the test of time.

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Order in the Chaos: Structure in Preschool Music Settings – Lynette Vincent

Preschool music settings can seem chaotic. Schedule and activities may contribute structure to preschool choir settings or music times. Teachers will leave this session with ideas for class routines that give children security as well as songs, chants, games, and fingerplays that reinforce classroom routines and expectations. *Psalm 100:4* [Preschool]

Saturday – 9:00am***Reaching Out: The Ministry of Children's Choir – Susan Eernisse***

Every child is unique – how can we meet every need? Visuals, hands-on activities, adapting materials, making family connections – ways to incorporate caring and outreach through children's choir.

[Grades 1-6]

Equipping the NOW Generation (younger) – Karen Gosselin

Get ready? Go! Teaching basic music reading in a fun way! Games that equip younger children to be able to read and understand music. [Grades 1-3]

Saturday – 9:00am (continued)***Building a Rock-Solid Atmosphere for Love and Learning – Katheron Latham***

Children need to know they are surrounded by leaders that love them and are eager to teach them. Learn how YOU can build success into every lesson by developing rock solid procedures and discipline, which will in turn help children feel secure and loved! [All ages]

Building Up Worshiping Children: Practical Ideas for the Task – Andrew Pressley

Building on the theological foundation laid in the first breakout, this session will provide tangible and accessible ideas for the task of raising up children to be active and informed worshipers of Jesus Christ. Come to hear ideas that have proven helpful in various local churches, and be prepared to supply your own ideas for the benefit of others who attend. [All Ages]

Tactical Teaching Tools – Teri Van Duyn

This workshop is a hands-on experience with games and activities to aid in rhythm, song memorization, and music theory. Attendees will leave with easy to incorporate ideas for teaching a strong musical foundation. [Grades 1-6]

Wonderfully Made: Music Concepts and Activities for Littles – Lynette Vincent

It is a high calling to teach music to littles. Just as birth through age five is highly important for children's language development, this age span is also highly important for children's musical development. Music is learned in stages similar to language learning. Participants will leave with an understanding of how littles absorb and respond to music and with activities to promote children's musical development. *Psalm 139:14* [Preschool]

Saturday – 10:30am***Adding Mortar to Your Bricks – Carol Dickerson***

Come and discover new ways to hold your rehearsals and music times together with fun movement and instrument activities. [All Ages]

Equipping the NOW Generation (older) – Karen Gosselin

Let's go! Teaching basic music reading in a fun way! Games that equip the older children to be able to read and understand music. [Grades 4-6]

Building a Foundation of Worship and Discipleship Experiences – Katheron Latham

Discover ways to involve your children's creative worship experiences in rehearsals, services, and performances. Develop creative ideas for group and personal devotion times which lead children to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. [Grades 1-6]

Building Up Worshiping Children: A Preview of KidsCore – Andrew Pressley

This session will feature an example session of KidsCore, a children's music and worship curriculum that aims to engage children in gathered worship. You'll receive preview materials and see a demonstration of the curriculum, which can be used either as a primary program or a supplemental resource. [All ages]

Saturday – 10:30am (continued)***Quality vs Quantity – Teri Van Duyn***

Whether your attendance is 10 or 100, quality is imperative. Our goal is not childcare but training the next generation to become life-long worshipers of Jesus. This workshop will expose leaders to elements that create a quality program. Attendees will be inspired to create a culture of quality expectation through preparation. [Grades 1-6]

Making Movement Meaningful – Lynette Vincent

Little ones love to move! Movement activities are beautiful opportunities to physically demonstrate music concepts, to increase engagement, and to promote memory of Scripture and song texts. Participants will leave with movement vocabulary ideas and activities adaptable and appropriate for preschool settings. *Psalm 95:6* [Preschool]

Saturday – 11:45am***Producing a Musical: “Teamwork Makes the Dream Work” – Yana Cisco***

Producing a musical takes a strong team and advanced planning, but it does not have to be stressful. Learn how to build excitement, draft the A-team of leaders, hold tear-free auditions, inspire your kids and empower your leaders at each step of production. [Grades 1-6]

Building Beautiful Singers – Susan Eernisse

We want to create lifelong singers through purposeful warm-ups, fun vocal activities, building the perfect sound, and creating simple harmonies. [Grades 1-6]

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Constructing BIG IDEAS on a Small Budget – Katheron Latham

Everyone hates to talk about money, but it is an issue we must deal with! When your budget is tight, creative ideas can help you still accomplish building a program which is creative, inviting, and provides wonderful worship experiences. [All ages]

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