

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP UNIVERSITY

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Early Bird Session

Friday, 1:45pm

Let's Grow! – Whitney Head

Let's plant the seeds of a great weekend together! The Bible is full of lessons that compare Christians to growing plants. Join us as we sing, create, play, and move our way through God's Word, learning to bear fruit for His glory. [All Ages]

Break Out Sessions

Friday, 3:30pm

Preschool World – Karen Gosselin

What works with preschoolers and what doesn't! How do I plan for and work with this age group? Let's grab the beat and learn! [Preschool]

Content & Strategies for Teaching Upper Elementary – Kelly Hollingsworth

Explore quick reaction activities, rhythmic and melodic games, and movement to engage upper elementary students. [Grades 4-6]

Nourishing Your Volunteers – Angela Irby and Terrie Turner

We all know volunteer leaders are a crucial part of any children's music program. We'll discuss best practices for recruiting, training, and retaining leaders. [All Ages]

Fruitful from Beginning to End – David Talaguit

Learn how to make time fly, get rid of downtimes, and build camaraderie and teamwork in your rehearsals. Let's make classroom management fun! [All Ages]

Digging into the Music: Great Songs for Children and Effective Ways to Teach Them – Keith Watson

Get to know some great anthems and discover successful teaching techniques that you can apply to any song. [Grades 1-6]

Growing Worship the Bible Way – Yancy

How do you help kids understand what worship is, why we do it, and how they can take part in it? The Bible uses different Hebrew words for praise and worship. Each one helps us learn how to worship the Lord. Yancy is passionate about raising disciples through worship and will teach you these words so YOU can lead and engage your kids to be the worshipers God created them to be. [All Ages]

Friday – 4:45pm***Jubilate: Joyfully Sing! 360 – Karen Gosselin***

Discover fun ways to introduce Children's Anthems! Let's look at what is great about Jubilate Music and also find some fun ways to introduce a new song! [Grades 1-6]

Controlling the Chaos – Whitney Head

This session is all about classroom management, structuring rehearsals, and making transitions...all to help you keep your sanity! Learn some tried-and-true strategies for pacing your choir time, maintaining a positive atmosphere, minimizing behavior problems, and teaching repertoire. [All Ages]

Teaching with Novelty – Kelly Hollingsworth

Children need repetition to develop mastery. How can you keep children engaged through each repetition? By adding novelty! Explore six ways to add novelty to maintain high engagement. [Preschool – 3rd grade]

From Beginning to End – Marti Reavis

Tips and ideas for time management; how to get the most of your choir time from the earliest arriver to the last pick up. [All Ages]

Every Move I Make – David Talaguit

We all know that moving makes us sing better. Learn easy movement strategies that you can easily incorporate into your choir rehearsals and programs. [All Ages]

Space for Grace: What to Do Between Songs – Keith Watson

Gather great ideas for brain breaks, spiritual moments, friendly competitions, and lively energizers between songs to keep children engaged in choir rehearsal. [Grades 1-6]

Saturday – 9:00am***Preschool Singing FUNDamentals – Whitney Head***

Preschoolers learn best through play, and in this session, we will do just that! Through play, we can help young children develop a strong singing foundation that will set them up to be confident, skillful singers, ready to use their voices in worship. [Preschool]

Making Scripture Memory Musical – Kelly Hollingsworth

Singing, chanting, playing body percussion, and adding instruments are easy ways to help children memorize Scripture. Several verses will be shared that you can incorporate into your music class along with tips for how to write your own Scripture-based musical encounter. [Grades 1-6]

You Can Do This! Or Teach Others to Do This! – Marti Reavis

A quick guide to music and rhythm basics to equip you to lead the next generation. Even if you've never been formally trained, YOU can teach Children's Choirs! And if you are trained, learn how to equip your untrained volunteers. [All Ages]

Saturday – 9:00am (continued)***Incorporating Instruments Into Your Program – David Talaguit***

Kids love instrument playing, be it Orff or non-pitched instruments, but sometimes, it's hard to incorporate or make it fit with your musicals. Not anymore! Learn how to make instrument playing a cohesive part of your programs. [All Ages]

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From Root to Fruit: Using Growing in Grace to Encourage Musical and Spiritual Growth in Elementary-Age Choirs – Keith Watson

Growing in Grace Children's Choir Curriculum is anchored by deep spiritual and musical roots. Discover ways to use the curriculum to help your children grow in their faith and musicianship. [Grades 1-6]

Preparing Hearts to Worship Like David – Yancy

This breakout will be a game changer for how you lead kids in worship. You must do more than just press play on a song to help kids learn how to worship. With a passion for teaching kids to be the worshipers God created them to be, Yancy will help you look at David's life and his example of worship and share practical steps that will help you lead kids into God's presence. [All Ages]

Saturday – 10:30am***Circle Games – Karen Gosselin***

Who doesn't love a good circle game or activity? (as long as I don't get cooties!). Come join the group and lose yourself in learning and fun! [Grades 1-6]

Preschool Movement FUNdamentals – Whitney Head

Preschool children were not meant to sit still! Incorporating whole-body movement into choir time helps our youngest learners fully engage with the music while having fun. Come ready to learn some practical ideas for engaging the mind, body, and spirit! [Preschool]

Music for All – Kelly Hollingsworth

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Cultivating Your Program – Stacy Porter and Terrie Turner

Are you not sure where to start? Or does your program need a re-boot? We'll discuss everything from structuring a children's music program, communicating with parents, choosing curriculum, healthy class management, calendaring, musicals, and making the most of your budget dollars. [All Ages]

Using Stories and Games for an Engaging Rehearsal – David Talaguit

So how do you start an engaging choir rehearsal? You start it with a "Let's play!" or a "Once upon a time." Get ready to act, sing, play games and Orff instruments. [All ages]

Saturday – 10:30am (continued)***Getting Back to the Roots: Tried and True Songs and Activities for Elementary Choirs – Keith Watson***

Experience favorite songs, energizers, and activities that are proven hits with children. [Grades 1-6]

Problem Solving Your Worship Challenges so You Can Grow - Yancy

Are you dissatisfied with the level of engagement your kids have in worship? Do you have an inkling there could be more? You're not the only one. Yancy will tackle common issues leaders experience in getting kids engaged during worship. You will leave empowered to make changes that will help your kids take steps to fall more in love with Jesus by experiencing His presence during worship. [All Ages]

Saturday – 11:45am***My Favorite Things – Karen Gosselin***

These are a few of my favorite things! C'mon! Let's look at games, rhythms, charts, music, props, and more! [Grades 4-6]

Scripture Sings! – Whitney Head

Discipleship happens when children hide God's Word in their hearts, and there's no better way to do that than with music! In this session, you will help children interact with the Bible in a fun, engaging, and memorable way. [Grades 1-6]

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Kids and Hymns – Marti Reavis

How children can benefit from singing hymns and how to make learning them FUN! [All Ages]

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Preschool Worship: Planting & Watering Seeds of Worship – Yancy

From the youngest ages you can disciple kids to be the worshipers God made them to be. Learn the many tools you can use to lead little ones in meaningful and powerful times of praise using intentional playlists and the right size songs. Yancy will share from scripture the power of kid's worship and champion you to lead well. Yancy will share how to raise up this generation of disciples to love to worship. [Preschool]