

Parts of Worship

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Too often when we go to church and just go through the motions without figuring out why we do what we do. Look at the different aspects of worship and discover which parts mean the most to you.

For

Teen Family

Season

Winter

Needed

Bible, one copy of What You Do During Worship worksheet for each person, a pen or pencil, a copy of your worship bulletin or order of worship (if your worship service has one)

Activity Plan

1. Say this prayer aloud to begin.

God, help us to discover the different parts of worship and what they mean to us. Amen.

2. Ask someone to read aloud Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

Then ask another family member to read aloud John 4:24 "God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

3. If possible, get a copy of your worship bulletin or order of worship. If your worship service displays this information on an overhead, bring paper and pen to write down the different elements to talk about after the service. Some services also list their elements in a book or another format. If so, write down these elements.
4. Get one copy of the What You Do During Worship worksheet for each person. Give each person a pen or pencil. Allow time to complete the What You Do During Worship worksheet using the worship bulletin or jotted notes that you took from a recent worship service.
5. As a family, talk about these questions:
 - What did you discover by looking at your worship service?
 - Which parts of worship do you enjoy most? Why?
 - Which parts of worship do you enjoy least? Why?
 - Which worship services during the year do you enjoy most?
 - How can we get more meaning out of worship services?
6. Variation: Check with other family members and friends to compare your worship with theirs. How are they similar? How are they different?

What You Do During Worship

Which elements of worship does your church do during a worship service?
Circle each element. Write notes next to those that you circled.

- Call to Worship or Start of Worship
- Greeting or Salutation
- Announcements
- Prayer
- Children's Message or Sermon
- Bible readings
- Hymns or Songs
- Sermon or Message
- Offering
- Communion
- Special Music (Choir, instrumental, solos, duets)
- Closing or Benediction
- Other (specify):

