

## Worship Planning Cards



The cards are designed to help you to create your own times of worship that you can do on your own or with others.

The question cards are to encourage you to think about the types of things that you might want to include, feel free to be creative. You could take it in turns to plan worship with other people, or each plan a part and then combine the results. You can always invite others to join your worship in some way: try talking about it with the people you live with and if appropriate talk to your parent/ carer/ or the person that is looking after you about how it could work.

You may be used to a particular style or order of worship, but you don't have to follow that and can be creative. There are some cards with suggestions of the type of things that you may find in times of worship that you are used to, but you don't have to include them all as you have the freedom to create your own worship rather than making it look a specific way. If it helps to start with things you're familiar with that's fine, it's you that's creating the worship so you are in charge of it.

When planning worship it can be helpful to think about the people that will be joining in and how you can help them to connect with God. It's worth being aware that people can connect with God in different ways, there's no right or wrong way. It can be good to try different ways to connect with God; the limit is your imagination.

The cards have been created to be inclusive and accessible for a wide range of ages. Very young children might need support, from an adult or older child, to help them fully participate but will no doubt have some thoughts about what they would like to do in worship. Encourage them to join in; using questions can sometimes help them express their ideas. It may help to offer possible options for them to pick something from options that you give them, but as they grow in confidence they will be able to share their own ideas. This approach may also work for those with

a variety of needs, who lack of confidence or who have a limited experience of different types of worship. Sometimes having the chance to try new things encourages the embracing of possibilities and can lead to the development of further ideas.

Some people, including babies, can worship in ways that are not always easy for us to understand although God does. Try and be inclusive to involve them as much as possible, think about what you know about them to help you.

### Using the cards

It may be easier to print the cards out, either on paper or card and cut them out. They could then be decorated in some way, you could even create a little worship box to put them in.

You don't have to use all the cards at once, you could start with a few that you choose specifically or put them face down and pick some at random. You can also create your own cards using your ideas.

As you plan more worship you might not need to use the cards all the time, they are to support you and your creativity in planning worship but are not designed to stop you developing your own ideas. God has given you gifts that you can use.

Remember to think about how long the worship will be; you might not be able to fit everything in one time of worship unless it is very long. You might be able to plan worship of different lengths for different times which will give you the chance to try different things.

Once you've decided what will happen in your worship and when it will happen, collect the things that you will need and make sure the space is how you want it. If you want someone else to do something make sure you give them enough time to get ready, they might want the chance to practice.

What will your worship look like?

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How will you start your worship?

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What are the important things that you want to include in your worship?

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Will you include a Bible reading or story?  
If so what?  
How will you share it?

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Will you include any music in your worship?  
If so: What music?  
How will you use it?

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Will you include any prayer in your worship?  
If so: How will you pray?  
What will you pray about?

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What order will things happen in?  
How will people know?

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What do you want in your worship space?

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How will you help people to connect with God?

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How can you be creative in your worship?

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How will you end your worship?

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How could people make an offering to God?

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Are there any pictures that will help with your worship?

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Will there be any singing?  
If so:  
What do you need to help you to sing?

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Do you need any equipment/ resources for your worship?  
If you don't have something is there an alternative?

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Are there any specific things on your mind that you would like to include in your worship?

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When will your worship happen?  
How will people know?

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Where will your worship take place?  
Indoors?  
Outdoors?  
Will it move?

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Will there be any space for silence?

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Will there be any space for activity?

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<p>Will there be any space to listen to God?</p> <p>Worship Planning Cards</p>	<p>Will there be any space to talk to each other about what you notice God is doing?</p> <p>Worship Planning Cards</p>
<p>Will there be a chance to say sorry to God? If so: how?</p> <p>Worship Planning Cards</p>	<p>Will there be a reminder of God's forgiveness?</p> <p>Worship Planning Cards</p>
<p>How long will your worship last?</p> <p>Worship Planning Cards</p>	<p>Will the same person lead each part of the worship or will anyone else lead some of it.</p> <p>Worship Planning Cards</p>
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## Tip

It may help you to think about what happened/ happens in any worship that you've been involved in. Not all worship looks the same as it can happen in different places and in different ways. Worship in a church building may look different to worship at home, or school, at Messy Church or a fresh expression of church.

### Things that you may find in worship you're involved in

These cards might help you to think about the things that are usually in the worship you're involved with. They may be helpful to use with the Worship Planning Cards to get you started with ideas for things that you could include in your worship, but you may have other ideas too and don't have to be limited to the worship experiences you've had so far.

There may be some ideas that are new to you or that you don't usually get to do in worship, so you can always try them.

Are there other things you can think of? There are some blank cards for you to add things that happen in worship you are involved in; you can always make more if it helps.

How could you illustrate the cards?

Are there other people that you know that might have a different worship experience to you? Could you swap ideas?

Candles

Things you may find in worship cards

Bible Reading or  
Story

Things you may find in worship cards

Music

Things you may find in worship cards

Singing

Things you may find in worship cards

Prayers/ praying in  
some way

Things you may find in worship cards

Saying sorry to God  
/ confession and  
forgiveness

Things you may find in worship cards

Discussion

Things you may find in worship cards

Talk

Things you may find in worship cards

Collect, a special prayer  
for a specific day

Things you may find in worship cards

Drama

Things you may find in worship cards

## Words

Things you may find in worship cards

## Pictures

Things you may find in worship cards

## PowerPoints

Things you may find in worship cards

## Service Sheet

Things you may find in worship cards

## Games

Things you may find in worship cards

## Quizzes

Things you may find in worship cards

## Time to think / reflection

Things you may find in worship cards

## So what?

What will you do as a result of  
the worship

Things you may find in worship cards

## How will God be involved in your week?

Things you may find in worship cards

## Where have you noticed God doing things?

Things you may find in worship cards



Listening To God

Things you may find in worship cards

Talking about what  
God has done

Things you may find in worship cards

Sharing The Peace

Things you may find in worship cards

Offering or  
collection

Things you may find in worship cards

Video Clips

Things you may find in worship cards

Thanking God

Things you may find in worship cards

Asking God for  
help

Things you may find in worship cards

Praying with  
sweets

Things you may find in worship cards

Praying using  
physical things like  
balls, Lego, toys

Things you may find in worship cards

Praying for others

Things you may find in worship cards

Familiar phrases

Things you may find in worship cards

The Lord's Prayer

Things you may find in worship cards

Different people  
doing things

Things you may find in worship cards

A familiar pattern  
or structure, things  
that always happen

Things you may find in worship cards

Questions

Things you may find in worship cards

Words on a screen

Things you may find in worship cards

Objects to help tell  
or think about a  
story

Things you may find in worship cards

Eating together

Things you may find in worship cards

Creative activities

Things you may find in worship cards

Being in a particular  
place

Things you may find in worship cards

Ending in the same  
way

Things you may find in worship cards

Blowing the candle  
out

Things you may find in worship cards

Opening a Bible

Things you may find in worship cards

A specific prayer

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## Useful Information

### Bibles

There are a variety of Bibles and bible story books available, possibly more than you realise. Think about what you have available to you and remember that you can always ask others for recommendations.

Sometimes you might want to use a bible story book, some have collections of stories from the Bible in the, whilst others have just one story either based on a story from the Bible or sometimes a psalm or particular verse. The Lost Sheep series by Andrew McDonough, <https://www.lostsheep.com.au/>, are very good, but there are plenty of others including a rhyming bible by Bob Hartman if you want something different to use.

There are lots of different Bible translations available, your church might use one particular translation but you might want to consider others. I often look at different versions before deciding which to use when I'm planning worship that includes other people and have sometimes used more than one where they offer something different.

Some I use are:

The Hands On Bible, NLT, has great introductions to each chapter, extra information and activities to try.

The Accessible Bible New Testament, NIrV, the font size is 16 so it's easy to read by all ages and is well laid out. The Old Testament isn't yet available. <https://www.biblicaeurope.com/our-work/the-accessible-bible>

### Prayers

There are plenty of written prayers available, with some written a long time ago but still relevant but you can also write your own, make them up

as you say them or pray in creative ways. See *Creative Prayer Ideas* for some ideas and tips.

Other Children and Family Friendly Resources Available To Download On The Diocese Of Leicester Website, <https://www.leicester.anglican.org/>

### Creative Prayer Ideas

A range of ideas and tips to help you pray creatively with the things you have around you.

### Bible Story Cards

A selection of questions, all except one open ended, to help you explore Bible stories in an accessible way.

### Living Active Faith Questions

A set of questions to help you think about and talk about your everyday faith, they're particularly good when you're not sure where to start.

### Give It A Go Cards

Simple ideas of things that you can do to share God's love, some are quick while others can take place over a longer time.

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