

Worship for all-ages: introduction

Who is it for?

- ❖ For adults – with something to occupy children
- ❖ For children - adults looking on
- ❖ For everyone to be involved

Key elements in accessible all-age activities

- ❖ Structure, pattern and repetition
- ❖ Multi-sensory
- ❖ Multi-level
- ❖ Mystery and wonder
- ❖ Story and humour
- ❖ Universal themes/questions
- ❖ Direction

Connecting to Sunday worship

✠ Through the framework provided by the liturgy

Responses

Repetition

✠ Through varied ways of listening/responding

Reading the word

Creative intercessions

✠ Through the talk

Making it work for different people

✠ Through participation

giving children a real part to play



Practical do's and don'ts

- ❖ Use well-known hymns and songs, not just children's songs
- ❖ Remember children care about real issues
- ❖ Don't invite children to sit at the front
- ❖ Rehearse where necessary
- ❖ Use the best readers, intercessors etc.
- ❖ Make eye-contact with everyone
- ❖ Don't expect everyone to be equally engaged with everything all the time
- ❖ Enjoy! It is 'intentional informal' in style!