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Harness the Power of Music That Honors Jesus

POWERSOURCE

ASK GOD:

1. To guide your decisions about your family's music choices.
2. To use music to help your children learn about and connect with God.
3. To make a lasting impact on your kids' hearts and lives through music.

If your children attend vacation Bible school during the summer, you'll likely hear some catchy tunes. Most ministry programs incorporate kid-friendly songs because they realize that music affects mood, learning, and retention. You can capitalize on the power of music in your home, too.

By the time kids are 18, they have an estimated 10,000 songs in their heads. Parents can ensure that a large portion of those tunes honor Jesus and change hearts and lives.

Music—especially when combined with movement—provides a strong learning vehicle for these reasons:

- Rhythm and melody are tools our brains use to grasp and

store concepts for a very long time. Add movement, and the memory solidifies even more.

- Whatever children learn through music will have a significant impact on their beliefs, values, and perceptions for life.
- Songs our kids hear and sing teach them who God is. Appealing, age-appropriate songs that are filled with spiritual truths transform kids and help them worship God.

We are what we sing! What kids learn through music and movement, they'll believe; what they believe will determine who they are and what they do. Don't miss out on the transforming power of God's truth learned through music!



TEACHABLE MOMENTS

Name That Joyful Song

You'll need one empty water or soda bottle per person. Choose one person to blow across their bottle to "play" part of a worship song. Everyone else tries to guess the song's name. When the song is revealed, play or sing it together. Let everyone have a turn.

Note: Players may want to name a category before they begin playing a song. For example, children's church song, popular Christian song from the radio, hymn, youth group song, praise team song, choir song, and so on.

After playing, read aloud Psalm 100:1-2. Ask: **What do you think the Bible means when it says to "come before" God with joyful songs? Describe how you feel when you sing joyful songs to God. Why do you think God want us to sing to him? Describe your favorite places to sing songs to God.**

Say: **It's nice to think we've made God glad by singing joyful songs to him today!**

Close in prayer.

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Keep a Song in Kids' Hearts

According to Howard Gardner's theory of multiple intelligences, integrating music into children's daily life can help you connect with them. It can also make your home more harmonious. A 2013 study published by the British Psychological Society showed 4-year-olds who sang and played music had improved cooperation and problem-solving skills. Kids were 30 times more likely to be helpful after they sang and played a percussion instrument compared to kids who didn't. The Bible also reveals the importance of music. David played his harp to calm King Saul (1 Samuel 16:23), and Jesus and his disciples sang hymns together (Matthew 26:30). Use these ideas to strike a chord with your kids.

Memorable Melodies Help children learn Bible verses with raps, chants, or cheers. Setting Bible verses to song or giving verses a rhythm can help kids remember them better. Along with knowing the words, be sure to help your kids really understand what each verse means.

Little Lyricists Have older kids come up with new words to tunes they already know. For example, they can write a short song about how God wants us to treat others using the "Old MacDonald" tune.

Finger Fun With younger children, use action songs or finger plays with music to illustrate a story. Do a quick online search by topic to find many lively ideas.

Mood Lifters If your kids are very excited or unmanageable, play music with a slow tempo to help regulate their emotions. Play peppy music to lift children from doldrums if they seem tired and lethargic.

Listen Up! Use music to help children develop good listening skills. Ask kids to listen to music and identify repetitive phrases, notes that sound good together, or notes that are dissonant (sound bad to them).

Sing a New Song During the summer, attend a church or church service that uses music you're not accustomed to. Afterward, discuss your reactions and feelings toward different styles of worship music.

DJ the Drive Before a road trip, have each family member create a playlist of their favorite Christian songs. On the drive, take turns being the DJ and song leader.

Consider Your Selections Simple, catchy, easy-to-sing music is the most effective for kids. Avoid songs with difficult lyrics or overly complex concepts. If kids are confused, they won't get the message you want them to.

Form a Band Praise God as a family by creating your own musical instruments from household items. Then keep the beat while you sing praise songs together.

Dance Moves Read aloud 2 Samuel 6:14-15. Ask: "Why do you think David danced with all his might? (Read more of the passage to find out.) What makes you want to dance?" Have each family member come up with a creative dance move. Then combine all the moves into a routine and perform it to a favorite worship song.

"... be filled with the Holy Spirit, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts."

—Ephesians 5:18-19

MEDIA MADNESS



MOVIE

Title: *Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation*

Genre: Animation, Comedy, Family
Rating: PG

Cast: Adam Sandler, Selena Gomez, Andy Samberg, Kathryn Hahn

Synopsis: The family of monsters embarks on a cruise so Dracula can get a much-needed break. He falls in love with the ship's captain, who turns out to be a descendant of his sworn rival. Mavis, Drac's daughter, must save her dad and all the monsters.

Our Take: Previous installments in this series have been funny—and low on the “spooky” factor. The PG rating is for action and rude humor. Use the movie as a springboard to discuss family interactions, as well as the joys and challenges of family vacations.



MUSIC

Title: *Camila*

Artist: Camila Cabello

Synopsis: This pop music singer-songwriter had a breakout year in 2017 and is now opening for Taylor Swift's stadium tour. Cabello's single “Havana” hit No. 1 on the Billboard charts less than a year after she left the girl group Fifth Harmony. The 21-year-old Cuban-Mexican singer has spoken out about growing up as an immigrant.

Our Take: Cabello's self-titled album is mainly about romantic relationships. Although much of the content is implied rather than explicit, many of the lyrics are sexual in nature. Preteens may or may not pick up on everything Cabello sings about. Be aware: If your kids are interested in her music, check it out for yourself beforehand.



CULTURE & TRENDS

Skip-Gen Trips Step aside, multigenerational vacations! The new traveling trend is “skip-gen,” with grandparents and grandkids taking special vacations together. These trips let retired Baby Boomers spend time with their grandkids, who often live in another state. (abcnews.go.com)

On-the-Go Fashion You've probably heard of food trucks, but now fashion is going mobile too. Some fashion trucks cater to moms-to-be and children, providing new or gently used clothing as well as fashion advice. (*various websites*)

QUICK STATS

Parents of the Year Fifty-one percent of moms and 39% of dads say they're doing a very good job raising their children. (time.com)

Underage Warning Grade-school kids given sips of alcohol by trusted adults are four times as likely to binge-drink later, as opposed to kids who abstain. (realsimple.com)

Keep 'Em Cool An average of 37 children die each year from being left in hot vehicles. (kidsandcars.org)

Games, Sites & Apps

Harry Potter: Hogwarts Mystery

This free, single-player role-playing mobile game is like *The Sims* for wizarding fans. Players complete tasks to replenish their energy but soon hit “paywalls” requiring money. Some reviewers say the game's purpose is to get players to conduct microtransactions.

Code Monster

Learning to code is a hot trend, and now kids can gain coding skills online at their own pace. At crunchzilla.com/code-monster kids can see code alongside what the code actually does. Prompts help users learn commands as they play with the code. The free site has 59 lessons in Javascript programming.

Wow in the World

Curious kids (and their parents) will enjoy this NPR podcast, which focuses on science, technology, and innovation. The hosts use comedy and conversation to delve into topics ranging from the human body to outer space. The target audience is children ages 5 to 12.

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July

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 FREEDOM CELEBRATION 6-8 pm Kidz Zone open Judi leaves on Vacation	2 Judi on vacation	3 Judi on vacation	4 Independence Day	Judi on vacation	6	7
8 Last day to register for VBS Judi on vacation	9 VBS Registration is CLOSED Judi on vacation	10	11	12	13 VBS sets go up!	14 VBS Workday
15 6-8:30 p.m. VBS BEGINS	16 6-8:30 p.m. VBS	17 6-8:30 p.m. VBS	18 6-8:30 p.m. VBS	19 6-8:30 p.m. VBS FINAL DAY	20 Judi attending Nathaniel's Hope-Special Needs Training/Info	21
22 9:30 & 11 am VBS SPOTLIGHT 11:30 am Volunteer Dinner & Take Down	23 Judi on Vacation	24 Judi on Vacation	25 Judi on Vacation	26 Judi on Vacation	27	28 Children's Worship Training at Worthington Presbyterian
29 11 am Annual Children/ Youth Training	30	31				



Shipwrecked VBS

Vacation Bible School is coming fast! Mark your calendars for July 15-19, 2018 from 6-8:30 p.m.!

Registration is still OPEN for participants, until crews fill or July 8th, whichever comes first!

If you, as an adult, volunteer for the entire week, your children participate at no charge! Registration fee is \$20/child or \$50 maximum per family.

Pre-registration is REQUIRED by July 8, 2018. Go to the Participant & Volunteer registration page at www.ccpc.us Go to the "Christian Education" tab->Grades K-5->VBS) Please contact vbs@ccpc.us with any questions and we'll see you on the island!

ALL Crew and Station leaders are asked to attend one of the training dates:
Sunday, July 8th at NOON in Ballard Hall OR Sunday, July 15th at NOON in Ballard Hall.
A light snack will be provided.
RSVP to Sarah Ables (Sarahablesccpc@gmail) or Sandy Nixon (sanixon85@gmail.com) regarding which date you will attend. Thank you!

KIDZ CHURCH (rising 1-5th grade kids)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Leaders</u>
July 1	Built Upon the Rock	Heidi Scott/Linda Axon
July 8	The Messiah Comes!	Heidi Scott/Kevin Bartholomew
July 15	Signs of the Times	Judi Irwin/Kevin Bartholomew
July 22	Worthy is the Lamb	Judi Irwin/Mark and Stephanie Foster
July 29	He is Risen	Pastor Malcolm Davis/Jodie Sayre
August 5	Saul of Tarsus	Linda Axon and HELP NEEDED! (This room will be closed on August 5 th if we are unable to identify a second adult—Please consider servina. Judi will be away.)

Annual Ministry Partner Training Dates

The annual training for all ministry partners of our Children's and Youth Ministries is set for Sunday, July 29th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. OR August 12 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

PLEASE RSVP to Judi Irwin, - judi.irwin@ccpc.us regarding your attendance and which date you will be present!

We will serve a brunch for you at each of these trainings.

You only need to attend ONE date, as the training is duplicated for the convenience of our people.

Judi and Matt Kerns, our Youth Director will share about many the things happening in these ministries for the 2018-2019 school year.



Parents are needed to fill summer vacancies for our school year ministry partners who are on summer break on the dates below:

August 5 KIDZ CHURCH (1) & PRESCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL (1)
August 12 PRESCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL (1)

Rooms may be closed if adequate adult supervision is not available. We make every effort to staff rooms properly. Parents, please take a turn!

CLUB TODDLER LESSONS @ 9:30 a.m. (& 11:00 a.m)

<u>July 1</u>	Paul & Silas in Prison Acts 16:16-40	S. Wojcik/H. Lindsay
<u>July 8</u>	The Story of Paul's Escape Acts 23:12-35	HELP NEEDED!
<u>July 15</u>	Paul's Rescue at Sea Acts 27	HELP NEEDED!
<u>July 22</u>	Jonah Jonah 1-3	K. Martin/L. Allamon
<u>July 29</u>	Jesus' Birth Luke 1&2	HELP NEEDED

Leadership Schedules

Call to Worship Leaders

July 1 YOUTH MINISTRY

July 8 Nico Ranalli

July 15 Christian Crotte

July 22 Matthew Reinoehl

July 29 Grady Smith

August 5 YOUTH MINISTRY

August 12 Lillian Pierce

August 19 Evan Harrison

August 26 Reagan Weaver

Please contact Pastor Malcolm at malcolmdavis@ccpc.us if your student is unable to fulfill her/his commitment. Thank you.



9:30 a.m. Nursery

July 1 Nancy Dawn Clark

July 8 **HELP NEEDED!**

July 15 **HELP NEEDED!**

July 22 Laura Smith & Jenna Purlee

July 29 Laura Smith

11:00 a.m. Nursery

July 1 Betty Owings

July 8 Janice Peters

July 15 Marty Shoemaker

July 22 Colleen Bruinsma

July 29 **HELP NEEDED!**

Saturday @ 6 p.m.

Preschool Ministry in Room 106 - "Frolic"

June 30 – Melodie Bogantz & Ann Shurgin
Sat. evening July schedule is not yet available.

Parents, every effort is made to identify proper supervision of children in our Children's Ministry for their safety. Please be advised, that rooms may be closed if adequate adult supervision is not available. Please take a turn!

KIOSK SIGN IN

Parents and Grandparents, Please be sure to SIGN IN your children in at our Kiosks in the Welcome Center and the Nursery Hall. We use these check ins to be sure that we have all the children present in Preschool Sunday School and Kidz Church and that no little sheep strayed on their way from the Sanctuary into their classroom. Thank you for your cooperation as we work to keep all safe!

We are also in search of GREETERS to assist families who are signing in their children on Sunday mornings! It's an easy job! Greeters serve on rotation. Please see Judi Irwin, Sarah Ables or John Lane to volunteer your service! TY

NEW!

PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN'S WORSHIP CENTER and OPEN HOUSE!

Many of our seasoned members have been working with Judi Irwin to get a NEW Worship Center up and running for an August 26th opening.

Preschool and Kindergarten children will begin to go directly to this Worship Center upon arrival. Worship begins at 9:30 a.m. Please be sure to arrive early to get your child checked in at our Kiosk stations and down to room LL-19, under Ballard Hall. AN OPEN HOUSE OF THIS ROOM WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, August 12th from 10:30-10:45 a.m. Don't miss it!

PRESCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL - Summer

(Pray and Play Bible for Young Children 1 & 2)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Leaders</u>
<u>July 1</u>	MOSES	Exodus 3, 19 & 20	Holli Fowler & K&M Krinsky
<u>July 8</u>	SAMUEL	1 Samuel 1 & 3	Hannah Gorsuch & Holli Fowler
<u>July 15</u>	DAVID & GOLIATH	1 Samuel 17	Hannah Gorsuch/Kelly&Michael Krinsky
<u>July 22</u>	JONAH	Jonah 1-3	Jodie Sayre & Hannah Gorsuch
<u>July 29</u>	Jesus' Birth	Luke 1 & 2	Judi Irwin & Erin Harrison
<u>August 5</u>	Zacchaeus	Luke 19	Kelly Krinsky & HELP NEEDED!
<u>August 12</u>	The Miracle of Easter	John 13, 14, 18, 19, 20	Paula O'Flaherty & HELP NEEDED!