

LEAD RETREAT '26

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Partnering Together-
Equipping the Family of Families



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LEADING, EQUIPPING
AND DISCIPLING IN
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

NEW FOR 2026: 2 LOCATIONS... 2 DATES

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Leading, Equipping and Discipling in Children's Ministry

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I Am Not My Own

The one who made the heavens
made my heart and soul
Before I drew a breath
I was loved and known
I am His creation
the Maker's masterpiece
And all that He designs
will be done in me

My body is a temple
of the Living God
I'll worship in this house
that His blood has bought
As I bear His image
O may I not profane
The holiness I hold
in this earthly frame

I belong to the Lord
O I am not my own
I belong to the Lord
I am not my own
I will honor Him for this I know
I belong to the Lord
I am not my own

And if He has redeemed me
I am not my own
The measure of my worth
is His love alone
He declares my standing
and He declares my state
So I will know myself
by the name He gave

I belong to the Lord
O I am not my own
I belong to the Lord
I am not my own
I will honor Him for this I know
I belong to the Lord
I am not my own

I am not my own
and now my heart is free
O Maker come and make
what You will of me
There is nothing broken
that You can not repair
So Lord I leave my life
in Your loving care

I belong to the Lord

O I am not my own

I belong to the Lord

I am not my own

I will honor Him for this I know

I belong to the Lord

I am not my own

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I belong to the Lord
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Grow Groups

Group 1: 90s Lounge (Averett Building)

Group 2: 70s Lounge (Averett Building)

Group 3: Robeson

Group 4: 80s Lounge (Averett Building)

Wednesday Free time Options

1:30-4:30 pm

Appointments in Barn

Bookstore in Barn

Games and Doodles in Coffeeshop

Shepherds and outdoor recreation areas

1:30 GCP Party in Robeson

3:00 Guided hike- meet at Robeson

3:30 Campus tour- meet at Robeson

4:30PM - Workshops

Affinity Group Dinner Options

Tonight at 5:45PM

1. Navigating Shared Spaces or Renovations

Troubleshoot real challenges and swap practical ideas for thriving in a building that's not exclusively yours—whether due to shared use, ongoing renovations, or limited access.

2. Outgrowing Your Nursery

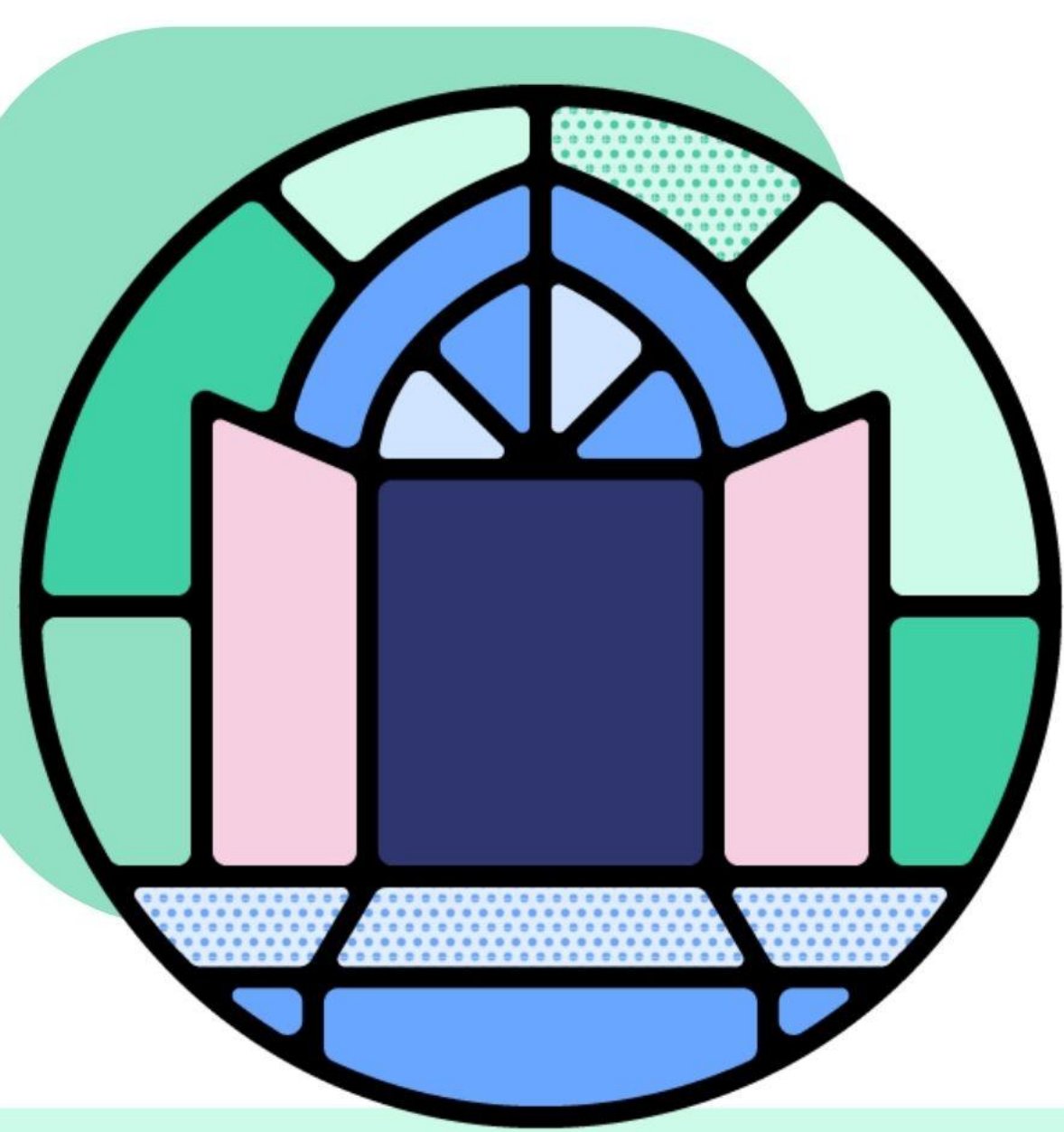
Brainstorm creative strategies to maximize your space, deploy volunteers effectively, and joyfully accommodate a growing number of little ones.

3. Church Planting

Starting a kids' ministry in a new plant is a unique adventure—join others building from the ground up to share wins, pitfalls, and practical starting tips.

4. Serving Both Children and Youth

Feeling the tension in your dual role? You're not alone—come discuss practical ways to serve both groups and their families effectively.



Teach Us to Worship

Teach them to worship for a lifetime.



Psalm 100:1 (ESV)

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

 Call to Worship



Additional Resources on the Hub

We Gather to Worship

We Worship God Together



Church Family Worship Guide
Read. Pray. Sing.

When we gather as God's people on Sunday mornings, we read God's Word, we pray, and we sing. As we walk with God in our daily lives, we continue this rhythm of worship until we gather again on Sunday mornings.

How to Use This Guide

This guide follows a simple weekly rhythm:

Monday: reflect on yesterday's corporate worship through Scripture, prayer, and song;

Tuesday–Thursday: read Scripture, pray, and sing together;

Friday: prepare for Sunday worship by reading the upcoming Scripture passage, praying for the Spirit's work, and singing songs for worship.



The Lord's Supper and Our Covenant Children



A guide for helping our non-communicating members grow in their understanding of the Lord's Supper.

My church family is: _____
Date: _____

OFFERING
Because we belong to the LORD, we give to him.
What has the LORD given you?

What can you give to the LORD?

CONFESSION OF FAITH
We gather and say together what we, as God's people, believe.

SACRAMENTS
God gives us ways to remember his great love for us.
What sacrament took place today?
Baptism Communion

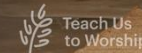
BENEDICTION
God's people are loved by God and sent out to grow His kingdom.

CALL TO WORSHIP
God calls us to worship Him. Listen as we are welcomed to worship the Lord together. Draw a picture or write some words of praise to God.

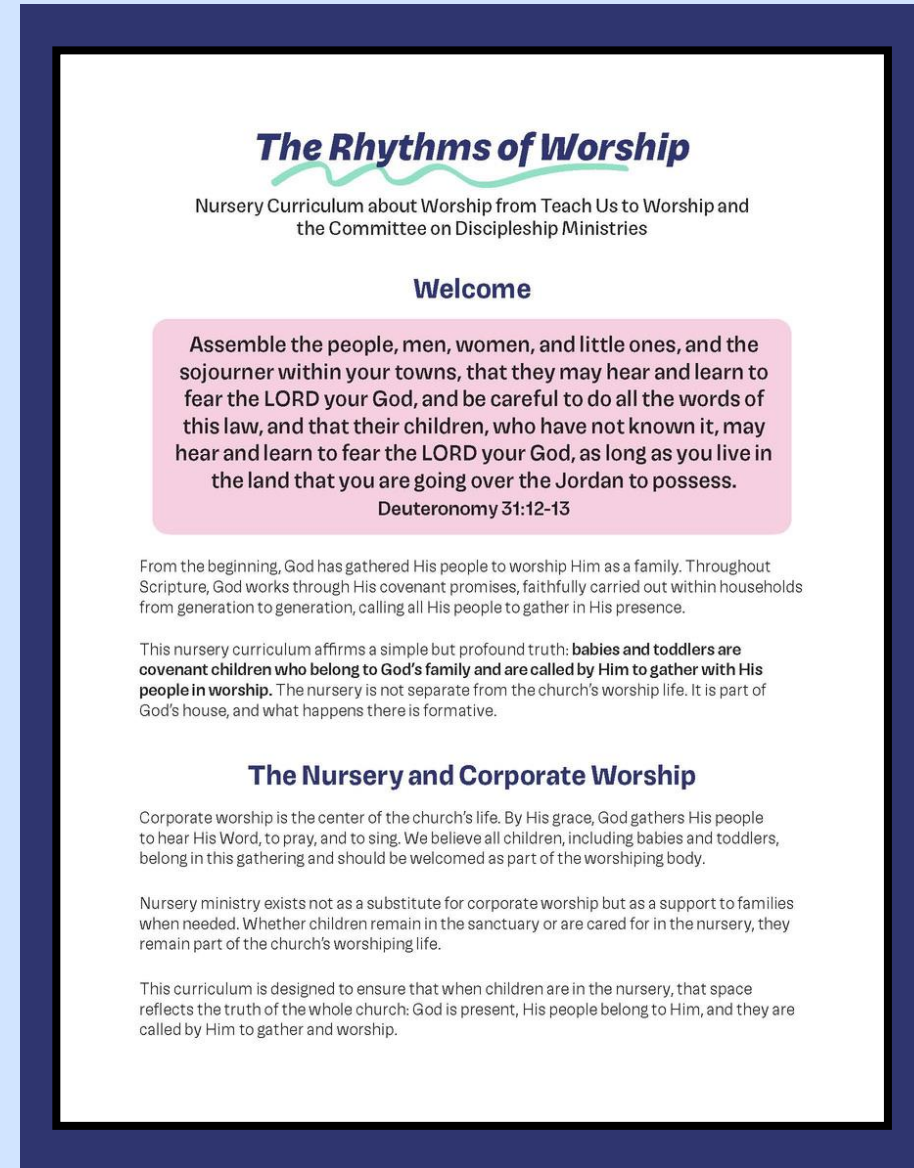
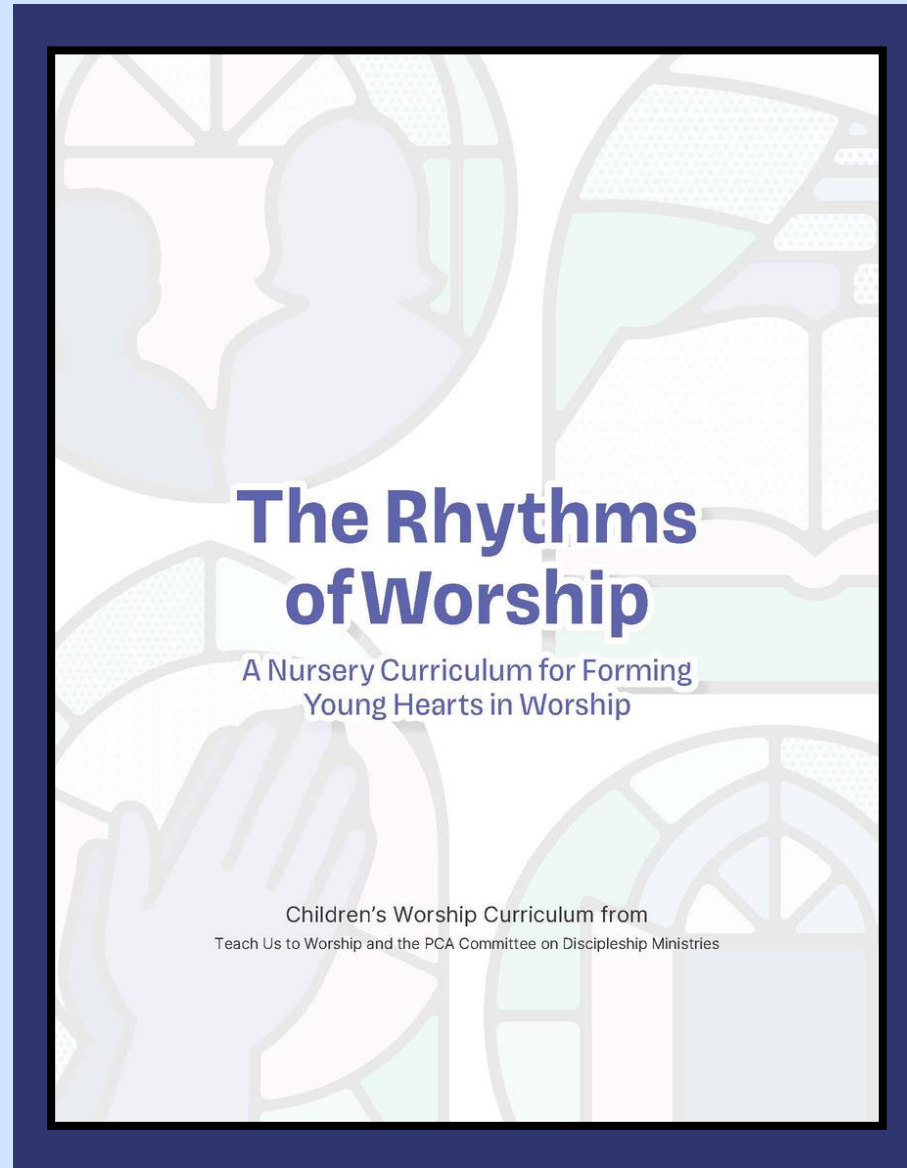


Teach Us to Worship Worship Songs

For He is our God, He is our God



Introducing: Nursery Curriculum



Nursery Curriculum Prayer Posters

Call to Worship



Dear God,
We gather to worship You.
We belong to Your family.
Hold [child's name] in Your loving care.
Thank You, Lord, for the blessing of
belonging to Your family.
Amen.

Teach Us to Worship


Prayer



Our Heavenly Father,
Thank You for hearing us when we pray.
Bless [child's name] today,
help them grow to talk to You,
and pray to You.
Amen.

Teach Us to Worship

Benediction



Dear God,
Bless [child's name].
Please be with us,
keep us in Your care,
and give us Your peace.
Amen.

Teach Us to Worship



Let's Keep the Conversation Going!

- **4-Week Virtual Summer Book Discussions**
- **Regional Seminars**
- **Forming Faith at Home: A Seminar for Leaders and Parents**



Holy, Holy, Holy!

Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons,
blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy!
All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim
falling down before Thee,
Which wert, and art,
and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see,

Only Thou art holy;
there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow' r, in
love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
in earth and sky and sea.

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STUMBLING LITTLE ONES (AND THEIR FAMILIES)

MARK 9:42

Monica Kim and
Danny Kwon

Stumbling Little Ones (and Their Families) Mark 9:42

1. The Seriousness of the Call



A Youth Worker's Field Guide to Parents

UNDERSTANDING PARENTS OF TEENAGERS

**DANNY
KWON**



FOREWORD BY WALT MUELLER



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2. Heart connection before heart correction

“Teaching biblical truth without relationship becomes academic; emphasizing community without truth becomes sentimental.” Sherry Kendrick

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3. Assessing Our Own Hearts and Churches as CM Leaders: A Church Full Of Gene's

Romans 15:7- Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

3. Assessing Our Own Hearts and Churches as CM Leaders: Contexts for Judgment Free Hearts

May the love of Christ and the gospel of unconditional love rule our hearts in our attitudes and love for parents and their children.

Does our church welcome parents of children? Do we create opportunities to be physically and emotionally present with families in a covenantal way? (Stephen Estock)

Create spaces for parents to share, pray, and study God's Word in ways that invite authenticity, acknowledge hardship, foster meaningful conversation, and offer a place of refuge

Do we warmly welcome and receive families and children who are not as polished, while growing in this practice? (vs. Being awkward or shaming)

Care for diverse parents—single mothers, those with high-energy children, divorced parents, and those lacking biblical literacy.

His Mercy is More

What love could remember,
No wrongs we have done

Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Praise the Lord,
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn'
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Praise the Lord,
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn'
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Praise the Lord,
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn'
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

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2026 Certification Class

**Meet in the coffee shop
at 12:30PM for lunch
and discussion.**

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