

All-Age Worship Worksheet

“It’s time to admit that worship with all ages present is easy to do appallingly and difficult to do well. It’s time to acknowledge that it takes a huge amount of grace from every participant. But it’s also time to admit that a church that unthinkingly packs off any subgroup, old or young, to worship and learn in another space every week could well be as daft as a person merrily cutting off his own leg. It’s as ridiculous as that.”

Lucy Moore, *All-Age Worship*, p.6

As you continue to work through this topic for your faith community, spend some time thinking through these questions:

1. What does All-Age Worship mean?
2. What is the value of worshipping as a multigenerational community?
3. Why is it important to critically wrestle through the issues in planning all-age worship?

Other Questions to reflect on...

How often do your services include elements that acknowledge or appeal to all ages, including children, teens and the elderly?

At what age do children in your church attend worship with the adults? Thinking theologically and biblically, why does your church choose to niche or mix various age groups?

If your church includes children for part or all of the worship service, what are your expectations for their behaviour? How do families learn what your church considers appropriate in worship?

What would you lose or gain by changing who attends, designs or leads worship?

What is the best way you’ve found to engage all ages in worship?

Which all ages worship participation changes have been easy to implement yet have made a measurable difference?

What are the best insights on how to engage all generations in worship, while remaining true to your congregational values?

When kids worship separately for years, how do they form the habit of worshipping with adults?

Which worship habits does your church do best with and at what age do worshippers start practicing them?