

# Chapel Time

I rejoiced with those who said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

WHY do I need a chapel time in my weekday program?

- ✓ To instill the truth of God's word
- ✓ To share the joy of going to church
- ✓ To worship God
- ✓ To model prayer and encourage children to pray
- ✓ To teach the obedience of giving tithes and offerings
- ✓ To serve the families in your weekday program

WHO is involved in chapel?

- ✓ Chapel Leader
- ✓ For a preschool program (older twos-PreK)
- ✓ For a school program (Kinder-6<sup>th</sup> grade)
- ✓ For a youth school program (7<sup>th</sup> grade & up)
- ✓ JESUS!

WHAT do I need for chapel time?

- ✓ Space (main sanctuary or chapel)
- ✓ Once a week scheduled time (30mins.for younger kids)
- ✓ Dedicated passionate chapel leader
- ✓ Set of age appropriate worship songs
- ✓ Age appropriate Bible (same one each week)
- ✓ Offering basket/bucket
- ✓ GOD'S PRESENCE!

# Components of Chapel Time

## GREETING

- \*Have a routine greeting – Example: “Good morning God!”
- \*Go over chapel rules (routinely with younger kids)
- \*Scripture to open chapel time with – Example: “Sing praise to God sing praise.” Psalm 47:6

## PRAYER

- \*Model conversation with God
- \*Invite kids to pray on microphone
- \*Have younger kids repeat simple words after you
- \*Invite the presence of God into your chapel time every week
- \*Express adoration for the Lord
- \*Always end, “In Jesus’ Name. Amen”

## PRAISE/WORSHIP

- \*Choosing the right songs is important to the effectiveness of your chapel time.
- \*Age appropriate
- \*Words are easy to understand and pronounce
- \*Repetition for younger kids
- \*Easy to follow motions
- \*Speed of song, not too fast and complicated
- \*FUN!

## GREETING ONE ANOTHER

- \*Shake hands
- \*Hug
- \*Look at friend sitting next to you and say, “Jesus loves you friend.”
- \*Play a friend song as greeting
- \*Teach a greeting in a different language, allow international students to share

## BI B LE STORY/PREACHI NG

- \*Use the same Bible
- \*Age appropriate
- \*Read straight from the Bible
- \*Use concrete materials (props) to help emphasize story and lesson
- \*Everything in the Bible is true
- \*You the leader did not make up these stories (neither did Walt Disney)
- \*Preschoolers are Simple, Everyday, Concrete, Movers

## OFFERI NG

- \*Make it a weekly routine
- \*Share with the kids where the money is going
- \*Teach the obedience of giving
- \*Encourage being a cheerful giver
- \*Play song during offering time
- \*Use the same basket or bucket
- \*Say thank you to the children
- \*For younger children practice with fake money
- \*Pray
- \*Choose a missionary family or school to support with your chapel offering

## CLOSI NG

- \*For younger kids hand out scripture labels to put on shirt, artwork, take-home sheets
- \*Give children a personal hug, hand shake, pat on the back, etc. as they exit the chapel
- \*Have a routine closing time
- \*Have a routine saying or verse. Remember, "The God who made you loves you very much."