



# Worship With Others



## THE MISSION AIM

We are to worship God together as a community so that we may strengthen and encourage each other.



## KEY VERSE

**Hebrews 10:24-25:** "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching."



## Pre-Mission Activity



## Supplies Needed

- A chart posted with the following definition at the top and space for brainstorming at the bottom Worship – A "heart attitude" of love and communion with God in all we say, think and do. This attitude shows positively in our actions.
- Sticky notes
- Pencils
- Enough origami people chains for each recruit (for mission # 2) – see template on page 8 (during the pre-activity, some of the recruits can cut them out if you desire. Otherwise you can have them prepared beforehand.) – if you do this, have a leader there to assist; if there is time, the recruits could even write the Bible references on the heads of the people (from mission # 2's visible chart)
- Scissors
- Blindfolds – large ties, scarves (enough for two or three recruits to be blindfolded at a time)

## Directions

**DO:** Allow the recruits to choose one or more of the following activities.

**SAY:** I hope you had a super week. There are a few options that you can choose from right now. Number one is to think about how it went worshipping throughout the week. I have posted our definition for worship posted on the wall. Using the sticky notes provided, write or draw what you did to worship this week. The next two options are to get us ready for our missions today. We are going to be thinking about worshipping together. Number two is to help to make some "people chains" that will be used later in the lesson. \_\_\_\_\_ (name of a helper) will show you how to do that. Finally Number three is to have a partner who will help you to make some safe choices. One of you will have a blindfold while the other tells you where you can walk safely. You can switch up, and each have a turn being blindfolded. Please feel free to rotate to another activity if you are finished.



## Mission Uplink 1



Have ready YouTube playlist: "Season 2 – Worship 101 Episode 3: Worship With Others"

Play "Worship 101 (S2) Episode 3 (1/4)". Episode begins with the *Ready to Serve* theme song, followed automatically by the MISSION # 1 VIDEO. Pause the video when the MISSION # 1 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission # 1.

If using PPT for video, have W-Episode\_3-Worship\_With\_Others.pptx ready and play slide one. Pause on the MISSION # 1 CARD so you and your recruits can complete Mission # 1.



## Mission #1



### Supplies Needed

- Package of spaghetti, leader prepared with script below in text
- As much space as possible for game
- Paper and pencil per team (two teams)
- Video recorder (phone or video camera)



### Mission Assignment

**SAY:** Wow! What do you think about ...?

**DO:** Have the speaker interrupted when a leader comes in with a package of spaghetti.

**SAY** (leader with spaghetti): **Hey everyone you wouldn't believe what I just learned as I was making supper the other night. I just couldn't wait to see everyone to show them this really cool thing...Oh I'm so sorry, was I just interrupting something?**

**SAY** (other leader): **Well, we were just about to find out what our first mission was when you came flying in. But...go ahead.**

**SAY** (leader with spaghetti): **So I was making spaghetti the other night and I always like to break the noodles apart to make them easier to fit into my pot. I was having people over so I decided hey, I'll break this whole package up all at once. But I couldn't do it! I tried and tried.**

**DO:** Show the recruits how it's next to impossible to break the noodles when they are all together.

**SAY** (leader with spaghetti): **Isn't that just the coolest thing? Oooo! Now that I've showed you my little trick I'm feeling a bit embarrassed. I really wasted your time. So sorry. Maybe you should do a count down to find out what your mission is and I'll get myself together...3 -2- 1.**

**SAY** (leader with spaghetti): **Mission # 1 (reading mission card from satellite uplink) "Take some time to find out what you do each day that is much better to do with others than to do alone!"**



**SAY:** Hey this could be kind of fun! I know, let's play a game together as we think of ideas.

**DO:** Divide the recruits into two teams with a leader or older recruit for each team. Ensure that the groups cannot hear each other by having them locate as far across the room from each other as possible.

**SAY:** You have a leader on your team who has a pencil. For the next three minutes, think of as many things as you can that people would prefer to do together or need to do together (play soccer, basketball etc.; complete a project; do homework; be encouraged; share frustrations; learn from; be in a scary dark place; walk home from school). **Now beside some of them, write down why they are better done with a group of people than alone** (i.e. walking home together is safer, more interesting; playing sports – can't play the game if you have only one player; when you're scared it's just nice to have someone to hold onto).

**SAY:** Okay, now that you have your ideas, your team needs to pick one for now. Make sure everyone knows what one it is. But don't let the other team know.

**DO:** Give the teams a chance to choose their idea.

**SAY:** Okay now each team come and line up in the middle of the room by facing members of the opposite team. Listen carefully, when I say "go" everyone on your team should yell out what your idea was. Yes, both teams at the same time. If the other team has a DIFFERENT idea than yours, you must run and try to catch someone from the opposite team and take him/her back to your team. You are safe if you get back to your meeting spot without being tagged. If the other team has an idea that is SIMILAR to yours (i.e. playing any kind of sport would be similar) then you are safe to run back to your group without anyone trying to capture you. Let's do a run through together.

**DO:** Make sure the sample run through works.

**SAY:** Okay, are you ready? "Go!"

**DO:** Give the recruits a chance to play for about five minutes and have a leader pretend to be video taping (phone, recorder) so that the ideas can be sent back to Christie.

**SAY:** Super work teams! You worked really well together. Speaking of teams. I wonder how Christie is making out. \_\_\_\_\_ was recording your ideas as you played so let's get him/her to send them back to the team and gather around to find out what is up for our next mission.



## Mission Uplink 2



YouTube: Play "Worship 101 (S2) Episode 3 (2/4)". Pause the video when the MISSION # 2 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission # 2.

PPT: Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when MISSION #2 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission # 2.





## Mission #2



### Supplies Needed

- Post the key verse visibly in the room - "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:24-25
- Origami people chains for each recruit - see template on page 8 (could have been prepared in pre-activity) (To create the origami people cut page 8 in half length-wise following markings. Give one half of page to a recruit. Have them fold page in half and then in half again so that the "person" pattern is on top. Cut around the "person" and then unfold.)
- Write the following scripture references out on a visible chart but do not include the responses afterward; they are provided as a summary for you:
  - Hebrews 10:24 -25 – encourage one another to do good deeds, encourage one another;
  - Psalms 122:1 – united worship brings rejoicing (joy);
  - Luke 4:16 – reading/studying of scripture as a group is important, even for Jesus;
  - Acts 17:2 – we need to study, understand and defend God through looking at scripture together (as Paul did);
  - Acts 1:14 – it is important to pray together as believers;
  - Acts 2:46-47 – we can eat meals together and enjoy fellowship with God and each other;
  - 1 Thessalonians 5:11 – we need to meet together to encourage and build one another up)
- Bibles



### Mission Assignment

**SAY:** Oh dear, the team has themselves in a bit of a muddle. I'm glad we're all here so that we can work together to do our missions. Speaking of missions, let's check out mission number two. Drum roll please...Mission # 2 (reading mission card from satellite uplink) "Recruits, use the Bible to find out why God designed us to work and be together." Okay, we'll let's hop to it. Since we're talking about working together we're going to do that but first let's look up a verse so that we know what we're talking about. Let's start with Ecclesiastes 4:12. Everyone get your Bible out and look up this verse.

**DO:** Make sure the recruits get help as needed.

**SAY:** Okay, I'm going to read the verse to you. Follow along with me as I read.

**SAY** (leader with spaghetti from Mission # 1): Hey...that's awesome! "A cord of three strands is not quickly broken." That's just like my pasta. If I just have one or two pieces of pasta I can easily break them but if I have a whole bunch, I just can't do it. That's a pretty neat lesson. If we are all alone trying to defeat a bully or trying to make good choices it's really tough and we might just give in. But if we are all together praying for each other and encouraging each other then it's much easier to make the right choice and not be 'broken' or discouraged. So hey, maybe coming in and telling you about my pasta wasn't so strange after all.



**SAY** (other leader): **Wow. We worked as a team and we didn't even know it. So, let's summarize, what is that verse telling us?**

**DO:** Give the recruits a chance to respond. (we might not be able to make good choices or keep doing right when we are alone but when we have each other we can do it!)

**SAY:** To help us remember all of the verses that we are going to look up today, I have a little chain of people for each of you with their hands all linked together. Please write your name on it and then on one of the heads write the following Scripture reference, Ecclesiastes 4:12. On the body of that one, write one or two words or pictures to remind you that together we are stronger and with help it is easier to make good choices. You might want to write, "Strength" on your person.

**DO:** Give the recruits a moment to write their verse.

**SAY:** Okay, we must move on. I am going to put you into seven groups and each group will have a Scripture reference. With the help of a leader and your group, you will read the Scripture and find out what it says about why we should meet and be together in worship. This should give us some great help for Jamel. When you have decided what it says about meeting together, take your little chain of people and write the reference and a word or two or picture to summarize what you have learned on one of the paper chain people.

**DO:** Assign references to groups (or individuals depending on your numbers). Give the groups or individuals a few minutes to look up their reference and write their summary.

**SAY:** Now that you have completed one of the references it is time to get as many responses as possible. Your task in the next five minutes is to go around to others and find out the reference and summary word for as many references as you can. When you get one, write it on another one of the paper chain people. You may not get them all and that's okay because you can finish up for homework. Do you all understand what to do? Okay, Go!

**DO:** Make sure the recruits are able to find some other references. If they are not going to get to them all due to time, help them to write down the references from the visible chart that you have up in the room. It would be good if you could aim to give them five to seven minutes to get at least one or two ideas down other than their own.

**SAY:** Okay, now that we have most of the references, I want to read you Hebrews 10:24-25 because that is our key verse. I've posted it up on the wall so you can read along with me, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

**SAY:** So, let's not stop meeting for church, for Ready to Serve, for (fill in the blank for your corps) but let's stick together and encourage one another. Let's see, what do some other verses tell us? We have joy when we are together, we can study together, we can eat together and fellowship, we can learn ways to defend out faith, we can build each other up and we can pray for each other. Hey, speaking of praying for each other, let's do that right now.





## Prayer Huddle



YouTube: Play "Worship 101 (S2) Episode 3 (3/4)". Pause the video when the PRAYER HUDDLE CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the prayer huddle.

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## Supplies Needed

- None needed
- Cell phone – for pretending to send report back to the Recon Team

## Directions

**SAY:** I want you to get into a group of two or three. Today, we are going to simply pray for each other. In your group, tell each other one thing that you are thankful for and one thing that you would like prayer for. Once you have shared together, close your eyes and say a prayer for each person in your group. You can pray aloud or silently but when you hear me say "amen" begin to finish up your prayers.

**DO:** Make sure the groups are on task and have leaders walking around praying for the recruits as well.

**SAY: AMEN.** Okay recruits, let's gather back together. I don't know about you but I'm pretty curious about what is happening to that Recon Team. Let's get back to them but before we do, let me just quickly text your ideas get back to the team while \_\_\_\_\_ (a helper) collects your paper chain people.

**DO:** Collect the chains and return them at the end of the session.

**SAY:** Okay team, you have worked exceptionally well together. Let's get back to the team and see how they are making out. I sure hope they find Kate soon.



## Mission Uplink 3



YouTube: Play "Worship 101 (S2) Episode 3 (4/4)". Pause the video when the FIELD MISSION CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the Field Mission Project.

PPT: Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when FIELD MISSION CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the Field Mission Project.





## Field Mission Project



### Supplies Needed

- Prepare in advance to have a Sunday where the recruits can participate in a Sunday service – a choral reading, taking up the offering, leading a song, creating a power point for one of the songs, reading the Scripture, sharing a testimony
- Paper to write down ideas for the recruits
- Marker
- Names of some shut-ins at the corps and nice note paper to begin to write some notes

### Mission Project

**SAY:** It's been an exciting week looking at how God designed us to serve Him together. Christie has one last mission for us and then we're off for another exciting week to tell others about Jesus. Alright, let's have a count down to mission # 3 ...3-2-1. Mission # 3 (reading mission card from satellite uplink), "Think about some ways that you can encourage people at your corps and begin to make preparations to be involved in a Sunday service in the near future."

**SAY:** Wow. That sounds exciting. Well, you heard Christie, what are some things that we can do to help support and encourage the people at our church? (*Participate in the service, write encouragement notes, the older recruits could help with nursery duty, call some shut ins, help hand out bulletins and greet people at a service*)

**DO:** Give the recruits some time to brainstorm together and write down their ideas.

**SAY:** These are some amazing ideas.

**DO:** If there are ones that really stand out, make sure to use them in the next week or so. Let the recruits know that you have talked to the corps officer and have arranged to help with a service. Give the recruits a chance to sign up for some tasks and give them assurance that they will be guided through the process.

**SAY:** I have also brought some notepaper for us to write encouragement notes to some folks at church. I have a list of people who are not able to come out to church because they are sick. I'd like some of us to write to them this week. Does anyone have someone they think we should write to?

**DO:** Begin to write down who will do what at the service and who is going to do some note writing.

**SAY:** Well done recruits. I hope that you really think about how you are being a member of the body of Christ this week and that you worship well together. Also, be sure to bring your notes next week and pray about your participation in church. Let's pray.

**DO:** Pray for the recruits as they journey this week.

**SAY:** Now, I have a really important homework task for you. We will call you this week to remind you but for next week, you need to bring in something that you consider your most valuable item. Have a great week and we'll see you next time.



#### Squad

Leader be sure to send a reminder to your local squad reminding the recruits to bring in their most valuable item (or a photo of it) to the next class.





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