

All Age Worship Ideas – Psalm 8 & Psalm 104

Introductory Activities

- Opening Prayer (© Roddy Hamilton www.ecochurch.arocha.org.uk)
 - (Gently pour water into a bowl) God has chosen the rolling tide the flowing river the rushing stream the flooding burn to hold all of heaven and her promise
 - (Pour water more fully into the bowl and let it overflow quite a bit) in the pouring and stirring and spilling and running comes the act of heaven and her promise
 - (Scoop up water from the bowl and let it dribble through your fingers) so come and be soaked in the spirit as the story of salvation teems around us parables whispered in the drenching and baptism becomes the soothing rush of heaven and her promise of Jesus
- Give each household a few minutes to come up with an animal for each letter of the alphabet. Depending on time and size of household give them points for getting the same as you, or for a unique animal. God's creation is just awesome

Bible Engagement

- Ask each household to make three emojis – one happy, one sad, one scared. (You can give out paper plates for this in the bags for Session Five, or they could do this as part of an online live feed). Read the Psalms and ask people to respond with the emojis as you read
- Show a powerpoint of beautiful nature pictures as you read excerpts from the two Psalms (you could ask some of your young people to put this together for you beforehand)
- Video from Scripture Union Wonderzone - <https://youtu.be/vTvhzdPtYiM>

Response

- Read Song of Gladness by Michael Morpurgo from the [Book of Hopes](#)
- Encourage the children and young people to write Letters for Creation - <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/policy-and-thinking/our-views/environment-and-climate-change/creationtide/get-your-voice-heard>

Prayer

- Ask everyone to take a piece of paper and make a 'fan' with it by folding it backwards and forwards like a concertina. On each fold they are to write or draw something in God's creation that they are thankful for. When finished they can fold it in half and make it into a butterfly or bird, or hold it halfway up with the top fanned out, like a tree. Give thanks together for God's creation

Hope in God's creation



- Prayer taken from one of the resources for Creationtide
In bright light and dull darkness.
In the energy of each day and the rest that comes with night
We remember the goodness of God In the heavens high above our heads.
In waters that run deep around the world
We remember the goodness of God In solid land and flowing seas.
In vivid flowers and fruit laden-trees
We remember the goodness of God In the rising and setting of the sun and the cycles of the seasons.
In the patterns of the shining stars
We remember the goodness of God In oceans teeming with fish.
In skies filled with birds
We remember the goodness of God In a world filled with animal life.
And in ourselves as human beings We remember the goodness of God
And God looked and saw all that he had made, and indeed it was very, very good.
In rest and reflection, in wonder and worship We remember the goodness of God.
Amen
- Do the HOPE Club Prayer
 - Hold out your hand palm up. Each of your fingers represents one letter of the word HOPE. Practice moving your thumb to each finger as you spell the word HOPE starting with your index finger
 - Now do it one finger at a time praying for the different subjects starting with each letter
 - H – Happy. Thank God for the all the things that make us happy
 - O – Oh Dear. Say sorry for the things that we have done that have made God and other people sad
 - P – Please. Ask God for the things that you need and want
 - E – Everyone else. Pray for others that are ill or situations that you know about that need God's healing help

Other Resources

- Make grassheads - <https://www.homemade-gifts-made-easy.com/grass-heads.html>
- [Riding Lights Theatre Company are offering short videos](#) (under 10 minutes) which are free to download and which help children and young people think through big questions on climate change