

# CREATIVE WORSHIP ARTS

## I. SIGN LANGUAGE

Simple Sign Language can be used to assist children to begin to express their hearts to God. The beauty of the meaning of some of the signs can release an anointing to help the children (and those watching) to truly worship and magnify the Lord. They can use these signs in group worship or in a small group that practices a special song together.

## II. WORSHIP FLAGS

Worship Flags can be used to declare His majesty, to celebrate, to express warfare, etc. Small, child size flags of various colors are used for free expression in worship or are used in practiced movements to portray the message of a song. The flag colors can represent Biblical themes. (See Praise Hoops for color meanings)

## III. WORSHIP STREAMERS

Worship Streamers can be made with narrow ribbon of various colors attached to a small ring or a wooden stick. The ribbons are gracefully waved as the child worships.

## IV. PRAISE HOOPS

Praise Hoops are made of various colors representing Biblical themes. They often have a Biblical symbol related to the color theme on the hoop:

crown gold authority  
cross red the blood  
bride outline white purity  
throne purple majesty  
dove blue Holy Spirit

## V. RIVER CLOTH

River Cloth a long, blue piece of cloth can be held high at both ends and lifted up and down, allowing children to run under the “river”. This represents the “River of God” which flows from God’s throne with refreshing, healing, cleansing, joy, etc.

## VI. PRAYER CLOTH

Prayer Cloth Biblical colors of 1 meter square are used one at a time by a graceful dancer to wave and give expression in prayer, praise, or worship.

## VII. BANNERS

Banners Names of God and Biblical themes are painted, sewn or glued to banners. The banner can be displayed in a stand or lifted on a pole and used to emphasize the message it contains. It can be slowly carried down the aisle when its message is being sung or emphasized in the meeting.

## VIII. TAMBOURINES

Tambourines can have colored streamers attached and used in a variety of worship expressions. They can be beat for rhythm and waved in between beats. They can be used for general praise or by small groups who practice movements to a recorded songs.

## **IX. MIME & DANCE**

Mime-Dance can be used to express the meaning of the words of a praise and worship song or a song that tells a story. This can be done by an individual or team in presentation for the Church

## **X. INDIVIDUALS OR TEAMS**

The Sign Language, Worship Flags, Praise Hoops, Prayer Cloths, Tambourine, and Mime Movements can all be used by individuals in corporate worship. They can also be used by individuals or teams of children who practice coordinated movements using the art form to a recorded song. As in any public ministry, the motive of the heart should be to glorify Jesus. The creative movements should be used by Holy Spirit to make the message of the recorded song have a powerful impact. Prayer should be the main criteria for team participation. Talent, faithful practice, humble attitude, and parental consent are also necessary. Modest clothing of the same color can add to the effect of the team ministry.