

CAMP HOPE



Worship

Director
Guide Book

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Camp Hope Alpha & Omega Worship

Camp Hope Worship, like all rotations, are used to reinforce the lesson for the day.

Since many people learn in different ways, **you may be the only one to reach a camper with today's lesson through the activity you will lead.** Therefore, it is important to think through beforehand what you will say and how you will teach the Bible lesson through the worships for the day.

Planning worksheets are included in this book. Make sure you fill out a sheet for each day. This way you will not forget any supplies you might need for that day. It will also serve as a reminder of the day's Bible verse, memory verse and theme. This will also remind you how the worship relates to the day's lesson and can be used to help guide you through your teaching time with the campers.

When planning worships, remember the summer theme.

When planning worships with the campers, encourage individual creativity and leadership. Campers have an opportunity to do something that will win them praise and boost their self-confidence while learning who they are as a child of God.

Alpha worship is praising God with music, introducing the daily theme & story, and starting the day with prayer. Omega worship is for celebrating the day, sharing the gifts and talents of the community, and praising God with song & prayer.

Before You Start

- ◆ Plan to wear clothes that are comfortable. Many of the worships have skits that involve costumes and moving about the room.
- ◆ The worship space needs to be a special and holy place while at the same time being comfortable and fun. Set aside a place special for worship. Make sure your group can feel close but not crowded. Arrange seating so that little campers can see over bigger campers. Set up decorations based on the summer theme.
- ◆ Know where things are. When you have a lot of costumes, instruments, cords, etc. around the room, it can get a bit disorganized if you don't watch out.
- ◆ Clean the area before you begin. Put away any papers or clutter where you will be working. Give yourself plenty of room to work and move around.
- ◆ Pull out all of the items that you will be using for the day.

Look at the total amount of time you need to finish each worship. You don't want to start out the day late and take time away from Manna nor do you want finish the day with campers being picked up late. It is a good idea to have a watch that you can see during the worships to make every effort to finish on time.

Always review the worships for the next day and see if there is any preparation that needs to be done.

Worship Safety

- ◆ Know where the first aid kit is kept.
- ◆ Campers like to get into the songs, move and dance around. So, pay utmost attention to not letting campers get out of hand where they may cause injury to themselves or others.
- ◆ PEEP- (Physical, Emotional, Environmental, Psychological) As a rule of thumb, let everyone know that they are allowed to 'PEEP' out of an activity. This means that if they feel uncomfortable Physically, Emotionally, Environmentally or Psychologically, they may 'PEEP' out of the activity with no questions asked from you or other campers.
- ◆ Don't let anyone become the butt of a joke.
- ◆ Never force anyone to lead in worship. However, with some people all it takes to get them to join in is a confident partner or a "walk-through" or demonstration of what they should do.
- ◆ Extend sincere appreciation to your campers for their efforts. By encouraging and congratulating them, you boost their morale and let them know that they can do it if they try.
- ◆ Some of your campers may need encouragement to participate. Not everyone is a doer, however, these campers can act as motivators for others by giving support and encouragement from the sidelines. They can be cheerleaders.
- ◆ Remember that not everyone is an entertainer or has an extroverted personality. Appreciate each camper for who they are. Affirm them in being able to express themselves in quiet ways as well as loud. Not only is this a time for campers to bring honor and praise to God, but this is also a time for each person to learn more about themselves and appreciate that they have been created as a unique child of God.
- ◆ Remember to always teach a song the first time you sing it each week. Not everyone knows the song nor do they know the same actions to each song. By teaching the song first, you limit the chance of making someone feel left out or looking foolish.
- ◆ Make sure that any chords are taped down to prevent someone tripping on them.
- ◆ Since you may have decorations and musical instruments around, you may need to set an 'off limits' area for campers to prevent damage to equipment and to campers.

Techniques For Effective Leadership

Visibility

The first tip for being an effective Director has to do with location. The leader must make sure that they will be seen and heard. The most logical position then would be at the head of the class, standing in front of the campers. Have them come in close or sit around a table in front of you before you begin.

Signal for Attention

After you have the campers' attention by being visible, you must get them to quiet down. To do this, it's best to use a signal of some sort like raising your hand. Remember that you want to get their attention for instruction, but you also want to get the relaxed atmosphere of a good time.

Waiting for Quiet

You need to wait very patiently for the group to quiet down. If you become anxious and forge ahead, you will find yourself stopping and repeating instructions, or worse yet, reprimanding inattentive individuals.

Give Concise Directions

When you have the group's attention, make a brief introduction, followed by the instruction for how you will plan worship together. Speak in short, concise, direct sentences.

Know Your Material and Be Friendly

Since you will be familiar with the worships your directions can be given in a friendly way, with a smile. A leader who is not well acquainted with the material—perhaps reading the skit for the first time or mispronouncing words—will lose the audience. The desired effect is to live such succinct—yet friendly—directions that you motivate the campers with a minimum of delay or distraction.

Questions

Ask if there are any questions after you have given an overview of the worship.

Planning the worship with a small group

Begin by asking the campers for a few favorite songs that they want to sing at worship. Then proceed to plug in songs and assign leaders according to your worship outline. Next plan the skit if the campers are going to be involved. Finally, run through the worship from beginning to end so everyone understands what they are to do.

Every age can be involved with leading worship. Younger campers can say their memory verse for the scripture reading and you can whisper a prayer phrase by phrase into their ear while they repeat this out loud to the large group.

During Worship

Ask the small group that is leading to come forward and get them into place before starting your opening song.

Before and after the worship, make sure you thank the small group who is leading. If a group has performed a skit, let them take a bow. Then use a signal for attention, wait until you've gotten it, and continue with worship.

Make sure that everyone is enjoying themselves in worship, however do not let talking get out of hand. This is especially difficult following songs. If you begin the week by talking to the campers about how special worship is and that they need to keep from talking during worship, this helps.

Make sure that you have the support of the small group leaders and support staff in helping campers pay attention and minimize the talking during worships.

Support Staff & Disciple Campers

Support staff are valuable because they can assume a variety of duties to help alleviate some of the concerns of the Director. A wise leader will treat their support staff with respect and appreciation.

Disciple Campers

Make sure you take each Monday to meet with the Disciple Campers during their Tribe Time. Explain to them their important role in helping to lead all of the worships during Camp Hope. Encourage them to come up front and help in leading actions and singing the songs and assist in organizing the small groups who are leading worship.

Support Staff

Support staff can be very effective in helping you perform skits, planning the worships and leading actions for songs.

Before you begin planning or leading worships, the support staff should be introduced to the whole group. If your support staff are identified ahead of time, campers will know whom to seek out for assistance and be more effective helpers.

Go over the day's activities in advance with your support staff to establish an order of events and to anticipate any glitches. Identify their specific duties. Show them where items are stored. This preplanning will help your support staff and set the tone for a team ministry and will increase your support staff's effectiveness.

Cleaning up

Hardly anyone likes to clean up, but it is an intricate part of leadership. You can have your campers and support staff help out, however, this is not something you should simply pass off onto others. Lead by example in everything you do, including cleaning up. Here are a few simple and quick steps to cleaning:

- ◆ Prepare your area ahead of time. Clean-up will be easier if you prepare first!
- ◆ Make sure that you move everything back at the end of the week for others who might need to use the space you are in for worship.
- ◆ Clean as you go. At the end of each day, pick up equipment and put away any items that you will not be using the rest of the week.
- ◆ Pick up any trash left in the room at the end of each day.
- ◆ Put all of the equipment neatly away at the end of the week. If any equipment has been damaged, make sure that you make a note of it and give it to the Camp Manager so that it can be repaired or replaced for any group that will wish to use it in the future.
- ◆ Always leave a place better off than when you found it.

Camp Daily Schedules

The following is a daily schedule rotations based on how many groups your camp has each week.

Group / Time	# 1—2—3 or #1-2	# 4—5 or #3-4	# 6—7—8 or #5-6	# 9—10 or #7-8	# 11—12 or #9	Disciples	S.S.
7:30 - 9:25	BEFORE CAMP						
9:30 - 9:55	ALPHA						
10:00 - 10:30	MANNA						
10:35 - 11:10	EXP. ARTS	STORE & SNACKS	CRAFTS	GAMES	TRIBE	SERVE	GROUP
11:15 - 11:50	GAMES	CRAFT	EXP. ARTS	TRIBE	STORE & SNACKS	SERVE	GROUP
11:55 - 12:55	LUNCH / SABBATH					LUNCH / CRAFTS	LUNCH / TRIBE
1:00 - 1:35	TRIBE	EXP. ARTS	GAMES	STORE & SNACKS	CRAFTS	SERVE	GROUP
1:40 - 2:15	STORE & SNACKS	GAMES	TRIBE	CRAFTS	EXP. ARTS	SERVE	GROUP
2:20 - 2:55	CRAFTS	TRIBE	STORE & SNACKS	EXP. ARTS	GAMES	TRIBE	GROUP
3:00 - 3:30	OMEGA						
3:30 - 5:30	AFTER DAY						

Worship & Grace Rotations

The following are rotations for when groups will be leading worship and lunch prayers.

Worship & Grace Rotation 12 Groups

Day of the Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Alpha Worship	Staff	Group #3	Group #8	Group #1	Group #2
Lunch Prayers	Staff	Group # 6-8	Group #4-5	Group #9-10	Group #1-3
Omega Worship	Group #12	Group #4-5	Group #7	Group #6	Group #9-10

Worship & Grace Rotation 9 Groups

Day of the Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Alpha Worship	Staff	Group #9	Group #3	Group #1	Group # 2
Lunch Prayers	Staff	Group # 3-4	Group #5-6	Group #1-2	Group #7-8
Omega Worship	Group #8	Group #7	Group #5	Group #6	Group #4

Worship Outlines

These are guidelines to help you in planning worship. Make sure that you read through the curriculum for skits and other ideas for worships each day.

Alpha Worship

Opening Songs
Prepare our hearts for worship
Opening
Opening Prayer
Song
Describe days theme
Today's Bible Verse/Story
List main points that will be learned
Today's Theme Song
Announcements
Closing Prayer

Omega Worship

Opening songs
Prepare our hearts for worship
Opening
Opening Prayer
Yea Gods (Celebration of day's events)
Yea God Prayer of thanksgiving
Song
Skit / Presentation
List Main point that was learned that day
Day's Theme Song
Announcements
Closing Prayer
Sending

Worship Planning

As you go through the week, you will be visiting small groups during their Tribe Time to plan worship. All other times you will be helping out in Expressive Arts teaching the daily theme song and table graces to the Campers. Times for preparing skits for worship will be worked out with the Camp Manager and the Expressive Arts Director.

Alpha Worship

Meet the day before with the small group that will lead Alpha Worship. Do this during the first half of that small group's Tribe time.

Omega Worship

Meet the same day with the small group that will lead Omega Worship. Do this during the second half of that small group's Tribe time.

Your Daily Schedule for 9 Groups

Group /Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:30 - 9:25	BEFORE CAMP				
9:30 - 9:55	ALPHA				
10:00 - 10:30	Prep for Day				
10:35 - 11:10	Alpha (9)	EXP. ARTS	EXP. ARTS	Grace (1-2)	EXP. ARTS
11:15 - 11:50	Omega (8)	Omega (7)	Grace (5-6)	EXP. ARTS	EXP. ARTS
11:55 - 12:55	LUNCH / SABBATH				
1:00 - 1:35	Grace (3-4)	EXP. ARTS	Alpha (1)	Alpha (2)	EXP. ARTS
1:40 - 2:15	EXP. ARTS	EXP. ARTS	Omega (5)	Omega (6)	EXP. ARTS
2:20 - 2:55	Worship Leading (DC)	Alpha (3)	EXP. ARTS	Grace (7-8)	Omega (4)
3:00 - 3:30	OMEGA				
3:30 - 5:30	AFTER DAY				

Your Daily Schedule for 12 Groups

Group /Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:30 - 9:25	BEFORE CAMP				
9:30 - 9:55	ALPHA				
10:00 - 10:30	Prep for Day				
10:35 - 11:10	Omega (12)	EXP. ARTS	EXP. ARTS	EXP. ARTS	Grace (Pink/Purple)
11:15 - 11:50	EXP. ARTS	Graces (Green/Emerald)	EXP. ARTS	Omega (10)	Omega (Blue/Navy/White)
11:55 - 12:55	LUNCH / SABBATH				
1:00 - 1:35	Alpha (Yellow)	Graces (Yellow/Orange)	Alpha (Pink)	Alpha (Purple)	EXP. ARTS
1:40 - 2:15	EXP. ARTS	Alpha (Yellow/Orange)	Omega (Emerald)	Omega (Green)	EXP. ARTS
2:20 - 2:55	Leading Worship (Disciple)	Omega (Red)	Grace (Blue/Navy/White)	EXP. ARTS	EXP. ARTS
3:00 - 3:30	OMEGA				
3:30 - 5:30	AFTER DAY				