

# The Worship Circles

*The challenge of moving children toward the Lord*

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Just having “a time of worship” with the children without any prayerful planning about what happens during this time could result in a less-effective time than it could be. Just singing songs with the children is like a boring bowl of white rice. Some people like white rice all by itself, but most people would rather have some sauce to pour over it. An unplanned time of worship can be like a bowl of white rice.

Regardless of how much time you have for worship with the children, it is important to consider and plan for the three significant circles of worship. These circles are not separate “times” or activities, they are essences. They should exist without any announcement or identification. They are qualities that must be considered when planning a worship service for children.

As you build a song list, ask yourself, “Is this a movement song or a contemplative song?” Create a variation of movement and contemplative songs to build a “sine curve” of energy. Make sure you have quiet songs during which you encourage the children to pray or think about their own relationships with Jesus.

