

Offering Ideas for Kids in Worship

1) Noisy Offering

The church Adam served in Oregon had a children's offering called 'Noisy Offering.' Once a month, kids in worship were given metal containers with which to collect the offering. On those Sundays, adults were encouraged to bring change for the offering so that it could be thrown into the bins to create a noisy offering. This offering was also given to a ministry that benefited children (in the community or in the world) and the children's moment often centered around collecting this offering and explaining where the money was going and why giving money was part of worship.

2) Symbols of Gifts

Giving money is a good reminder that everything comes from God, and it can be a helpful way of symbolizing our commitment to the life and work of the church. But it can also obscure the fact that God calls us to give not only our money but also our time and our talents. Why put a basket full of items that symbolize different ways kids can give back to God, have kids pick one they want to do during the upcoming week, and then have them place it in the offering plate during the morning offering. You could introduce the concept during a children's moment and ask kids to help brainstorm ways they could offer their lives back to God during their week.

3) Pictures of Offerings from the Week Prior

If providing a set of symbols for kids to choose from isn't possible or appealing, give kids a sheet of paper on which they can draw a picture of either how they did serve God during the previous week or how they will serve God during the upcoming week. Be sure they have time to do this before the offering is collected so they can add their offering to the plate when it is passed and make sure to give examples to help kids start thinking about different ways they can offer their time or talents for God's work in the world.