

Sanctuary First

January 2012

Theme Summary

“God in the Ordinary”

Item	Notes	Notes
Scene	On set are: an empty manger and an empty cross This sets the scene to say, Jesus is no longer in the manger, and he is not on the cross. Where is He? What is happening? Let us consider the “ordinary” between Christmas and Easter.	Could also be done with images onscreen
Worship	Worship Set	
Leader	Introduce Art. During the whole service, an artist — as an expression of worship — will paint/draw/create a picture along the theme, “God in the ordinary”	
Prayer	Opening Prayer, including the drama-style “Our Father” dialogue between an individual and God.	
Reading	Psalm 34, Heb 10: 19–25	
Expression of Worship	Introduce a different – from your usual – form of worship expression. Perhaps dance, meditation, poetry, technical arts. Use the theme, “God in the Ordinary”	
Worship	Song	
Meditation	Two ‘talking-heads’ in silhouette in the style of “Alas Smith and Jones”. Talking about worship, (“What I like about worship/What God likes about worship”).	Video

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Challenge	Commentary on above meditation and challenge to all, “arrange to meet someone else in the next few weeks (in 2s, 3s, or 4s, as you wish). Someone you don’t ordinarily see, or speak to regularly. Share time together, ‘building up the body’ as an act of worship.”	
Introduction	Introduction to the Workshop stations	
Meditation Stations	Four stations, each representing an expression of worship. A musical motif should signal that folks should move round to the next group.	
—Art	Either join in on the artwork that your artist(s) is/are creating, or using the supplied materials draw, sketch, paint, etc your own expression of worship	
— Art Appreciation	Have someone lead the group through art or images they have chosen. Imagery that gives worship to God, or reflects the glory of God etc. People should contribute to the discussion as to what they see etc.	
— Prayer	Meditation Area. Meditative video looping. Calm atmosphere. Write prayers on Post-It notes. Candles? Incense? Have on display some everyday objects and invite folks to consider how they might use/meditate upon this object as an act of worship to God. E.g. On shown a pen, I might consider Scripture, or books written that help us to understand God better, or a journal that helps me reflect etc.	Video
— Music Appreciation	Have someone lead the group through music, lyrics or sounds they have chosen that gives worship to God, or reflects the glory of God etc. People should contribute to the discussion as to what they hear in the music, read in the lyrics, etc.	
Worship	The band will play a song to gather folks back together again.	

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All-together Session	<p>This is an opportunity for all to display their expressions of worship.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — The piece of original art, “God in the ordinary” could be displayed. — Someone -- not the group leader -- might share a comment about the art appreciation 	
Prayer	Using the Post-It notes from the prayer station as a basis for corporate prayer from the front.	
Worship	Worship Set	
Blessing	Northumbria Blessing	All/Albert