

## PLAN FOR ALL AGE WORSHIP

Venue:

Date:

People available:

At the end of the service what will people of all ages **KNOW?** (Or been reminded of)

At the end of the service what will people of all ages go away and **DO?**

For each of the next sections plan the parts of the service that will help to teach and affirm the above message. You might include: singing; liturgy; prayers, in creative styles; processions; teaching in different ways; watching, listening and doing activities; puppets; etc etc

<b>Part of service</b>	<b>What activities will be part of this section</b>	<b>Who will prepare/run/organise</b>
<b>GATHERING</b>		
<b>TEACHING</b>		
<b>RESPONDING</b>		
<b>SENDING OUT</b>		

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Now review your service ideas. Write an approximate **TIMING** for each activity and add up how many minutes of activity you have. (Ideally your service should be between **40 and 50 minutes long**. Aim for no activity to last longer than around 5 minutes. If you are doing an activity where people all need to come to the front to do something, think about how long this will take and consider having more than one place for people to come.

### TYPES of ACTIVITY

**Review** the types of activities you have – are they **AUDITORY** (mostly involve people listening) **VISUAL** (mostly involve people looking) or **KINAESTHETIC** (mostly involve people doing something practical). Some activities come into more than one category (eg puppets would be visual and auditory)

<b>AUDITORY</b>	
<b>VISUAL</b>	
<b>KINAESTHETIC</b>	

If one of these categories is empty or nearly empty, go back to your first planning sheet and consider how you could include something with a different focus.

Finally, put the Order of Service together. You might have a sheet that you normally use for service planning or you might create a specific one for All Age Services. Include elements of worship that are important and usual for your church (such as The Lord's prayer, Sharing the peace etc.

Pray about your plan and for those who will be coming to and contributing to the service.