



PEAK Leader's Guide:

Preparing your heart
& mind for worship

Expectations for Worship Leaders:

1. **Prepare ahead** – You will receive a reminder email with a link to the lesson two weeks before your start date. Please spend some time going over the lesson and thinking about ways to add your own personal touch. All materials mentioned in the lesson will be ready.
2. **Pray for the Day** – Spend 15 minutes in prayer and meditation on Saturday allowing the Spirit to fill you.
3. **Bring Your Best** – Your participation as a leader is the sacrifice you are bringing to the Lord. Please show our PVkids what it looks like to offer your best to the Lord.
4. **Connect with the Kids** – Make a special effort to connect with the kids and help them engage in worship. Find as many ways as you can to get them involved. Remember PEAK stands for “**Powerfully Engaged in Adoration of the King!**”

Expectations for Tribe Leaders:

1. **Greet Your Tribe** – Be ready in the foyer at 8:20 with your tribe banner and stickers for the kids.
2. **Worship with your Tribe** – Sit with your tribe and model worship for them. Remember PEAK stands for “**Powerfully Engaged in Adoration of the King!**”
3. **Learn their names** – A child responds well to someone they know.
4. **Manage & Redirect** – Encourage kids to stay engaged. Separate kids who would do better apart.
5. **Deliver them Safely to Class** –
 - a. Count the number of children you will be moving
 - b. Have a tribe leader at the front and back of each tribe
 - c. Go through the door to the back hall and either up the stairs for Bear Tribe or down the hall to class for all others.
 - d. Stay with your tribe until the teacher has arrived in class and is ready.



Worship Format: Components

This is a typical PEAK worship format to give you an idea of how things might go. Feel free to make whatever changes you want except the Welcome and Wrap Up. Those two need to stay constant. Thanks for using your gifts to help our kids know God. We are looking forward to worshipping with you!!

8:25 - Arrival

Kids enter with tribes and gather on rugs at about 8:25. It is good to start as soon as kids are seated or maybe even be singing a gathering song as they come in to keep their attention right from the start.

8:30 – Welcome

Worship leader welcomes kids and calls out each tribe to give their tribe “shout out.” One of the puppets will interact and help kids go over the PEAK rules.

Lead the kids in reciting the theme verse: “Come, let us go to the mountain of the Lord. He will teach us His ways so we will walk in His paths.” Here is the youtube link for Steven Hovater reciting all the PEAK scriptures with motions: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fr2PZwYzo2A>

8:35 – Singing

The PEAK Songs attachment has a list of about 25 songs our kids love to sing. We also have a couple of CDs with Free Indeed singing some songs that kids know or will like. You can find these in the PEAK cart along with some song books that have worship songs for kids. You can use any songs you’d like, but this will give you a good base. Also check the theme for your month and be sure some of the songs emphasize the theme.

8:40 – Communion

Communion/offering trays will be on the table. Choose two of the older boys to hand it out. Use creative ways to help the children understand what we are doing. Help them think about Jesus by singing songs, showing pictures on Power Point, use your imagination. Every lesson has one or two suggested Communion idea to get you started.

8:50 – Main Lesson

Worship leader –Every week the Worship Leader will introduce or review the theme and lesson. You will get a handout with specific ideas for your month. At the end of this segment, lead the kids in the Bible verse for the quarter. (See: Hide it in Your Heart)

9:05 – Wrap Up and Quiet Seat Awards

Every week we will end with a little friendly banter with the Worship leader and one of our puppets. This segment is for review and to give out the quiet seat awards to one girl and boy who have been extra attentive. Collin will help you with this.

9:10 – Dismiss tribes to class

Fill any extra time with singing. Tribe leaders and helpers will take children to their Bible classes.

IMPORTANT: All times are approximate – except the ending time. We will not try to match the ending of main worship, but will end a few minutes before 9:15 each Sunday. Please watch the clock and end on time, because it is much easier and safer to take kids to class before church dismisses.)