

Sensory-Friendly Intergenerational Worship Brainstorming Worksheet

What worship opportunities can become intergenerational (both within services or on special Sundays)?

What sensory, learning, or ambulatory challenges exist and need to be addressed or supported?

What gifts or resources are present in your congregation?

What resources do you need?

What speed bumps might you encounter?

THINGS TO CONSIDER¹

Hospitality of language

- How can you use language to invite those gathered to feel loved and welcomed?
 - Using different languages?
 - Using age-inclusive vocabulary?

Hospitality of space

- How can you make the physical worship space welcoming for all?
 - Opportunities for movement and response without movement?

Participation

- Lower barriers/requirements for participation in worship
 - Invitation for all to participate in ways that are accessible to them
 - Provide diversity in age/gender/ethnicity of worship leaders

Multi-sensory experiences

- Create opportunities for all senses to be engaged in worship when possible
 - Sight
 - Sound
 - Touch
 - Taste
 - Movement

Celebrating diversity and unity in the body of Christ

- How can you represent/include all people in the congregation in the service?
- How can you respond in unison, but with individuality intact?

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