

# **WAM! Tutorial**

# **Questions, Answers & Tips for Starting Your Worship Arts & Music Program**

What is a worship art?

A Worship Art is any artistic expression that directs people's thoughts and heart to Christ.

Why call WAM! a Worship Arts & Music resource?

Music is the core element. The goal is to draw kids into your program through other elective arts tracks that augment the music in the WAM! Worship Celebration.

Does this mean every kid has to sing?

No. But every kid has to attend the Music WAM! Session to participate in the elective WAM! Sessions (or other worship arts tracks). During the Worship Celebration, some Media kids may end up in the tech booth,



Art kids may be responsible for a Worship Arts Gallery and the Vocal, Instrumental, Dance and Drama kids may have more "stage time' than the kids in other elective WAM! Sessions. But everyone sings and worships together in this Worship Arts & Music ministry.

What are the elective WAM! Sessions?

WAM! Sessions are the elective worship arts tracks you offer such as these covered in the WAM! Activities: Art, Dance, Drama, Instruments, Media, Vocals & Music. In the Music WAM! Session all children will learn the WAM! songs to be presented around which all WAM! Activities are based.

What is a Worship Celebration and Worship Arts Gallery?

The WAM! Worship Celebration is the culmination of your WAM! emphasis. It can be a service, a concert or family worship time featuring the songs kids have learned and the worship arts that augment the songs.



The Worship Arts Gallery is an optional display of those worship arts that were created in the elective WAM! Sessions, but not featured in the Celebration. This exhibit can be before and/or after your Worship Arts Celebration and held in a foyer, fellowship hall or nearby classroom.

Is there drama in the Worship Arts Celebration?

Your choice of scriptures, poems, narratives and sketches are included in the Drama WAM! Session activities to add continuity to your program.

Where do I get these WAM! Activities?

The activities are available for each song or all 7 songs in a bundled price with a paid digital license you receive a PDF from which you can make unlimited copies for your church or organization only.

#### How do I schedule the WAM! Sessions?

Offer your elective sessions/tracks BEFORE your Music WAM! Session. Kids will avoid being late if it means missing instructions for an art project, auditioning for a speaking part or solo, or being included in a special dance group. If you offer more than one elective, offer additional WAM! Sessions AFTER the Music WAM! Session. (see scheduling ideas on page 4)

## Who's the head leader for WAM! 4 Kids?

The Music WAM! Session leader will teach and direct all songs in the WAM! Worship Celebration. However you may want to enlist an administrator or coordinator to supervise all other aspects of the program.

#### How many "rehearsals" do I schedule for WAM! 4 Kids?

Start by determining how many songs you'd like to learn and/or present. Since the schedules below allow 25 – 30 minutes for your Music WAM! Session (don't call it a "rehearsal") figure it will take at least one session to learn each song (ie, 4 songs = 4 Music Sessions = 4 weeks.) Remember that kids might be listening to their songs as they complete projects in their elective WAM! Session and you can purchase licenses to make children music CDs to take home.

Depending on how long you have with your kids, add at least one elective WAM! Session based on these suggestions. (Remember that you can use the same leaders for more than one elective WAM! Session.)

## What if we can't meet weekly or have less than an hour each week?

Flexibility is the key to WAM! 4 Kids. Be creative when and how long you CAN meet, then choose songs and activities accordingly.

### Will we cover all activities for our chosen songs?

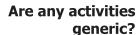
No. You'll choose the activities you think the kids would like best and/or have leaders who want to and/or are qualified to lead them.

#### Can we complete all activities in 1 session?

Some activities (like art projects) require 2 sessions. Activities like rehearsing drama, solos or choreography will extend from one session to the next.

#### What if I don't like/can't use all the activities?

There are 7 activities for each song. Depending on the age and ability of your kids and the amount of time alloted for each session, you should be able to modify the activities or pull ideas from them to include in your lesson plans.



With slight changes, most of the activities can be interchanged to work with a different song. Some, like the Drama or Vocal activities rehearse the dialogue or harmonies from session to session, but also include warm-ups, exercises or "improv."



Could we use WAM! 4 Kids for a Music Camp over school breaks?

Should kids pre-register for their elective WAM! Session/s?

Do we charge a fee for WAM! 4 Kids?



Can we use the WAM! logo for our own worship arts program?

Can we share music files with missionaries or churches who can't afford these resources?

Does a CCLI license cover duplication of music or lyrics in WAM! 4 Kids?

Can we share the free WAM! Session Activities with others?

How can I ask questions or communicate success with WAM!?

You can easily develop a weekday or weeknight schedule and end your week with a Worship Arts Celebration and/or Worship Gallery.

Yes. To encourage pre-registration, promote that "inclusion in your elective WAM! Session/s is based on the date on which your pre-registration is received." Realize that most performance oriented kids will choose Dance, Drama, Instrumentals and/or Vocals (for all soloists) while visual kids will choose Art and/or Media WAM! Sessions.

WAM! 4 Kids is like a Vacation Bible School with a worship arts emphasis so budgeting could certainly fall under outreach. But because kids are practicing songs and parts, and working to finish projects, they have a greater incentive for consistent attendance.

By charging a fee, parents have a vested interest in their child's participation, but I suggest having an individual fee and reduced "family" fee for those with multiple children.

For a "no fee" WAM! 4 Kids choose projects that need fewer purchased materials or keep the result of more expensive projects, like making an instrument, to use again.

The name WAM! 4 Kids and its logo are trademarked by Kathie Hill Music. You may use the WAM! 4 Kids 4 Christmas logo for programs consisting of WAM! 4 Kids 4 Christmas music. To protect the brand name, please do NOT use the logo for any of other music.

We know the temptation will be to shoot a PDF or MP3 off to a friend, even if just for them to listen to a song. But the license you purchase is for your use of that product. Just as it is illegal to copy words or music (handwritten, duplicated or photocopied) it is also illegal to share files others will burn.

CCLI only covers "congregational" use of music, not the use of music and lyrics for curriculum or presentation by a choir or worship team. For info on CCLI call 800-234-2446.

No. The licenses for the activities are included with your license for the accompaniment tracks or orchestra charts.

Send those through "Contact Us" at KathieHillMusic.com We'll try to answer all questions and/or post information that will help you in your desire to reach kids for Christ through Worship Arts and Music!

# **Suggested Weekly Schedules** (60-75 minutes)



## 2 WAM! Session Option (x # of songs/nights)

5:00 pm Elective WAM! Session/s 5:25/30 Music WAM! Session 5:50/6:00 Dismiss

#### 2 WAM! Session Option

With duplication (x # of songs/nights)

5:00 pm Music WAM! Session (younger)
Elective WAM! Session/s (older)
5:30 (rotate groups & repeat 5 pm session/s)

6:00 pm Dismiss



#### 3 WAM! Session Option

With duplication (x # of songs/nights)

5:00 pm Elective WAM! Session/s 5:20 Music WAM! Session 5:40 Elective WAM! Session/s

(repeat 5 pm session & rotate groups)

6:00 pm Dismiss



## 3 WAM! Session Option (x # of songs/nights)

5:00 pm Elective WAM! Session/s
5:25 Music WAM! Session
5:50 Elective WAM! Session/s
(different electives from 5pm session)

6:15 pm Dismiss

#### **Additional Scheduling Options**

(# of weeks is based on the number of songs you are learning)

# of weeks	Length	Intervals	WAM! Sessions
1-7	20-30 min.	weekly	Choral WAM! Session only
2-14	45 min.	weekly	1 additional WAM! Session
2-7	60 min.	bi-weekly	2 additional WAM! Sessions
2-6	90 min.	bi-weekly/monthly	2 additional WAM! Sessions
1-3	2 hours	weekly or monthly	2-3 additional WAM! Sessions
1-2	4 hours	weekly or monthly	2-3 additional WAM! Sessions