

## **Covid19 and Children's Ministry**

### **Family Worship**

Families sit 6 feet apart. Ushers may be needed to help direct.

Likewise, ushers will be needed to dismiss members, so they stay six feet apart as they are leaving.

Processions can be included with each person entering in 6 feet apart.

Carry in a cross, bible, water, cup, bread, candle

Singing generates greater air pressure that may result in greater exposure even when wearing a mask. Consider instrumental music or soloists with a mask and distanced from the congregation.

Offering baskets can be placed at the back of the sanctuary rather than passed down aisles. Offering portion of worship could be placed at the end of the service.

Add several smaller moments for prayer. (confession, praise, intercession, personal connection)

Include children and youth as worship leaders (reading Scripture, leading prayer, announcements, sharing story and serving on music team)

Preaching on the narrative, story is easier for engaging children.

You can still have a children's message but do not have all the children come forward.

### **Create moments of action within the message.**

Drama between two people on either side of the platform.

Drawing something from the story which is later shared.

Motions: put a reoccurring word in the message for children to listen for.

Every time they hear it, have them either...

Stand up

Clap

Stomp their feet

Questions for sharing as a families, couples or individuals

What would you see, smell, hear, taste, touch in this story?

Who do you identify with?

What are you learning about God?

What questions do you have for God?

Respond

Allow families to discuss how they will live out the message this week.