

Playlist Devotion

"Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent." –Victor Hugo

Music is often one of the best avenues for young people to express, interpret, and understand their emotions and worldview. Family members and youth leaders may better understand young people by discussing their current music playlist with them and learning why certain songs hold meaning for them. As a means of exploring how God is speaking through the song lists of life, various themes with sample playlists are included below for use in leading a Playlist Devotion.

Please note that playlists are simply suggestions, and you are welcome to adapt as you see fit for your group of young people. Additionally, invite young people to share their current most played song and why it is meaningful or enjoyable for them. Then, for your next event or road trip, include their songs on the playlist as a means of representing everyone in a unique way.

Praise Songs

God-centered songs to set the tone for the devotion.

Playlist

Finding You, Bebo Norman
Walk Down this Mountain, Bebo Norman
Share the Well, Caedmon's Call
Praise You in the Storm, Casting Crowns
Your Grace is Enough, Chris Tomlin
Faith Like a Child, Jars of Clay
Move, Mercy Me
Empathy Song, The Mosaic Project
Grace Like Rain, Todd Agnew
40, U2

Parent/Guardian and Teen Relationship

Songs that discuss this unique relationship through various nuances and circumstances.

Playlist

Solitude, Edwin McCain
Cats in the Cradle, Harry Chapin
Simple Man, Lynyrd Skynyrd
You'll be in my Heart, Phil Collins
Fancy Don't Let Me Down, Reba McIntire

Passion

Songs about the Passion of Christ and Christ's sacrifice.

Playlist

Tonight, Smashing Pumpkins
Roll Away Your Stone, Mumford and Sons
The Cave, Mumford and Sons
Letter to God, Sheryl Crow
Heaven, Los Lonely Boys

Image of God

Songs that discuss self-esteem, body image, and societal pressures.

Playlist

Born This Way, Lady Gaga
Hurt, Johnny Cash
Viva la Vida, Coldplay
Almost Home, Craig Morgan
Firework, Katy Perry
Beautiful Day, U2
Fifteen, Taylor Swift
One of Us, Joan Osbourne
The Hammer Holds, Bebo Norman

Justice

Songs that depict justice, fairness, and redemption in various forms.

Playlist

No Church in the Wild, Jay Z
One Love, Bob Marley
Dear God 2.0, The Roots
Blackbird, The Beatles
Revolution, The Beatles
One Tribe, Black Eyed Peas
If I Had Wings, Darius Rucker
In the Name of Love, U2
Jesus Walks, Kanye West

Evangelism

Songs that discuss God's call to discipleship and human response to God's invitation.

Playlist

Send Me, Lecrae
Rescue Me, Aretha Franklin
I Will Give it All Up for You, Amos Lee
Numb, Linkin Park
Three Wooden Crosses, Randy Travis
Live like You Were Dying, Tim McGraw
Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For, U2
Wavin' Flag, K'naan
Picture of Jesus, Ben Harper
Jesus is Just Alright, Doobie Brothers

Love

Songs that showcase love in its truest and most selfless form.

Playlist

Yesterday, The Beatles
Where is the Love, Black Eyed Peas
Peaceful Easy Feeling, The Eagles
Good Riddance (Time of Your Life), Green Day
The Reason, Hoobastank
I Hope You Dance, Lee Ann Womack
Spirit in the Sky, Norman Greenbaum
Turn Turn Turn, The Birds

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