



HE MAKES ALL THINGS BEAUTIFUL

What happens in this worship service?

The worship experience will be engaging for all, but it especially will hold the attention of children. Children are key actors in the drama sketches and are a part of the worship team. The drama opens in Grandma's attic. She is with her grandchildren, Sarah and Josh, as they look for a nativity set. They notice many broken items in the attic including a mosaic cross made from broken plates. The discussion leads them to the truth that God makes something beautiful out of our brokenness.

During the drama, as they unpack the nativity set, the Christmas story is acted out and narrated by children. The congregation participates through well-known Christmas carols. The worship service is easily adaptable and may include a time of invitation, prayer, and even the Lord's Supper. As it is currently written, the service will last approximately 50 minutes.

In what settings could this service be used?

Option 1: Family Christmas Eve Service

On Christmas Eve, many churches offer a worship experience that attracts many people from the community. This worship experience would be very effective for that purpose—appealing to both young and old. Some churches even offer two Christmas services—one late on Christmas Eve focusing on adults, and one service earlier in the day to give families an opportunity to worship with their small children.

Option 2: Sunday Morning Worship

Another excellent option for this service is the Sunday morning before Christmas. The whole congregation will have a meaningful worship that features children playing an important leadership role.

Option 3: Christmas program:

The service can be used as the annual children's Christmas program. It can easily be used with as few as 6 children to more than 60. Teens and adults can be used, as well.

Adapt it to fit the size of your church and the talent of your people. Carefully select the most talented people to play the parts of Josh, Sarah and Grandma.

What materials are enclosed?

1. Bulletin: “He Makes All Things Beautiful”

This is the worship service outline to print in your bulletin. First, edit it according to your own musical selections and other options. It’s in a Word document, so it should be easy to modify. Also enclosed is a front cover for easy duplication on your copier.

2. Script: “He Makes All Things Beautiful”

Run off copies for all speaking parts.

3. Script, Staging and Lighting: “He Makes All Things Beautiful”

This is needed for the director and the sound and light technicians.

How many people will be needed?

This is flexible. Adjust accordingly. This list is in order of appearance.

Welcome:	Pastor
Prayer:	Child, grandparent and young adult
Bible Reading:	Adult
Children’s choir:	As many children as you would like
Adult choir:	Can help reinforce the children’s voices and help lead congregational singing
Soloists(s):	A child or teenage soloist (There are five soloist parts throughout. These can be assigned according to the talent available in your church.)
Memorized Drama:	Grandma, Sarah and Josh with memorized parts (Sarah is scripted to be 11 years old and Josh is to be 8 years old but adjust according to the ages of your strongest drama talent.)
Christmas Narrative:	Mary and Joseph, acting only
Scripture readers:	Two children
Shepherds:	Three to twelve children (One child will have a brief speaking part.)
Angels:	Four to twenty children—two of these speak briefly (All the angels are scripted to dance to a simple

choreography of your choosing. Dancers will perform to the songs, *Angels We Have Heard on High* and/or *O Come Let Us Adore Him*. If you don't have anyone to help design simple choreography, consider contacting the local dance studio. Often dance instructors will volunteer their help!)

Wise Men:

Three children

Closing Prayer:

Pastor or other adult