**Small Group Session 1**

**\*YES! Let’s do it again!**

Melanee Horton - Preschool

8:45 (Room 115)

We will discuss how the repetition of joyful musical experiences helps preschoolers develop in their understanding of and reproducing of musical concepts.

This will include an overview of the social, emotional, and learning characteristics of preschoolers and how this influences our preschool choir time.

**\*YES! Children Can Worship!**

Sandy Stephenson – Younger Children

8:45 (Room 114)

 "Younger children learn best by doing—so it’s essential to involve them in meaningful, hands-on worship experiences. In this session, you’ll get practical tools to help kids understand what worship is, how to do it, and all the different ways we can express it. Through creative, age-appropriate worship moments, children can grow in their faith, connect with God, and discover why we worship Him."

**\*Finding Your Voice to be like Jesus**

Elizabeth Laube – Elementary

8:45 (Room 116)

Let’s build exuberant, confident worshippers who know how to turn to their God in song! Participate in energizers, activities, and songs and see the link between spiritual formation and musical expression. The *Growing in Grace: Finding Your Voice (Elementary 1-6)* curriculum will inspire our time and provide take-away tips that *anyone*can apply at church immediately. Let’s show children what it means to use their voices to worship God and sing His praise, pray, encourage and speak words of kindness to others, speak up for those who need help, and share the Good News of Jesus.

**\* Do I really Need This? Avoiding the Trap of Impulse Buying!**

Susan Eernisse - All ages

8:45 (Room 117)

With so many resources, what are the things singers need most? We’ll look at a variety of affordable music resources for your children’s choir ministry and take a deep dive into getting the most out of each one! Say, “Yes!” to good stewardship!”

**\*YES! I Can Play the Guitar/Ukulele**

Pam Andrews – All Ages

10:00 (Fellowship Hall)

Pam will teach you simple guitar/ukulele skills that will be great fun for your children!

**Small Group Session 2**

**\*YES! We worship in preschool choir!**

Melanee Horton - Preschool

10:00 (Room 115)

We will discuss how a primary emphasis on worship through our music activities develops lifelong participants in corporate worship. This will include an overview of spiritual development in the preschool years and how this influences our song selections, text conversations, and first experiences in corporate worship.

**\*YES! You can Teach a Song**

Sandy Stephenson – Younger Children

10:00 (Room 114)

"Need some fresh inspiration for teaching songs to children? This session is full of creative, faith-centered ideas to help you introduce songs, rehearse them effectively, support memorization, and guide kids to sing with heart and confidence. Come ready to recharge your approach and take-home practical tools for your ministry!"

**\*Preschoolers Play their way to Praise**

Elizabeth Laube – Preschool

10:00 (Room 116)

Join in songs and activities that help our littlest children engage with truths of the faith and build the confidence to praise our Savior joyfully. See colorful visuals, games, creative songs, and teaching steps in action, and walk away ready to put them into use right away. While the *Growing in Grace: Finding Your Voice (Preschool)* curriculum will inspire our time, this session will also give fresh ideas and methods that can be applied to any ministry (or school) context!

**\* Don’t Count the Minutes, Make the Minutes Count!**

Susan Eernisse - All ages

10:00 (Room 117)

Time is a valuable and limited resource – let’s make the most of our allotted rehearsal time. We’ll take a look at our priorities and discover some great timesavers, management strategies and planning tips. Say, “Yes!” to effective teaching!

**\*YES! I Can Use Technology to Share Children’s Worship**

Pam Andrews – All Ages

8:45 (Fellowship Hall)

Pam will share many new ideas about technology and how technology will enhance the child’s musical experience.

Please bring a phone, laptop or computer to this class if available.

**Small Group Session 3**

**\*YES! My ears can listen, My body can move, and My voice can sing!**

Melanee Horton - Preschool

2:20 (Room 115)

We will discuss how the brain and body connections can help preschoolers find their singing voice. This will include an overview of their physical development as well as ideas to help preschoolers match pitch and feel the steady beat.

**\*Planning a Rehearsal for Younger Children**

Sandy Stephenson – Younger Children

2:20 (Room 114)

"Working with kids in music rehearsals is a whole different experience than working with adults—and it can be a lot more fun, too! In this session, we’ll talk about simple, effective ways to make the most of your time with young musicians. You’ll leave with tips, ideas, and a boost of confidence to help you lead great rehearsals and connect with your group."

**\*Young Voices, Deep Roots**

Elizabeth Laube – Elementary and Preschool

2:20 (Room 116)

Come experience new ways to introduce your children to hymns using movement, instruments, and games. Consider simple strategies to link this time to your church’s worship and children’s home life as well!

**\*Yes! I Can Teach the Kids to Perform a Musical**

Pam Andrews – All Ages

 2:20 (Fellowship Hall)

Pam will share with you easy methods of teaching Musicals to kids of all ages.