



# Gifts

Pilots Worship Material 2013



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# An Order of Service for Pilots Sunday

## Introduction

This section focuses on planning the worship for Pilots Sunday.

The material in this pack has focussed on the theme of gifts:

- The gifts we discover in ourselves
- The gifts we in see in others
- How we choose to use our gifts

The three aspects of the theme, listed above, form the structure of the sections, and have been linked to a different part of the Pilots Promise:

Pilots Promise: I will Learn, Pray and Serve, all I can, with the world wide church of Jesus Christ.

The theme has been explored using the Bible, stories of individuals, activities, games, crafts, session worship and prayer ideas. There are many connections between the stories and activities.

Work together with the Pilots to choose the content of the worship. There are guidelines at the beginning of this pack to help with the practical elements of planning worship. Throughout the material, the symbol (W) suggests items that could be used in the worship. There is a suggested Order of Service is printed overleaf and additional hymn suggestions below.

This worship is all about gifts: discovering them, understanding them and using them. Gifts are given by God and the most important gift of all was the gift of Jesus. Knowing that God's gift of Jesus was for us, God's people, we are empowered to discover, explore and use the gifts given to us.

## Enjoy worship – it's a gift!



## Hymn suggestions

A boy gave to Jesus: JP 1

One more Step: RS 549; CH 530; HP 746

Jesu Tawa pano CG 65; CH773

I want to walk with Jesus Christ: RS 367

For the fruits of his creation: RS 42; CH 23; HP 342

Dance then wherever you may be: RS 195

Jesus hands were kind hands: RS 197; CH 35; HP 393

Take my life and let me be: RS 371; HP 705

Lord of all good: RS 404; HP 797

Brother, sister let me serve you: RS 474; CH 694

Give me joy in my heart: RS 523; HP 492

Peace perfect peace: RS 594

When I needed a neighbour: CH 544

As the deer pants for the water: CH 550

This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine: JP Combined 258

Come and see the shining hope that Christ's apostles saw: MP Combined 86

The Building Song Words: Daniel Winter, Music: Roger Hurrell in Alleluya! 77 songs for thinking people. A&C Black

RS - Rejoice and Sing

CH - Church Hymnary (Church of Scotland)

HS - Hymns and Psalms

JP - Junior Praise

MP - Mission Praise

CG - Common Ground

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**Setting the scene:** Decorate the worship area with artwork created over the previous weeks, such as the finger print art in Section 1, or the fish mobiles in Section 2. Invite people to put their prayers into the Prayer box made in Section 3.

## Welcome

We are gathering in the name of God

Child 1: God made us...

Child 2: with different coloured eyes, and skin and hair

Child 3: with different talents and gifts

Child 4: each filled with the Spirit of God

Sing: One more step along the world I go

## Prayers of thanks and praise

Use the giant letters that make up the word GIFTS (made in Section 2) and ask the congregation to call out things they want to praise or thank God for that begin with those letters. The words called out can be written onto the correct letter or onto sticky notes and placed on the correct letters.

In this way both children and adults can be involved in the prayer.

When all the words are gathered on the Giant letters, someone takes the lead, asking everyone to think about the words they heard being called out, and others they may have in their own thoughts and then draws everything together by saying:

Lord, we thank you for the many gifts you give to us and to others and pray that we use them wisely, in your name we pray. Amen

**Sing:** I want to walk with Jesus Christ

**Reading:** James 1:5-18 (or one of the other readings used in this pack)

## Talk ideas:

Think about discovering our gifts and seeing the gifts that others have. Focus on one of the 'Feature stories' from sections 1 or 2.

Pilots could do a drama, sing or play music (or all three) prepared in the theme sections.

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**Sing:** As the Deer pants for the water

**Talk ideas:** Think about how we use our gifts to help others.

Pilots could talk about the work they did in Section 3, showing a Power Point presentation on their community activity or having a series of different voices telling the story of their community challenge.

Challenge the congregation to do something for someone else this week and, if possible, encourage them to make a pledge card.

**Sing:** Brother, sister let me serve you

## Prayers of intercession

Give members of congregation a gift tag and ask them to write the names of people and places they wish to pray for locally, nationally and globally. Ask them to add a word to describe the gift they ask God to give these people or places. Have some readily prepared gift tags, with current news already displayed on them.

Ask people to tie their gift tags on to a potted tree or a branch to create a Tree of Gifts. Alternatively, stick the tags onto the outside of a gift wrapped parcel or a picture of a gift.

**Offertory** – this can be collected as people write their gift tags or the offertory plates can be placed by the Tree of Gifts or parcel covered in gift tags.

Finish this time of prayer with these words

Lord, as we pray for your world, we remember the gifts you have shared amongst all your people. Help us to understand our gifts and to continue to help others see their gifts so that together, we can serve your world, in the name of your son Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Sing:** Dance then wherever you may be

**Blessing:** The blessing of God, giver of all gifts, be with us today and all days. Amen.