

iPod Devotion

“Music expresses that which can not 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 an iPod 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 iPod 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, Caedmons 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, Lynrd Skynyrd

You'll be in my Heart, Phil Collins

Fancy Don't Let Me Down, Reba McEntire

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, Beatles

Revolution, 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

Waving Flag, Knaan

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, 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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