



# Meet Yancy

I love music! Music is more than a job or profession to me. Music is powerful. It connects us with so many important events in our lives. I can hear certain songs and it immediately takes me back to a place or an event in my life.

Wouldn't it be great if the songs that we do at church were so relevant that kids were asking Mom or Dad for a CD or an iPod filled with those songs as opposed to the next "kid music celebrity in the world"? Wouldn't it be great if every time they heard those songs they remember Jesus, His love for us and the promises in the Bible, or a church leader that took the time to smile, play and talk with them about the little things important to that child, or a welcoming environment by a church that cares for them.

We don't have to just dream about it and say "wouldn't that be nice".

**It can happen at your VBS this summer by:**

**#1 Using music to help create the environment in your classrooms and hallways.** Play fun music that is relevant to the age group in that area. As kids enter your church lobbies, hallways and classroom, let music be the soundtrack to that experience.

**#2 Making time and developing a plan for kids to worship!**

Music in our services should be more than a time filler. Give kids opportunities to worship every day. Develop leaders and volunteers who understand the value of worship to help you in this area. There is power in kids worship. Don't believe me? Check this out in Psalms 8:1&2 "*God brilliant Lord, Yours is a household name. Nursing infants gurgle choruses about you. Toddlers shout out songs that drown out atheist babble.*" (MSG) Kids get it and their pure worship will have an astounding effect on those around them. They can be the positive example to other kids their own age. They can impact a relative that doesn't know God by the songs that come out of their mouth. I believe that nothing brings God greater fame than a child singing the praises of our king.

**#3 Helping kids learn through music.**

It's amazing that I can sing a song from my childhood that I haven't thought about in years or maybe even decades just like it was yesterday. What a blessing it is when it's a song with a spiritual truth, scripture, or promise from God's word. The Bible tells us to meditate on God's word. God's word in the songs we sing will help us to take it in, say it with our mouth and let it take root in our hearts.

**#4 Giving out CDs\* of music to help kids remember what you taught at VBS throughout the year.**

What a great way to invest in your kids and families by providing the same songs you sang at VBS. Having music that the kids love and will ask to hear proves that what you are doing is connecting. You can provide an incredible resource for those families and the many hours they spend together in the car.

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