

THE POWER OF MUSIC

Ice Breaker _____

Game/activity _____

VITAL PREPARATION:

Leader, you will need to get lyrics for some current songs off the Australian top 20 and print or write them out. Also use some contemporary praise songs for the exercise, and find out music reviews from a Christian perspective on bands. Try the following sites:

Top 50 singles <http://www.aria.com.au/pages/aria-charts-display.asp?chart=1S50>

Lyrics for the songs <http://www.lyrics.com>

Christian website www.pluggedinmag.com

Some Questions...

Q Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

“Since the 1960’s, most young people have listened to music for hours every day, read music magazines, and defined themselves and their culture by this interest. Music is the wallpaper of their lives and a very deep part of the identity of most teens. It shapes their worlds-view and defines them more than clothes, films and even TV”

Q Who are your favourite bands, performers and songs?

Q Christian youth, parents and leaders have some strong opinions about music, what are some of these?

Q What makes us form these opinions? (think in terms of lyrics, beat, vocals etc)

TRIVIA: In ancient Israel, the people would use stringed instruments for their worship....and percussion (drums etc) for parties.

Why is music so powerful (where and why does it impact us?)

Read and talk about the influence music had over Saul’s life in [1 Samuel 16:23](#)

Date you did this study _____

Leaders’ Notes

Now look at the song lyrics you found in your preparation time, as suggested. Read the lyrics out and ask the LG to put them in one of 3 categories. Edifying (explain), Neutral (neither good nor bad) and Destructive (what does it destroy)

EDIFYING

NEUTRAL

DESTRUCTIVE CONTENT

Q Does all the music you listen to need to fit into this category and if no, what would be the exception?

Be creative: If you have a computer you can easily access with your mobile, check out some of the music reviews of the plugged in website at this point in the study. (Web address is above)

Personal Application

Pick one of your favourite songs at home this week and check out the lyrics. Study the cover of the album, is it wholesome, give yourself and honest opinion on whether this music is edifying or at least neutral.

Extra Bible references for the study:

1 Corinthians 6:12

Romans 12: 1-2

Daniel 3:7 and 15