

DAY 2 HACKS FOR PRETEENS

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HOW TO HACK THIS SERIES FOR PRETEENS

In children's ministry, you've got a wide range of ages you need to engage every day, but preteens tend to get overlooked, so here are a few adjustments you can make to this day in order to keep your preteens more engaged.

MUSIC | Worship in Wonder

Here are some fun worship songs from Rend Collective you can use to connect with your preteens:

- ["You Will Never Run"](#)
- ["My Lighthouse"](#)
- ["Rescuer"](#)

ACTIVITY | There's an App for That

Work this out ahead of time to have two or three preteens who can demonstrate these apps on devices. You can connect them to a TV with a simple adapter to make it easier for everyone to see.

REFLECTION | What Gifts God Gave Me

If you are not familiar with mind-mapping, check out [this post](#). Give each preteen a sheet of paper and some colored pencils. At the center of the page, have them write their name in a circle. Then, out from the circle, draw branches to the words Mental, Physical, Natural, Learned, Words, and Music. From each of these new branches, they are to add more branches that have a word or short phrase describing something about them that fits that branch. When they are done, preteens will have a great resource to take home, reminding them how gifted and complex they each are!

MEMORY VERSE | Memorable Gifts

Have all the supplies set up in an area where preteens can work but where younger children will not see them. Ideally, have the preteens do all preparation work for the “gifts” ahead of time. If that’s not possible, have them work on this at some earlier point in the day. Preteens will gain a great learning experience in serving while—intentionally ironically—using their gifts to help others learn about using their gifts!