

# Online Worship Ideas

## Fun Ideas

### Quick Setup

- Do a picture caption competition. Get your members to send in pictures and spend the week having fun coming up with the best caption (eg [Sutton](#)).
- Share a trivia / joke each week. [This one](#) comes right at the end of Swindon Citadels service.
- Ask your congregation a random question and have them respond in the chat like [Birkenhead](#) did.

### More Effort

- Got good news to share? Use TikTok to share a celebratory dance (eg [Teddington](#)) or to share some encouragement like [Preston](#).
- Drop in videos to emphasise a message or break up the service. [The Bible Project](#) has good teaching content and [Saddleback Kids](#) have a range of free videos to use
  - [Abertillery](#) uses videos throughout their service
  - [Bridgewater](#) uses cute animal clips to illustrate their message
- Share recording bloopers to take the audience behind the scenes (eg [Scarborough](#)).
- Do weekly family challenges. This could be something quick like which family can do the most star jumps in a minute. Or perhaps an intergenerational challenge like [Hedge End](#) did.
- Share your funny / awkward moments working from home / with kids.
- Do a virtual quiz. The possibilities are endless
  - [Cambridge Citadel](#) did a sound quiz
  - [Falmouth](#) did an exotic fruit quiz for Harvest

### Most Organisation

- Have children act out the message (eg [Ilford](#)).
- Get to know leaders / members better by playing 2 truths and a lie / would you rather (eg [Sutton](#)) get your members involved by inviting them to write in the comments.
- Play a Family Fortunes style game
  - you can either buy a set of cards like [these](#) and have families compete online or you can make your own questions by surveying your corps.
- Do an online escape room. Either complete an existing one or if you have time [create one](#) yourself (eg [Buckhaven](#)).
- If you have a 5 min countdown, you can keep your audience engaged with a quiz ([Morley](#)) or worship.



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## Interactive Ideas

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- Use a worship video to take part in united meditation, spend some time in silence listening / reading the words of a song.
- Have a weekly one minute challenge segment for children. Eg give them a minute to build the tallest cushion tower or write down as many girls names they can think of. After a minute they can write their results in the comments. You could even prerecord some children going head to head.



### More Effort

- Try baking together, either before your worship service or as part of it (eg [Eston](#)).
- Have people record their testimony / experience of lockdown / being a key worker (eg [Bath](#)).
- Support the children to complete a 'together' challenge from [Explore It](#).



### Most Organisation

- Do a virtual Scavenger hunt
  - In the run up to church, post a list of items people will need to find. Have each item appear on screen at certain points during the service and get your audience to comment in the chat when they spot each item.





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## Practical Ideas



### Quick Setup

- Add in a [Prayer Matters](#) reading / creative prayer during service. Watch [Erskine](#) pray through the news.
- Vary your preaching location. [Kirkwall](#) have made the most of their beautiful surroundings but for you, this may mean rearranging your filming space.
- Get a guest speaker to share a message.
- Do a message in a minute (eg [Bath Temple](#)).



### More Effort

- Share Birthday / celebration shout outs to keep your corps community feel (eg [Southwark](#)).
- Use props to share your message. [Norwich Citadel](#) used five stones to speak about David and Goliath.
- Start a memory verse challenge. You could have someone recite the verse live each week.
- Do a virtual interview. [Bromley](#) and [Staines](#) both have examples of this working well.
- Invite the children to pray (eg [Hedge End](#)).
- Invite your members to read your Bible verse
  - [Scarborough](#)
- If you play an instrument, you can take worship song requests
  - [Fidochty](#)



### Most Organisation

- Make your sermon a panel discussion.
  - Consider a midweek catchup
    - [Enfield](#)
  - Explore the message with godly play
    - [Kirkcaldy](#)
    - [Preston](#)
  - Give your members the choice of a [blogged](#), [read](#) or [watched](#) worship like Leeds West Hunslet did.
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