

99 Ways for Students to Deploy Their Ministry Gifts

Use the list below to help students DISCOVER, DEVELOP and DEPLOY their ministry gifts.

1. Put on a dinner theater – connects the church and youth, raises money and gives students a chance to make their presentations. Alternate singing, drama, poetry and video.
2. After school programs – Have students use their gifts in after-school programs or Sidewalk Sunday School.
3. Submit short films to local film festivals.
4. Secure permission from the city and paint a mural downtown.
5. Create a sculpture for the park.
6. Stage a flash mob with your choir and sing at the mall.
7. Draw caricatures at a child fair.
8. Have students create a blog.
9. Film a puppet series for kids church.
10. Use Worship Dance during Sunday or youth worship.
11. Sectional Rallies – Students minister with singing, drama, etc. at their youth rallies.
12. Design bulletins and brochures for church events.
13. Present puppet shows during Vacation Bible School.
14. Design T-shirts for church events or fundraisers.
15. Sing specials before church services begin.
16. Street Outreaches – Your students perform on the streets as an outreach.
17. Sunday mornings – Use as part of a message, offertory or youth Sunday.
18. Take the arts to the nations. Combine Fine Arts and AIM in order to reach others and train youth from other countries.
19. Make presentations during a Youth Convention
20. Outreach night in your youth ministry – Have students invite their friends to come and watch them.
21. Youth Alive clubs – Have students make their presentations at a YA meeting.
22. Men's/Women's retreat/fashion show or breakfast.
23. Take photos of staff at church, school, or work as gifts.
24. Perform at an amusement park.
25. Visit a nursing home/children's hospital and share your gifts with staff and patients
26. Student or choir sing or sign language at school activity (ex. National Anthem).
27. Combine with a fundraiser – Student presentations during a car wash or bake sale.
28. Have school drama/vocal teacher work with students.
29. Fine Arts fair – Invite students from community to grow in the arts. Invite local individuals to teach and critique students.
30. Display student's art work/photos in youth room.
31. Have students take pictures for a PowerPoint as part of your message.
32. Invite school band/choir to your Sunday service to sing. Afterward have a pizza party as a way of building relationships.
33. Older students/leaders work with younger students in the arts as they disciple them.
34. Students sing, play an instrument, read poetry or spoken word at a local coffee shop.
35. Have a youth night at a local art gallery.
36. Invite student's parents for a service where youth are making their presentations.

37. Have a mini Fine Arts festival gathering a couple of churches and using local judges.
38. Have students get involved in the Christmas/Easter/Dinner Theater/Children's productions.
39. Start each youth service with a Fine Arts presentation.
40. Help students find areas of ministry outside of youth group. (Ex. Sound, video, website, choir, special music, etc. for the church).
41. Attend a community theater/school play together and secure permission to meet with actors afterwards for questions.
42. Illustrated Sermon - have students act out the passage you are reading from as part of the message.
43. Create fun face cut out board for people to take pictures with during an event.
44. Teach a message on the use of drama, dance and music in the church.
45. Build small groups around student's area of interests in the arts. (Ex. All drama people in one small group).
46. Go Christmas caroling.
47. Record a worship/Christian band CD to give/sell to your church. (Make sure you secure all copyright info prior to making the CD).
48. Play drama games for relationship building. (The library is a great source for drama games and exercises).
49. Use a student's short story/poetry as part of a message or offertory at church.
50. Have students over to make their presentations as you have dessert together. A great way to build relationships with your students.
51. Video the presentations and then sit with your students looking for ways to improve.
52. Put together a program to use in another youth group for a special service.
53. Make your presentations as part of a block party for your neighborhood.
54. Put together a Fine Arts Tour. Travel to several churches with your choir, drama and band.
55. Put your presentations on YouTube.
56. Do a progressive Fine Arts dinner. Go to various homes, eat a course and do some presentations.
57. Hold a Kommunity Karaoke Knight.
58. Have a Fine Arts retreat. Spend the weekend practicing and talking about the heart of the artist.
59. Develop a worship team to lead worship on your youth ministry nights and special events.
60. Display student's art pieces (sculpture, paintings, photos in the foyer of your church).
61. Have students minister during a church-wide outreach (ex. Fall Festival, Easter egg hunt, etc.)
62. Have a Fine Arts scavenger hunt. Instead of going to homes and getting stuff the students have to go to homes and make their presentations and get a critique from each home.
63. Do presentations for Children's Church on Sundays.
64. Have your students mentor elementary school-aged students with various expressions of the arts.
65. Hold a senior citizen banquet to honor them and make your presentations.
66. Host a Fine Arts Summer Camp to teach children about Fine Arts at an early age.
67. Feature writing entries on your youth/church web site.

68. Submit writings and photography to local newspaper.
69. Hold an outreach at an apartment complex.
70. Have your Christian band perform at a local battle of the bands.
71. Play Unconventional Percussion for a city walk event.
72. Have students give private lessons to kids.
73. Puppet Team present at a children's hospital.
74. Compile short stories/poetry and sell the collection as a fundraiser.
75. Make a sermon podcast.
76. Display art during local art walk.
77. Write original worship songs to be used during services.
78. Submit writing entries to local/school writing contests.
79. Perform during school talent show.
80. Read writing entries (Children's literature) at a preschool.
81. Have a sign language interpreter during worship and services.
82. Form a traveling performing arts team, hold auditions, and travel year round.
83. Perform presentations during holiday banquets.
84. Have the choir sing at a sporting event.
85. Use graphic design to update the church website.
86. Vocal ensembles may assist worship leaders in singing background vocals.
87. Present spoken word or poetry in local coffee shop.
88. Students take family pictures for Mother's Day, Father's Day & Grandparents' Day presents.
89. Use American Sign Language in an outreach to the local Deaf Community.
90. Become an evaluator at future Fun Arts or Fine Arts Festivals.
91. Perform dance, drama or vocal events at school assemblies.
92. Upon graduation, volunteer your knowledge and skills to teach younger students involved/interested in Fine Arts.
93. Write new scripts for students to present in future youth services and festivals.
94. Present short sermons at a Youth Alive meeting.
95. Paint kids' faces at church carnival.
96. Volunteer to repaint classrooms at a local school.
97. Post a video from your Fine Arts and AIM experiences on social media for friends and family to see and inquire.
98. Volunteer or perform as a group at a local shelter.
99. Join in the conversation and keep up with the latest National Fine Arts Festival news and updates. Follow National Fine Arts Festival at <http://www.facebook.com/AGFineArts> on Facebook and @AG_FAF on Twitter.