



52 Ways to Use Fine Arts beyond the Festival

Use the list below to help students discover and develop their ministry gifts.

1. Put on a dinner theater – connects the church and youth, raises money and gives students a change to make their presentations. Alternate singing, drama and video.
2. After school programs – Have students use their gifts in after-school programs or Sidewalk Sunday School.
3. Sectional Rallies – Students minister with singing, drama, etc. at their youth rallies.
4. Street Outreaches – Your students perform on the streets as an outreach.
5. Sunday mornings – Use as part of a message, offertory or youth Sunday.
6. AIM trips
7. Youth Convention
8. Outreach night in your youth ministry – Have students invite their friends to come and watch them.
9. Youth Alive clubs – Have students make their presentations at a YA meeting.
10. Men's/Women's retreat/fashion show or breakfast.
11. Halftime at a local Jr/Sr High school sporting event.
12. Nursing home
13. Hospital
14. Student or choir sing or sign language at school activity (ex. National Anthem).
15. Combine with a fundraiser – Student presentations during a car wash or bake sale.
16. Have school drama/vocal teacher work with students.
17. Fine Arts fair – Invite students from community to grow in the arts. Invite local individuals to teach and critique students.
18. Display student's art work/photos in youth room.
19. Have students take pictures for a PowerPoint as part of your message.
20. Invite school band/choir to your Sunday service to sing. Afterward have a pizza party as a way of building relationships.
21. Older students/leaders work with younger students in the arts as they disciple them.
22. Students perform at a local coffee shop.
23. Have a youth night at a local art gallery.



24. Invite student's parents for a service where youth are making their presentations.
25. Have a mini Fine Arts festival gathering a couple of churches and using local judges.
26. Have students get involved in the Christmas/Easter productions.
27. Start each youth service with a Fine Arts presentation.
28. Help students find areas of ministry outside of youth group. (Ex. Sound, video, website, choir, special music, etc. for the church).
29. Attend a community theater/school play together and secure permission to meet with actors afterwards for questions.
30. Illustrated Sermon - have students act out the passage you are reading from as part of the message.
31. Teach a message on the use of drama and music in the church.
32. Build small groups around student's area of interests in the arts. (Ex. All drama people in one small group).
33. Go Christmas caroling.
34. Record a worship/Christian band CD to give/sell to your church. (Make sure you secure all copyright info prior to making the CD).
35. Play drama games for relationship building. (The library is a great source for drama games and exercises).
36. Use a student's short story/poetry as part of a message or special at church.
37. Have students over to make their presentations as you have dessert together. A great way to build relationships with your students.
38. Video the presentations and then sit with your students looking for ways to improve.
39. Put together a program to use in another youth group for a special service.
40. Make your presentations as part of a block party for your neighborhood.
41. Put together a Fine Arts Tour. Travel to several churches with your choir, drama and band.
42. Put your presentations on YouTube.
43. Do a progressive Fine Arts dinner. Go to various homes, eat a course and do some presentations.
44. Do a karaoke night.
45. Have a Fine Arts retreat. Spend the weekend practicing and talking about the heart of the artist.



46. Develop a worship team to lead worship on your youth ministry nights and special events.
47. Display student's art pieces (sculpture, paintings, photos in the foyer of your church).
48. Have the student's perform during a church-wide outreach (ex. Fall Festival, Easter egg hunt, etc.)
49. 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.
50. Do presentations for Children's Church on Sundays.
51. Have your students help elementary school-aged students with various expressions of the arts.
52. Hold a senior citizen banquet to honor them and make your presentations.