

MINI-WORKSHOPS

Have a six to eight week mini-workshop for your youths. Sunday nights during the summer is a good time. Have interest groups in drama, art, music, and perhaps a study group. Plans could be made to work

toward one theme to be combined for a worship experience at the end of the time, or all groups could go separate ways. Work within the groups could be toward spiritual intent, or fun things that could be shared in a churchwide fellowship. Below are some suggestions:

- **Art Group.** Make banners out of brightly colored felt and burlap, etc., for hanging around the church, or for background for worship themes. Take videos of the sequences that the drama group prepares. Work on collages on various themes for discussion and sharing.
- **Drama Group.** Select and work on a particular play or drama. Try some readers theater. Act out Bible stories.
- **Music Group.** Work on some new types of music not usually heard in their regular worship times. You could have an instrumentalist group (be sure to have instrumentalists in the group). This group could select music for the worship experience that would relate to the theme and readings used.
- **Study Group.** Provide a study group for youths not interested in any of the above areas. Study could be geared to talking about your faith or a topic that they suggest.