



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SERVING, SUNDAY AM

Our Sunday morning Kids QUEST Children's Ministry has many spots for people to serve. Whether you're gifted in crafts, music, games, teaching, or simply helping, we've got a spot for you!

- ☆ **What ages of children have Sunday morning classes?** We have classes for all children ages 2 - 5th grade.
- ☆ **When do Sunday morning children's classes meet?** We meet at both morning services.
- ☆ **Do I need to be a Parkside member to serve with children?** We do ask that you are a Parkside member if you are the classroom teacher; however, we need over 90 helpers on Sunday mornings, and we encourage non-members to serve (at least 6 months regular attendance at Parkside, please).
- ☆ **What's the difference between a teacher and a helper?** Teachers prepare the weekly lesson plan and generally manage the classroom. They do NOT do EVERYTHING! Helpers are encouraged to use their gifts, whether helping with crafts, setting up snacks for preschoolers, leading music, or assisting children in Bible memorization. As teachers and helpers get to know one another, every person finds they have a unique role to play on their team.
- ☆ **How often would I serve on Sunday morning?** *Volunteers serve September-July on teams of 3-4 people.* There are two options for serving:
 - ❖ Commit to serving each Sunday during one morning service;
 - ❖ Sign up with a friend to job-share one spot. Each person commits to serving every-other-week (the two friends set their own schedule and are each other's sub). Those who choose this option must sign up two people for the one spot (Children's Ministry does not set up job-shares). ***Please kindly note that it is our prayerful hope that most of our volunteers will serve weekly to help our Children's Ministry thrive. If you are regularly at church on Sundays, we ask you to prayerfully consider a weekly spot!***
 - ❖ In August, Sunday AM adult groups serve as substitutes in preschool rooms; no classes for elementary.
- ☆ **Why do you ask for an eleven-month commitment?** Our desire is to provide stability for the children and build meaningful relationships with them and with the other team members. A Sunday morning children's ministry team is somewhat like a mini-LIFE Group—providing fellowship, opportunity for personal growth, and a regular place of service. Many of our workers have said their teams have developed meaningful friendships with one another and grown tremendously in Christ through their service.
- ☆ **I'm interested in serving, but what happens if I can't be there every Sunday?** While we ask that you commit to serving regularly on a team, we do understand that there will be times when you are unable to be in attendance (due to illness, travel, etc.). This is why we have TEAMS! When you are unable to be in your classroom, it is usually not a burden for you or your team because there are 3-4 other adults who will be in attendance.
- ☆ **What do I do with my children if I'm serving in one service and attending worship in another?** Children may either attend their class for two services or go to worship the service you attend. Middle school and high school students may serve with you!
- ☆ **Is there curriculum that is provided for teachers?** Yes! Each class has its own age-appropriate curriculum with a lesson plan and ideas for each week.

Additional information is provided either at our yearly orientation or in person if someone signs up to serve later in the ministry year.

CAN'T MAKE A COMMITMENT TO SERVE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS? Consider these other Children's Ministry opportunities:

- ☆ Mission Kids (Sunday evenings, serving approximately once a month)
- ☆ Nursery Team (Serving at ONE service, morning OR evening, approximately once a month)

QUESTIONS? READY TO JOIN A TEAM?

- ☆ Contact us at children@parksidechurch.com or call the office at 440.543.1212
- ☆ Click on the Volunteer Registration on the website or on the church app

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