



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SERVING

Our nursery ministry seeks to provide a caring environment for infants and toddlers that enables parents to worship and attend Sunday morning groups.

### **How often do volunteers serve?**

Teams serve at one service (9am, 10:30am or 6pm) approximately once/month (January-December). We ask parents who utilize the nursery to volunteer in the ministry.

**Husbands and wives may "job-share" one volunteer spot** (giving flexibility for only one parent to serve in case children are home sick).

### **How old do nursery volunteers need to be to serve?**

Nursery volunteers must be 13+ years old to serve. Preteens ages 11-12 may serve WITH a parent serving on the same team.

### **Do I need to be a member of Parkside Church to serve?**

While nursery workers do not have to be members to serve, we do ask that you have been attending a minimum of 6 months before serving with children. An application and background check are required to serve (18+ years of age).

### **What do volunteers do when they cannot serve on an assigned date?**

We ask volunteers to trade dates with someone from another team. We provide a way to "swap" dates through the Volunteer Resources on our church app.

### **What do nursery workers do?**

Nursery workers care for infants and toddlers through playing, rocking, reading stories, and offering comfort while their parents attend worship. We have rockers, infant swings, cribs, and age-appropriate toys, books and puzzles in our nursery rooms.

### **How do I know where to go on my assigned dates of service?**

Each nursery team has a coordinator who assigns workers to one of 4 or 5 rooms, depending on the number of children in attendance. Nursery volunteers meet the coordinator in the hallway outside A101 to be assigned to a room. Staff to children ratios are maintained in all rooms, and we follow a two-adult policy in our Nursery Ministry.

### **Is there an orientation provided for new workers?**

Yes, each year before our new teams start, new workers are given orientation materials as well as encouraged to attend an in-person orientation meeting held on a Sunday morning or evening.

### **Questions about Serving in Nursery Ministry?**

Email us at [children@parksidechurch.com](mailto:children@parksidechurch.com) or contact Allie Mach at 440.708.2176.