



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SERVING

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 - 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- ☆ **When do Sunday morning children's classes meet?** We meet at 9:45 am & 11:15 am.
- ☆ **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?** We ask that you commit to serving on a team with 3-4 other adults each Sunday during either the 9:45 am or 11:15 am service from September-July. Adult LIFE Group members serve as substitutes in August in our preschool rooms, and there are no classes for elementary in August.
- ☆ **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.
- ☆ **Is there curriculum that is provided?** 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 in August 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; 3 wks on/3 wks off)
- ☆ Nursery Team (once/5 weeks; sign-up for each year begins in November)
- ☆ GEO Kidz Small Group Leader (midweek, 2x/month & special events occasionally during year)
- ☆ Helper in Children's Music Ministry (Sunday mornings, 9-9:30)
- ☆ Communion Care (care for families with children with special needs on Communion Sunday nights)

### QUESTIONS? READY TO JOIN A TEAM?

- ☆ Contact Kelly Coy at [kcoy@parksidechurch.com](mailto:kcoy@parksidechurch.com) or 440.708.2112
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