

# Children's Ministry Guidelines

*"Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me." Matthew 18:5*

## OVERVIEW & PURPOSE

Ministry to Children is one of the greatest and most rewarding callings the Lord has given His servants. The desire of our Savior is that boys and girls hear the saving truth of the gospel and come to Him. *But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14*

## STANDARDS for SERVICE

1. You must have a personal relationship with Jesus. (share your testimony) (Acts 16:31) (Gal. 2:20)
2. Agree with the Statement of Faith held by our church. (Acts 2:42)
3. Attending service and small groups. In order to feed God's lambs, you must also be fed. (Hebrews 10:25) (John 21:15)
4. Attend training and other volunteer opportunities. (1 Tim. 4:6-7)
5. Take time to study and prepare for the ministry God has called you to. (2 Tim. 2:15)
6. Social media and relationships must be conducted in a way that is pleasing to the Lord and reflects the heart of one who is following Jesus. (1 Thes. 2:4) (Luke 9:23)
7. Receive accountability from Children's Director and Pastoral Staff. (Acts 20:28)
8. Handle your Bible, materials, supplies, and overall church building with respect and appreciation. Being grateful for the things the Lord has provided.

## MINISTRY OBJECTIVES

1. That boys and girls will hear the gospel message and be given an opportunity to respond. (Mark 16:15)
2. That boys and girls who have trusted in Jesus would grow in grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ through the teaching of God's Word, Prayer, and Worship. (2 Peter 3:18)
3. That boys and girls will establish biblical relationships and become part of the community of believers. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

## MATERIALS NEEDED

1. Bible and lessons (as provided)
2. Read "Come Ye Children" by C.H. Spurgeon
3. Understand, study, and prepare the materials given for each class.

## COMMITMENT

*Serving God within His body of believers (the church) is an act of obedience.*

1. I will consider my calling and act of service as working unto the Lord. (Rom. 12:1)
2. I will check my schedule and allow time for my commitment to the Lord. (Psalm 37:5)
3. I will be ready for battle. Prayer and Bible reading before serving. (Eph. 6:10-18)
4. I will set aside distractions (cell phone, conversations with other leaders, the stress of the day, etc.) so that I can minister well to the children God has given me. (Eph 2:10)
5. I will show love and grace to the children with the understanding that they are people too. God has created them to have a relationship with Him. (Eph. 5:1-2)
6. I will use every opportunity to point children to the saving truth of the gospel. (Deut. 6:5-7)
7. I will live out the gospel in my actions and reactions for the children to see and mirror. (1 Timothy 4:12)

## ACTIVITY and TEACHING

*God created children with a desire to learn, have fun and be creative!*

Use every opportunity to teach the truths of God's Word through:

1. Bible Lesson
2. Memory Verse
3. Games
4. Teaching Songs
5. Worship
6. Crafts
7. Prayer time
8. Object lessons
9. Activities
10. Conversations

## AGREEMENT

I agree with the biblical standards laid out before me, recognizing the gospel message and God's Word as foundational. I am making a commitment to serve the Lord with gladness of heart and in obedience to His Word. Should I struggle in any area of life or ministry I will remain teachable and accept accountability from those whom the Lord has placed over me in service to Him. I recognize that there will be spiritual warfare as I serve the Lord in the ministry to Children, but by the power of God the Holy Spirit living in me I can walk in obedience and freedom. I am grateful and consider it a privilege to serve the Lord and His Church.

Volunteer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs." John 21:15*