

Ministry Job Description: Sunday School Teacher

Goal of Position

The purpose of this position is to nurture the spiritual lives of our children who are at the very beginning of their Christian journey. Teachers will teach their students to know who God is and help guide them into a living, growing relationship with Jesus, recognizing always that it is the work of the Holy Spirit to convince a child to respond to the gospel message.

Responsible to

Sunday School Coordinator

Job Description

Sunday School is a vital ministry of GCRC. It's a program that provides one of the best means of nurturing faith and so will require people willing to be *"God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him."* (1 Peter 2:9b – *The Message*)

Teachers lead children in the large group and small group portion of the KID CONNECTION curriculum from Faith Alive with the help of a youth helper. There is an interactive bible story, worship and craft components.

During the Christmas season, teachers may be asked to help organize and prepare students for the Sunday School Christmas service.

In addition, teachers will:

- Tell God's precious story to impressionable hearts.
- Model Christ's love so learners will see Jesus in you – be passionate about God's story of salvation.
- Love God and what he has done in your life.
- Have a heart for children and loving those in your class.
- Know the children in your class, the types of learners they are and any issues any of them might be struggling with.
- Pay special attention to the child that may provide difficult challenges (shy, aggressive, sullen, hyper, etc.) – let them know you won't give up on them. Look for ways to build a relationship with them outside of class.
- Build a relationship with your class and let them know you as a person, not just "the teacher"
- Pray regularly for the children in your class.
- Share your own faith journey with your students
- Be committed to your Church, its core values, and long-term goals.
- Attend meetings and training events.
- Serve those you lead
- Be willing to grow spiritually.
- Be dependable, consistent and committed to your task.
- Commit to preparing well and carefully for each lesson, then commit your lesson to God.
- Foster a sense of security with your students by letting them know simple routines and the intentions for your class.

- Have fun and enjoy the children God has entrusted to your care.
- Ensure that if you are unable to be in church on your scheduled day that you have found a replacement teacher and let the Sunday School Coordinator know.

Time required

One to two hours a week, including preparation time.

Length of commitment

The basic responsibility of a Sunday School teacher is to develop a loving and caring relationship with the children in their class that will help nurture their spiritual lives. To do this, children will benefit most and be blessed from teachers who are willing to commit for more than one season. So a preference would be for at least a two to three year commitment.

Training Provided

A meeting prior to the start of the season will include: orienting those who are new to this role and refresh memories of those who have done this before, giving the group the feeling of being united in this ministry, going over what the year will look like in general, include lesson planning, classroom management, ideas to build relationships, safe church policies etc.

Qualifications or special skills

As someone who is nurturing children in their faith, it's vital that a Sunday School teacher takes care of their own spirituality, spending time in scripture, prayer and worship. Additionally, teachers should be team players, flexible, open to learning, have a positive attitude, love working with children and know how to have fun, laugh and enjoy life.

Current police background check.

Benefits to this position

In your role as a Sunday School teacher, you will likely be challenged in some ways, but you'll also be blessed in abundance. Here are some things you can expect:

- *Help young children in their faith development*
- *See young hearts and minds unfold and blossom*
- *Build relationships with the children of your church*
- *Growth in your own faith journey*
- *Affirmation of your gifts*
- *Develop lasting friendships with other teachers*
- *Joy in seeing God at work through this ministry to children*

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