# **GEORGETOWN CRC - MINISTRY JOB DESCRIPTION: CHILDREN'S MESSAGE TELLER**

## **GOAL OF POSITION**

The purpose of Children's Message is to include children in worship and praise to God during the worship service in a way that is meant just for them. Children's messages are included in our worship in order to, "help young ones in their acts of worship, that is, to help them honor and praise God and draw closer to him in their daily Christian walk." From <u>So You've Been Asked to Give the Children's Message</u> by Jessie Schut

## **RESPONSIBLE TO**

Children's Message coordinator

#### **JOB DESCRIPTION**

Tell a children's message in church approximately once every 6 or 7 weeks. Participation levels are flexible. Pray for other team members and encourage each other.

## **TIME REQUIRED**

Preparation time varies.

\*\*NEW\*\*\*Beginning in Sept. 2023, we are planning to base the children's message on what the children are learning in Sunday School that morning from "The Jesus Storybook" curriculum, rather than have the children's message based on a sermon that they are not present for. This way, what the children are learning downstairs will be introduced and briefly touched on in the children's message before they go downstairs. It will also allow the parents to hear an introduction to the story their children will be learning and, hopefully, encourage a conversation after church about what they have learned in Sunday School.

If you have any questions, or if you need feedback on a children's message idea that you are working on, feel free to contact the children's message coordinator.

Preparation begins by prayerfully studying the topic. It is helpful to write out the message in advance and practice it. Length should be approximately 3-5 minutes (generally, the attention span of children is one minute per year of age). The children up front at church are ages 3 - 9. You may choose to end the message with a prayer.

Pre-recording is an option. Send video by Thursday to: <u>gcrctechnology@gmail.com</u> and the worship planner. A children's song may follow the message (usually led by the Sunday School coordinator or the children's message coordinator). Then the child who is the Sunday School Leader or an older child as an alternate, is handed the small wooden cross to lead the children down the aisle, on their way to Sunday School.

When arriving at church, check in with the audio technician, to obtain a microphone (either hand held or hands free). Also, check in with the video technician, to communicate where you plan to present the story. Be mindful of including a greeting to children who may be watching the livestream online.

Meet as a committee occasionally.

## LENGTH OF COMMITMENT

Minimum commitment of one year preferred.

#### **TRAINING PROVIDED**

**Resources:** 

Pamphlet: So, You've Been Asked to Give the Children's Message by Jessie Schut

There are about a dozen **idea books** available to borrow in the blue room book shelf. If you use a particular story in one of the resources, please indicate the date the story was told on the page in the book.

**ReFrame Media**, **Kids Corner** - a Back to God Ministries International online resource: http://kidscorner.reframemedia.com/

#### QUALIFICATIONS AND SPECIAL SKILLS

A love for children and a heart for their spiritual growth. The ability and desire to share the story of salvation. Comfortable talking to children and have an understanding of their abilities and interests. Enjoy telling stories and are able to do so effectively.

## **BENEFITS TO THIS POSITION**

The privilege of enabling children to grow in their faith and to be inspired by them!