

SMALL GROUP LEADER

The role of the Small Group Leader is to develop relationships with the children through leading a group of 8 to 12 children in discussion questions and supporting activities for the Bible lesson taught in Celebration Service. The Small Group Leader participates on a team with other volunteers planning and preparing for their small group.

Expectations during Service:

- Be here at least 30 minutes before your small group begins with all preparation complete before children arrive in room.
- Greet children as they come into Celebration Service, creating a welcoming and exciting environment. Participate in worship and the word with the children.
- Greet each child as they come to your small group with acceptance, encouragement, and love (call them by name).
- Prepare and present age appropriate discussion and activities for the Bible lesson.
- Set expectations for your children, clearly communicating to them that you expect them to participate in class, show respect for you and others, and be obedient.
- Discipline misbehavior first with a warning. After that refer the child to the team leader.

Communication Expectations:

- Do your best to find your own substitute when you have to miss a small group time and let your team leader know who it is. If unable to do so contact your team leader as soon as possible.
- Participate in activities planning with service team, team leader and other small group leaders.
- Request in advance any supplies or equipment your small group will need.

Ministry Expectations:

- Be faithful in your relationship with God; spend time with Him daily, attend a "Big Church" Celebration Service.
- Be spiritually prepared with the lesson each week.
- Seek the Lord on behalf of the children.
- Minister to the children in your small group through prayer, phone calls and cards.
- Be prepared to minister to children in classes and Celebration Service and report to your team leader, as follow-up is needed.

Appearance and Behavior Expectations:

- Be an example at all times and display wisdom in the way you portray yourself in public as a representative of Christ and Kids ministry. (This includes social media.)
- Always wear a smile and welcoming helpful attitude.
- Appearance should be modest, moderate, neat, clean and well groomed.
- Any part of your clothing or hairstyle that might be distracting, suggestive, revealing, or otherwise draw attention to you should not be worn when you are serving as a jr. leader. If you are unsure about whether a certain look is appropriate or not, it is best to choose something else that you are confident is appropriate.