

HOPE KIDS

Get Involved

Make a Difference



Welcome to Kid's Ministry!

Kid's Ministry's mission is simply two things: Teaching Truth and Transforming Lives. We believe God's Word is true and relevant for our lives today. Each week at Children's Church, kids read and experience true stories from the Bible. They also learn how to apply these principles throughout the week, and allow the Holy Spirit to transform their lives.

Make An Impact

Every week we have an opportunity to share Jesus with children. Many kids experience difficulties at home - divorce, starting a new school, trouble with friends, to name a few. When they come to children's church, we help them feel the love and acceptance of Jesus Christ.

There's a powerful opportunity for adults to get involved to help make an eternal impact. Over the years, we've seen many lives changed, as kids get baptized and families transformed. Many adults today look back on their Sunday school, VBS, and camps as a place where they were first introduced to Jesus. You have an opportunity to join the Kids' ministry and make an impact bigger than you may realize.

Pass Down The Faith

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates."

- Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Before the Israelites went into the Promised Land, God commanded parents and the whole faith community to pass down the faith to the next generation. Parents are the #1 influence over their kids' lives, so it's no wonder that parents are given the primary role to teach them about God and pass down the faith.

It's easy to drop off your kids at Children's Church and allow others to teach them, but from this passage, parents are called to be the primary teacher. Not only can you teach them at home, but getting involved in the Kids' Ministry shows them that you're taking this role seriously and are modeling it for them.

It's Rewarding!

Joining the Kids' Ministry is easy and you'll have a great time interacting with kids and teaching them about Jesus. You don't have to be in your kid's class, and you don't even have to miss worship services since we have 2 other in-person services (8:00 and 11:00) and online worship.

**We're looking to fill 4 positions:
Nursery Worker, Children's Church Substitute, Shepherd and Teacher**

Take a look at the roles and descriptions below:

Nursery Worker (Rotation)

Current Need: 4 more once-a-month commitments

OVERVIEW

The Nursery Worker holds babies and plays with toddlers while their parents attend worship. The Nursery is open at all three Sunday services (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00) and special services (Good Friday) for infants through age 3.

DESCRIPTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Sunday:

Arrive 15 minutes early and check into the nursery. Make sure the sign-in sheet is present and the room is ready for young children. Once families arrive, make sure they sign-in and ask if there's any special needs (food allergy, sensitivity to loud noises, etc). Use the toys and activities in the nursery to entertain and hold the babies. There is no lesson or set agenda, just make sure they are safe. If no children arrive within 10 minutes, feel free to head into worship or head home.

Throughout the Week:

If you have any feedback, please let Mike Edge know. This could be a missing material or a discipline issue. Feel free to reach out anytime.

Time Commitment:

No prep required - simply show up 15 minutes prior to the service and stay until the end of service when parents pickup their children. We also have occasional Kid's Ministry meetings for feedback and encouragement.

Children's Church Substitute

The Children's Church Substitute fills in occasionally for either a Shepherd or a Teacher. Sometimes our leaders go out of town, or become sick, so we need as many adults as possible to fill up the sub list. If you're wanting to get started, becoming a substitute is an easy first step. See the descriptions below to understand what is expected when you fill in.

Children's Church Shepherd

OVERVIEW

The Children's Church Shepherd assists the Teacher by participating in the lesson and videos (put your phone away) provides "crowd control" to ensure an orderly, positive experience for the children.

DESCRIPTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Prior to Sunday:

The Teacher prepares the lesson, so the Shepherd comes ready to participate and engage with the kids. You are an extra set of hands but not expected to teach.

Sunday:

At 9:30, either the Teacher or Shepherd goes to the Sanctuary with the "follow me" sign and when the children are dismissed, take your group to your classroom. As the class begins, the first step is to repeat and remember each child's name. During the class, encourage children to participate and if children talk out-of-turn or become disrespectful, begin with reminding them to pay attention, or separate them from friends. If behavior consists, talk to the parents and Mike Edge. If kids need to use the restroom, escort them to the restrooms on campus.

Time Commitment:

Shepherd weekly Children's Church (9:15am - 10:45am). We also have occasional Kid's Ministry meetings for feedback and encouragement.

Resources / Training Required:

Read the document "Welcome to Simply Loved" and watch the video series titled "Volunteer Videos".

Children's Church Teacher

Current Need: Preschool Class on 3rd & 4th Sundays

OVERVIEW

The Children's Church Teacher uses the lesson to lead the children in a media-driven opening, an interactive Bible story, and application-based discussions.

DESCRIPTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Prior to Sunday:

The teacher looks over the lesson prior to children's church and becomes familiar with the lesson.

Note: media and all materials are supplied, so you do not need to go shopping.

Sunday:

Arrive 15 minutes early at 9:15am and go to your classroom to setup any materials or media. At 9:30, either the Teacher or Shepherd goes to the Sanctuary with the "follow me" sign and when the children are dismissed, take your group to your classroom. Use the lesson as a guide, and engage with the children. Children's Church ends around 10:30am, and at the conclusion of the lesson send the children home with the take-home sheet.

Throughout the Week:

If you have any feedback, please let Mike Edge know. This could be a missing material or media, or a discipline issue. Feel free to reach out anytime.

Time Commitment:

Preview and become familiar with the lesson prior to Sunday School (30 minutes - 1 hour), and teach Children's Church (9:15am - 10:45am). We also have occasional Kid's Ministry meetings for feedback and encouragement.

Resources / Training Required:

Read the document "Welcome to Simply Loved" and watch the video series titled "Volunteer Videos".

Classes

Nursery: Infants through Age 2

Located in the nursery next to the Sanctuary

Preschool: Age 3 (and toilet trained) through Kindergarten

Located in Preschool Room 1

Teachers: Michele Hubeler, Sarah Dagoberg, Pam Stewart

1st through 3rd Grade

Located in Modular A2

Teachers: Katie Sheldon and JoAnne Owens

4th through 5th Grade

Located in Modular B1

Teachers: Morgan Smith and Seth Beilke

Background Check

For the safety of our kids, all adults must be background checked. We use a company called Checkr, and the church pays the \$30 fee. If you're interested in joining the team, you will receive an email, and the information will be confidential and secure with Checkr. Mike Edge will receive a report that indicates whether you passed or not. This will be renewed every two years.

Thank You

We literally could not do this ministry without our volunteers. Thank you for considering getting involved, and our prayer is that you're able to join us and help make a difference in the lives of these kids. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mike Edge at medge@hopephx.com.

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