



Sunday School

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“To glorify God in worship,
mission, and discipleship”

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Our Vision for Sunday School

*“Come, follow me,”
Jesus said, “and I will
make you fishers of men.”
Matt. 4:19*

Jesus' words here are instructional to us as the church, guiding us in our role to become disciples and disciplers. Covenant's Sunday School ministry exists to instruct our children in ways that would encourage them to know and love the Word of God, understand how it applies to their lives, and provide them with a solid Christian worldview.

This is done in the context of strong relationships between students and teachers and among the students themselves that they would all have the common goal of glorifying God in worship, mission, and discipleship. As they each are growing in their own relationships with the Lord, each of our volunteers is committed to aiding our children live out lives that are wholly devoted to Christ.

We use a Christ-centered, in-depth, doctrinally sound curriculum as the spring-

board to disciple our children. The children are taught to hide God's Word in their hearts, love and care for each other, and participate in service projects within our church, in the community, and even across the world.



Sunday School Structure

Working as a team, a group of volunteers (including teachers, small group leaders, music leaders, and special buddies) labor to disciple the children in their charge each Sunday between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. Children are assigned to a class which coordinates with their grade in

school. All of our Children's Ministries volunteers have been screened and approved through our Child Protection Policies.

In general, our classes have 12-18 students who sit at small group tables with a leader who works with them throughout the hour. The teacher teaches the lesson from the assigned

curriculum using a variety of methods to engage all types of learning.

Outside of the Sunday morning structure, children participate periodically in service projects and social events which are designed to help them grow in worship, discipleship, and mission.

Volunteer Information

General Procedures

Sunday School volunteers should:

1. Arrive in the classroom by 9:45 a.m. to ensure time to set-up and be prepared before children begin to arrive.
2. Follow dismissal procedures as follows:
 - a. Parents pick up children through 3rd grade. If arrangements are made in advance, siblings that are 4th grade and older may pick up younger siblings from Pre-school through 3rd grade.
 - b. Children 4th grade and up should arrange to meet parents at a designated location.
3. Find an approved member to substitute when it is necessary to miss a week. Substitute lists can be obtained from Area Coordinators.
4. Obtain reimbursement for supplies as appropriate by giving receipts to the Director of Children's Ministries.
5. Follow all policies and procedures outlined in the Child Protection Policies.
6. Understand and agree to stated job description as well as the volunteer expectations.

Job Descriptions

Area Coordinators

Aim: To glorify God by providing oversight to a specific group of Sunday School classes.

Early Childhood Coordinator Responsibilities (Transition 3s-Kindergarten):

- Participate in Children's Ministries Team.
- Recruit and train volunteers involved with Early Childhood Sunday School.
- Plan and provide supplies for activities that extend the learning

- of the Bible story for each week.
- Provide oversight of classroom set-up and supplies.
- Provide curriculum information to volunteers.
- Provide encouragement and support to volunteers.
- Maintain information bulletin boards in each classroom.

Elementary Coordinator Responsibilities (1st-5th grades):

- Participate in Children's Ministries Team.
- Recruit and train volunteers involved with 1st-5th grade Sunday School.
- Provide oversight of classroom set-up and supplies.
- Provide curriculum information to volunteers.
- Provide encouragement and support to volunteers.
- Maintain information bulletin boards in each classroom.

Music Leader

Aim: To glorify God by leading a group of children in singing during Sunday School.

Responsibilities:

- Lead a group of children in 10 minutes of singing during Sunday School.
- Choose music that will reinforce the Biblical truths being taught in the classroom.
- Maintain discipline.

Small Group Leader

Aim: To glorify God by shepherding children in a small group setting during Sunday School.

Responsibilities:

- Discuss the lesson with the children and carry out an activity as specified by the teacher.
- Pray with and for the children.
- Help the children memorize assigned verses.
- Care for the children.

- Help the children interpret their lives from a God-centered perspective (that is, help them to see that God's eye is watching their lives and His hand is at work in their lives).
- Encourage the children to trust in Christ.
- Maintain discipline in the group.
- Communicate with parents.

Special Buddy

Aim: To glorify God by providing extra assistance to a child with special needs.

Responsibilities:

- Assist child as needed to ensure maximum learning and participation as appropriate.
- Communicate with child's parents regularly to best understand the child's needs and methods of assistance.
- Facilitate interaction with peers as appropriate.
- Ensure the safety of the child.

Teacher

Aim: To glorify God by teaching children a formal lesson during Sunday School and manage a team of volunteers for a specific grade.

Responsibilities:

- Act as a team leader of volunteers assigned to a class.
- Assign members of the team to take attendance, greet parents, register visitors, and oversee pick-up at end of the morning.
- Teach the children a formal lesson from the assigned curriculum.
- Prepare discussion questions and/or activities (as guided by the curriculum) for Small Group Leaders to reinforce the lesson.
- Encourage the children to trust in Christ.
- Maintain discipline.
- Pray for the team members and the children.

