

10. Serving in Sunday Children's Groups Worksheet

Key points from the Video

We're there to teach the Bible, not just care for the children.

A snapshot of a children's ministry programme:

What are our groups?

- 2 ½-4 yrs; 4-7 yrs; 7-11 yrs – in subgroups we have 1 leader per 5-6 children.

Half an hour before the service starts:

- Teams meet to consider that day's passage, to pray for each other and the children and to get the room ready.

What happens in groups?

- All the groups have a Bible talk and primary-aged children also have a small group Bible focus.
- Other activities include creative stuff, games, quizzes, memory verses, singing and praying.

What is expected of the team?

- Team members serve on average three Sundays out of four during term time (approx. 32 Sundays per year) and make a rolling one-year commitment. Therefore:
 - They get to know the children better
 - They get to know their families better
 - Their skills develop more quickly
- Team members attend a team meeting once per term.
- Team members receive training based on the principles described in this video series.
- To apply to serve in one of our teams you'd need to have a 20-30 minute interview, complete an application form and enhanced DBS check and provide two references.

Pray and Consider...

- Am I willing to make serving in a children's team a weekly priority?

- Am I willing to commit initially to serving for a year (or whatever my church's commitment period is)?

- What would be my questions to discuss with the children's ministry head before I start?