

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEER NEEDS

When we volunteer to support children's ministry, we think of it as serving children...which it is. But it's more than just doing our part. What we don't realize is how much we are blessed by knowing and working with the children of our Riverside Family. Children long for the presence of God, and they bring us into it as we engage Scripture, life, and joy with them. As one of my colleagues shared with his team: "All who can lower themselves to be present with a child will experience Jesus and his kingdom like nowhere else." They need you...but actually...you need them too.

*Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.—Matthew 18:3-5*

Will you consider supporting Riverside Children and Family Ministry?

**To volunteer for one of these ministry opportunities or to have a conversation about how best to connect, please contact [shannon@riversidechurch.com](mailto:shannon@riversidechurch.com).**

### **Sunday School Teacher**

For the next season of the mission, we will be pulling out our kids for a short Sunday School experience during the sermon time at the 9:15 service. Sunday School teachers will lead those breakout times (20-30 minutes) every other week and be on a monthly rotation for leading the children's message during the 9:15 service.

- 30 minutes every other week: Leading the children during the sermon time of the 9:15 service (remember, you can go to the livestream to catch up on the sermon that you missed!)
- 1 hour prep to review the story and discussion materials
- 1 hour onboarding Zoom meeting with Shannon and the rest of the Sunday School team to review expectations and logistics (with periodic meetings scheduled as needed)

### **Sunday School Helper**

Assist with kids during the short Sunday school experience

- 30 minutes once a month or more assisting teacher during the last half of the 9:15 service

### **Nursery Volunteer**

Serve on a rotation of teams overseeing the care of babies and two/three year-olds in the play area

- 1 hour during the 9:15 service

### **Adventure 45**

A new quarterly experience for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders, to include a fun activity and some age-appropriate faith conversation. Volunteer will meet with Shannon to shape the event, recruit chaperones/drivers, and participate in the event. Optimally, we would have one different volunteer lead for each event.

- Up to 5 hours planning and logistics
- Attending/leading the event

### **SonRise Planning Team**

Sonrise is our weeklong summer camp for kids. This year, our goal is to have a 5 day camp for 100 children, ages K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, with a solid group of volunteers to support the camp. We also envision a Sonrise spirit night and a “reunion” or two after the camp as a way to keep the relational connections.

- Monthly meetings January through June, with some assignments in between
- Volunteer training meeting
- 8 AM to 1 PM each day of Sonrise Camp
- 2-4 hours of Sonrise set-up
- 2-4 hours of Sonrise clean-up

### **Sonrise Small Group Leader**

Small group leaders are the key to Sonrise Camp! They lead the small group discussions, as well as oversee the group assigned to them as they move through camp activities. Small group leaders are the key relationships with our campers.

- 1 hour—attend volunteer training
- 5 hours—daily hour of prep for leading small groups
- 8 AM to 1 PM each day of Sonrise Camp
- If possible, attend any post-Sonrise gatherings to reconnect with campers

### **Family Fun Events Team**

Plan and implement a monthly fun family-based event for families of kids 5<sup>th</sup> grade and under. Intentionally foster relationships and connection with participating families during events to ensure that all feel connected and welcomed into fellowship.

- Two 1-hour planning meetings a year to develop the calendar
- 1-2 hours per month prepping for the event
- 2 hour monthly event
- 1 hour set up and 1 hour clean up before and after the event

### **Toddler StoryTime**

Prepare a monthly story time for toddlers during the winter months: January/February/March.

- 1 hour planning meeting with Shannon
- 30 minute story time session once a month

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