



# St.James Church: Junior Church Session Leader

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Junior church at St.James currently runs every Sunday as part of the 11:15am service, except for all age services and occasional 'collective' occasions where all congregations come together. Children are a vital part of the church family and as such much focus, prayer and support is given to their development spiritually within the life of St.James – this is a role where this focus is outworked through helping young children worship, pray and learn about God through Bible stories, fun and play.

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## **Main responsibilities**

- Praying for the children and co-leaders
- Prepare materials in advance using agreed set of materials as a basis for each session.
- Prepare room for relevant activities
- Help ensure children cross the road from church safely
- Lead children in worship, prayer and other activities, working with an adult helper
- Encourage children into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- Encourage children to consider how this relationship can have a direct influence on their lives outside Junior Church
- Ensure children are collected by a parent or a parent-approved responsible adult
- Ensure room is left in an appropriate state

## **Key things to remember**

- As a children's group leader you are in a position of responsibility in the church and as such should act according to its values and aims.
- New children and leaders should be encouraged and supported – don't assume everyone has the same level of knowledge or spiritual maturity
- Start and finish on time
- Have fun!

## **Additional Information**

**Meeting place:** Little Bears rooms on Estcourt St.

**Age Range:** Age range 3-7

**Person to whom worker is directly responsible:** Becky Sedgwick

### **Declaration:**

I have understood the nature of the work I am to do with children/young people.

I have read and understood the overview of St James' Policy for safeguarding children and young people.

I understand that it is my duty to protect the children and young people with whom I come into contact.

I know what action to take if an allegation of abuse is made or is suspected.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_