



St. James' Church: Kids' Church Small Group Helper

Children are highly valued at St James'. Kids' Church takes place during the 11.15am services during term time, except when there are all age services (usually on the first Sunday of the month). Children remain in main church for the first part of that service and come over to their Kids' Church venue at the coffee break. Children are a vital part of our 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.

Main responsibilities

- Work alongside the small group leader, assisting them and the children
With the support of the small group leader, taking on teaching responsibilities as appropriate within that group
- Prepare materials as requested
- Pray for all children and workers within Kids' Church, particularly those within your small group
- Encourage children to come to faith in Jesus
- To walk across to the venue with the children (children remain the responsibility of their parents until the children reach the venue)
- Provide a safe and nurturing environment within which children can learn
- Prepare the room before the session and ensure it is left clear at the end of the session
- Attend, if possible, any planning and information sessions

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.
- The children will see you as a trusted adult and role model – how you live out your faith will have a long-lasting effect on theirs
- New children and leaders should be encouraged and supported – don't assume everyone has the same level of knowledge or spiritual maturity
- Arrive at least 15 minutes before the session begins
- Have fun!

Additional Information

Meeting place: The Estcourt Rooms OR the Little Bears Rooms

Age Range: 3s – 6s or 7s – 11s

Person to whom worker is directly responsible: Kids' Church Co-ordinator (currently 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 _____

