



# Junior Shepherd

We're thankful for you and your desire to serve in our ministry with kids! **As a ministry team, we are partnering with families to help kids know, love, and follow Jesus!** Thank you for taking time to carefully review these guidelines and return last page of this document to the Kids Ministry Welcome Desk or one of our KidMin Staff team members.

## Who can be a Junior Shepherd?

**Someone who:**

- Is in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade through 17 years old
- Has been an attendee of LEFC for at least 6 months

## Guidelines

- A Junior Shepherd must always be working with at least one adult in the classroom at all times.
- We ask that Junior Shepherds be at least 16 years old if they are serving in the infant nurseries.
- Females ages 16 and older may change diapers or assist with bathroom needs for younger children.
- At the start of the school year when you are 18, we ask you to complete your state-required clearances for serving with children.
- We ask students who would like to serve as a Junior Shepherd to read and sign these expectations each year.

### Punctuality

- Be on time (8:30am for first service, 10:20am for second service)
- Attend the VIP meeting (Vision, Info, and Prayer)

### Responsibilities

- Respect and follow directions of the leaders and shepherds who are guiding you.
- Be a good role model! The kids are watching you.
- No talking on the phone, texting, or taking photos/videos.
- No horseplay or roughhousing; no piggyback or shoulder rides

- You may not hold children that are in 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grades in your lap. Children this age may sit beside you.
- If you will be absent, find a substitute and/or contact your Coordinator
  - **Nursery Coordinator** (Infants, Crawlers, Walkers): **Erin Martin** | erin.martin@lefc.net
  - **Preschool Coordinator** (2's thru Pre-K): **Kaitlyn Hawbaker** | (kaitlyn.hawbaker@lefc.net)
  - **Elementary Coordinator** (1-4 Gr): **Amanda Ranck** | ranck@lefc.net
- Be prepared to lead/help with any activity that is listed on that week's lesson plan.
- Check with the Shepherd before leaving for the day. For example, say: "Is there anything else I can do to help before I leave?"

### **Initiative**

- See a need, fill a need
- As the adult Shepherd what he or shee would like you to do
- Look for opportunities to serve (help clean up toys, assist with craft or snack, operate TV, etc)
- **Strive to develop friendships with the kids. Look for ways to encourage them and be a friend.**
- **Pray for the kids. You are helping to make an eternal difference in their lives.**
- **Be attentive and warmly welcome children who are new!**

*Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.*

*1 Timothy 4:12*

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**Describe where you are in your relationship with Christ. Choose one or several of the options below.**

- Jesus is my personal Lord and Savior.
- Faith in God is something my parents have.
- I go to church because I have to.
- I am new in my relationship with Christ.
- I want to believe but I still have a lot of questions

**Please fill out the information below to let us know what your preference is for serving in Kids Ministry.**

*Typically, Junior Shepherds serve during the second service, and then choose either 1/3 Sundays or 2/4 Sundays. Serving during first service is fabulous if it's approved by the Junior Shepherd's parents (since this is the time when Crossover has their class).*

**Service Time**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Service | 9:30am
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Service | 10:50am

**Weeks Serving**

- 1/3 Sundays
- 2/4 Sundays
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Age Group**

<input type="checkbox"/> Nursery	<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-K / Kindergarten	<input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Grade	<input type="checkbox"/> 4th Grade
<input type="checkbox"/> 2's and 3's	<input type="checkbox"/> 1st Grade	<input type="checkbox"/> 3rd Grade	

**Commitment: I have reviewed these guidelines and agree to follow them.**

**Student's Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_**

**Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Signature of Ministry Staff Member: \_\_\_\_\_**