



4:12

5th-6th Grade

Adult Leader

4:12 aims to begin to build into the lives of students' strong spiritual foundations of what it means to live the Christian life, fully devoted to God. Jesus spoke often about the power and impact of children in the Kingdom, often encouraging his followers to be like children in their faith. We believe the same still holds true today

Mission:

To begin to build into the lives of our students the foundations necessary for them to live out their own faith and ultimately create FULLY DEVOTED followers of JESUS CHRIST.

Why be a 4:12 Adult Leader?

4:12 was developed in 2016 to meet the spiritual and relational needs of students in one of the most transitional times of their lives – 5th and 6th grade. They aren't quite middle schoolers or high schoolers, but they also don't identify with most elementary school students. It is typically around this age (10-12 years old) when students are beginning to make their faith their own, engaging God on their own time and in their own ways.

Your role as a 4:12 Adult Leader:

- Model Christ's love so they may see Jesus in you
- Get to know them, their stories, their lives and their struggles
- Assist the teacher in any preparation that is needed
- Greet and interact with the students as they arrive and during worship and the large group lesson
- Help the teacher implement routines, structure and a safe environment
- Engage and connect with all students that arrive

Expectations:

- Position at the Marion Campus only
- Be committed to The River Church and our values
- Serve every week or every other week for 90 days
- Serve one hour, worship the other
- Arrive 30 minutes prior to service start time
- Find your own replacement, when needed, via the volunteer schedule on RiverConnect.
- Having at least 2 personal meetings with students each week. One meeting should be a one-on-one, meeting a student for ice cream, games, etc. The second should be what we call "student contacting". This is simply engaging with students on their turf by going to sports games, performances, etc. The one-on-one can be with any student, but all of our 4:12 leaders are asked to participate in a student mentoring relationship during their time in 4:12.
- Contacting students via text, social media, or another avenue, a minimum of 3 times per week.

Next steps:

- Complete the Youth Ministry Application including a background check on The River app or website under "Next Steps."
- If this seems like a good ministry fit, you will receive training and procedures from a Youth Ministry Leader and shadow a volunteer for at least one Sunday.
- Not sure where you want to serve? Check out the SAY YES form on The River app or website under "Next Steps" for all serving opportunities for your campus.

Notes:

Serving is a major part of your spiritual growth and health. We can't wait for you to JUMP IN and be a part of helping people become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ!