



Our Mission:

Our Mission in SONkidz is to partner with families as we create a safe, engaging place for kids develop an authentic, personal faith in Jesus.

In SONkidz we accomplish our mission through:

1. Small Groups where our kids learn to be in relationship with each other and God
2. Stimulating Activities - games, food, experiences that point us back to our Creator
3. Scripture - taking the time to teach God's word and have conversations about the world we live in
4. Family events where parents are encouraged and given tools for discipling their children.

Our Rhythm

Weekly:

Sunday - 8am & 10am: Huddle Time for all team members serving that week
8:15am/10:15am: classrooms open up for Kindergarten and under
10:40ish: 1st -5th graders are dismissed to class from main service
End of Service: Check Out

Wednesday - Collision Groups

6-7:15pm - Collision Jr
6-7:15pm - Collision Middle School
7:30pm - 8:45pm - Collision High School

Bi-Annually:

Train and Connect - Meet as a full team for fellowship and necessary training, etc.

Yearly:

Rest - goal is to serve for 3/4 of the year
Retreat - Local Summer Outreach
- Maranatha Bible Camp
Junior Camp (3rd-6th)

NextGen Ministries Philosophy Statement

We Believe...

- Parents are the most important influencers in their child's life
- Families need Community
- SONrise is a safe, spiritual community for your family
- Our NextGen need to have a strong biblical foundation upon which to build their lives
- Our NextGen are active players in God's Kingdom

Parents are Important

SONrise's NextGen ministries is built on the Biblical truth that God loves and values children just as He loves and values adults. Scripture teaches that God has given the primary responsibility for the spiritual instruction, discipline and training of children to their parents. The Biblical pattern is for parents to teach their children about God and model what it means to live in relationship with him. As parents grow in their relationship with God, they will seek to accurately reflect the character and nature of God to their children, creating an environment where the Holy Spirit can bring children into a dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ.

Families NEED community

God did not intend families to live in isolation, but in community creating an extended spiritual family, the church. SONrise seeks to be a healthy extended spiritual family.

Safe, Spiritual Community

Our NextGen ministry is a safe, spiritual community for children and youth to experience the love of Christ and grow in their knowledge of HIm. We believe the best way to accomplish this is to maintain a highly relational ministry, where qualified loving workers develop personal relationships with children. These adult mentors, come alongside and teach biblical truth in an age appropriate way, using effective methods and materials.

Biblical Foundation

We believe that our NextGen need a strong biblical foundation upon which to build their lives. This foundation is built by helping our NextGen become biblically literate: understanding the themes of scripture, the essential doctrines of the faith, and giving them an accurate view of God, themselves and the world.

God's Kingdom

We believe that our NextGen are active players in God's kingdom. We are not only preparing our NextGen to serve someday, but we are helping them serve God now. Children and youth who have a personal relationship with God through Jesus are able to influence others through the power of the Holy Spirit living in them.





SONkidz Team Member's Service Agreement

I profess Jesus as my Lord and Savior and I trust in Him alone for my Salvation. I will rely on the Holy Spirit to help me love and teach the next generation at SONrise. I commit to being an active part of the SONrise family and support the leadership of SONrise. I will conduct myself in a manner that represents Christ in an honoring way.

The following guidelines must be read, signed and followed by all workers serving the Children's Ministries at SONrise. Every child's safety is of utmost importance as we help them mature in Christ. The following guidelines will also help us to live above reproach and to prevent false accusations.

- Background check must be completed before serving in SONkidz for anyone 18 or older. These must be re-checked every five (5) years.
- Child Safety Training must be completed before serving in SONkidz.
- Always stay in public areas with kids.
- Never teach a class by yourself. If your teammate is unable to help, find another person to help.
- Never promise a child you won't tell his/her secrets to anyone else. If the child communicates they'll harm themselves or others, you must take immediate action. Also, if some form of abuse is communicated, this information must be shared with the Children's Ministry Coordinator so they can take appropriate action. Remember, it is not your job to investigate.
- Treat ALL children with respect and dignity by following these behavior guidelines regarding child contact:

- - Side Hugs
 - Shoulder-to-Shoulder Hugs
 - Kneeling or bent down hugs with small kids
 - Pats on the Shoulder or Back
 - Handshakes
 - Sitting beside small children
 - High-Fives and Hand Slapping
 - Verbal Praise
 - Touching Hands, Shoulders and Arms
 - Hold hands during prayer

Team Member Signature



As with all of SONkidz, the purpose in SONbabes is to create a safe, engaging place where kids develop a heart for Jesus. We are often the first introduction to church for these babes. Many have not experienced mom or dad leaving them with another adult. It is important we create an environment where they are loved and begin to hear the name of Jesus spoken. We like to read the same Bible stories the SONsmallz class reviews each week and incorporate songs and play that fits developmentally with the stage of these little ones.

Team Member Expectations

- Arrive at 8:00/10:00 for huddle time
- Sanitize toys
- Prepare room so it's ready for babies to begin arriving at 8:15/10:15
- Train and mentor any younger helpers you have that week
- Provide a warm, caring environment where babies feel safe
- Work on developmental skills in age appropriate levels
- With parent approval, offer snacks during the service or feed bottles as needed
- Change diapers as needed (must be 18 or older)
- Communicate any feeding or diaper changes with parents after the service
- Complete Incident Reports as necessary, file in the "Return" section of the curriculum tub
- Communicate relevant information about kids to their parents at pick up time.
- Clean up room after all kids are picked up by parents. This includes taking out trash if there were any dirty diapers.

COORDINATOR CHECK LIST



TIME	ACTION
8:00/10:00	SET IPADS TO CORRECT CLASS. CHECK IN TEACHERS. GET WATER AND CUPS TO NURSERY AND 4-K CLASSROOM. CHECK ON SNACKS. MAKE SURE BABY GATES ARE UP. DOORS ARE LOCKED. NURSING ROOM TV IS ON TO THE LIVESTREAM
EARLY SERVICE	CHECK IN KIDS/GREET FAMILIES AND LEAD THE LESSON FOR THE COMBINED KINDERGARTEN AND UNDER CLASS
EARLY SERVICE	MAKE SURE SUPPLY LEVELS ARE GOOD FOR 2 ND SERVICE AND TIDY UP AFTER KIDS ARE CHECKED OUT.
10:00	LEAD DEVOTION/PRAYER HUDDLE TIME FOR TEAM
10:15	ASSIST TEACHERS AS NECESSARY. GREET FAMILIES
10:45	TAKE DISHES TO THE KITCHEN IF NEEDED AND ASSIST IN CLEANING UP ROOMS. CHECKING KIDS OUT. INTERACTING WITH FAMILIES.



CHECK IN

Team Member Expectations

Check In:

- Arrive at 10:00 for set up and huddle time
- iPad stations with printers connected and tested (check on amount of rolls left)
- Check in teachers for the day
- Know who is on security in case you need their assistance
- Greet parents as they arrive and be a positive first impression for any visitors
- Give visitors a welcome letter
- Make sure families get handouts for the current unit if they haven't already.
- Walk new visitors (or recruit someone) to their child's drop off area
- Inform parents of the check out procedure as well as communion procedures if applicable
- Assist any parents who need help with check in
- Make sure the hallway doors are shut and locked once service starts. Let in any latecomers.
- Before sitting in service, check in on the nursery to make sure kids are doing alright or if any parent needs grabbed. If a room is very low on help, please offer to assist as needed!
- If you receive a code to alert parents, take that to the sound booth.
- Text the team when the last song is starting and stand outside the 4-K door to check kids out.

Check Out:

- Text the team when the last song is starting and stand outside the 4-K door to check kids out.
- Hand parent tags to teachers to collect kids/families
- Give an "exit greeting" to parents and kids
- Ensure all kids stay in classrooms until their pick up time
- Clean up all check in items listed above that were set out



As with all of SONkidz, the purpose in SONsmallz is to partner with families as we create a safe, engaging place for kids develop an authentic, personal faith in Jesus.. These Smallz are FULL of energy, so it is important for them that we create opportunities to move around. The 4 Year Olds thru Kindergarten classroom in this group love to learn through a variety of methods and are inquisitive as they learn the big story of scripture. Each Sunday consists of large group worship and story time as well as smaller group crafts and activities.

Team Member Expectations

- Arrive at 8:00/10:00 for huddle time
- Sanitize toys/surfaces
- Prepare room so it's ready for kids to begin arriving at 10:15
- Train and mentor any younger helpers you have that week
- Provide a warm, caring environment where kids feel safe
- Set out a few activities such as the water mat, train, or magnetic blocks for kids to play with as they arrive. Remember, this is a key time of building relationships with the kids and making them feel comfortable.
- Complete any welcome activities to get the kids thinking about the lesson
- Gather kids and lead them in a few worship songs using the YouTube playlist
- Start the video lesson and offer snack time while the video/teaching occurs
- Review the story with kids
- Complete small group activities keeping in mind your own personal story and strengths/interests.
- Complete Incident Reports as necessary, file in the "Return" section of the curriculum tub
- At check out: assist collecting parent tags and gathering kids while connecting parents when possible.
- After check out: pick up all toys in room and vacuum if there are large messes.

WATCHING EYES LISTENING EARS



QUIET MOUTH

**SAFE HANDS,
WALKING FEET**





TIME	ACTIVITY
8:15-8:45 10:15-10:45	WELCOME & PLAY
8:45-9:05 10:45-11:05	WORSHIP/BIBLE TEACHING VIDEO/SNACK
9:05-9:20 11:05-11:20	LESSON ACTIVITIES
9:20-9:35 10:20-10:35	PLAYTIME (STRUCTURED OR UNSTRUCTURED PLAY)
9:35-9:45 10:35-11:45	CLEAN UP AND COLLECT TAGS



4-K



TIME	ACTIVITY
8:15-8:45 10:15-10:45	WELCOME & PLAY
8:45-9:05 10:45-11:05	WORSHIP/BIBLE TEACHING VIDEO/SNACK
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9:20-9:35 10:20-10:35	PLAYTIME (STRUCTURED OR UNSTRUCTURED PLAY)
9:35-9:45 10:35-11:45	CLEAN UP AND COLLECT TAGS



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Team Member Expectations

- Prepare your material in advance of Sunday morning.
- Arrive at 10:00 for huddle time
- Greet kids once they are dismissed from the main service and ensure all kids safely make their way to the classroom.
- Assist kids as they find a seat. Strategically scatter teachers among kids.
- During large group time, assist the teacher as needed.
- At the conclusion of large group, take your small group to your area. Identify the main things you want to get through beforehand so you can prioritize based on time you have that day.
- Small groups are for building deep relationships. Spend time getting to know kids. Remind kids to talk to their parents about the things they are learning and ask questions if they have them.
- Work on sending home a challenge to students. Our goal is always that conversations continue beyond our walls.
- Communion Sundays - follow large group leader instructions.
- Watch for a text from the check-in helper alerting you that service is ending. Wrap up your time and prepare kids for check out.
- Complete Incident Reports as necessary, file in the "Return" section of the curriculum tub
- At check out: continue conversations with kids as they are picked up.

**EYES ON THE
LEADER**



**HANDS TO
OURSELVES**



**RESPECTFUL
EARS**



**RESPECTFUL
MOUTH**



1ST-5TH



TIME	ACTIVITY
10:40	WELCOME
10:40-11:00	LARGE GROUP LESSON
11:00-11:10	SMALL GROUP BELONG
11:10-11:30	SMALL GROUP BELIEVE, DISCUSS, AND BECOME SECTIONS
11:30-PICK UP	WRAP UP & PRAY

Small Group ROADMAP

1

BELONG

GOAL: For kids to experience God's love through a welcoming community

2

BELIEVE

GOAL: For kids to discover who God is by engaging with the Bible

DISCIPLESHIP DISCUSSION

GOAL: To engage kids in faith conversations that help them navigate a broken world with biblical wisdom



3

BECOME

GOAL: For kids to learn to follow Jesus by applying faith to their lives



SMALL GROUP WRAP-UP

SUPPLIES: Take-Home page, coloring utensils

GOD

GOD IS A LOVING GOD WHO IS ALL-POWERFUL AND HOLY. HE KNOWS AND SEES EVERYTHING AND RULES OVER EVERYTHING. GOD CREATED ALL PEOPLE IN HIS IMAGE, AND WE ARE VALUABLE TO HIM.

US

BUT WE HAVE SINNED, AND OUR SIN SEPARATES US FROM GOD. WHAT IS SIN? SIN IS ANYTHING WE THINK, SAY OR DO THAT DISOBEYS GOD. THE PENALTY FOR SIN IS DEATH AND SEPARATION FROM GOD FOREVER.

JESUS

BUT BECAUSE GOD LOVES US SO MUCH, HE SENT HIS ONE AND ONLY SON, JESUS, TO PAY THE PENALTY FOR OUR SIN. JESUS DIED IN OUR PLACE. BUT HE DID NOT STAY DEAD—HE ROSE AGAIN THREE DAYS LATER. BECAUSE OF JESUS, WE NO LONGER HAVE TO BE SEPARATED FROM GOD, AND WE ARE OFFERED THE FREE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE!

TRUST

GOD GIVES SALVATION—RESCUING US FROM OUR SIN, TO EVERYONE WHO PLACES THEIR TRUST IN JESUS AS THEIR SAVIOR. WHAT IS TRUST? IT MEANS THAT WE RELY ON WHAT JESUS DID. YOU CANNOT BE SAVED FROM SIN BY DOING GOOD THINGS BUT ONLY THROUGH WHAT JESUS DID FOR YOU.



6TH-12TH GRADE HELP

***Note: You must demonstrate consistent church attendance and reflect a character that demonstrates a saving faith in Christ to be eligible to serve in this capacity.**

Team Member Expectations

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- Arrive at 8:00 or 10:00 (depending on the service) for huddle time on your scheduled day.
- Wear your SONkidz shirt and modest, appropriate clothing for moving and playing with kids.
- If appropriate, prepare your lesson in advance.
- Know who you are teaching with and remember they are in charge.
- Ask the main teacher if there is anything you can help get prepared for the morning. i.e. snacks, water, taping up pictures, disinfecting toys, etc.
- Be ready to welcome kids 15 minutes before service starts with a smile, fist bump, high five, side hug, etc. Call each child by name and spend time talking with them if the opportunity arises. Invite them to come play with you.
- Create a safe (kids don't escape), engaging (Have fun!) place for them to begin getting excited about their SONkidz lesson that day. We use the following expectations and as a helper: watching eyes, listening ears, quiet mouth, walking feet. You are encouraged to remind kids of these expectations if they are not acting accordingly.
- Help kids stay focused on the lesson. If they are rowdy, use positive words to help them stay on task and stay safe. If you notice a child who is pulling the rest of the class off task, move to sit by that child and stay with them until they are ready to participate appropriately again.
- Your interest in the lesson will influence the kids' interest. They are more likely to participate in worship and activities if they see you excited about it.
- Do not be alone with a child. Only those over 18 may take kids to the bathroom and be left alone with a group of kids.
- Please put phones away while serving.



Welcome to SONrise Children's Ministry!

Our mission is to partner with families as we create a safe, engaging place where kids develop an authentic, personal faith in Jesus. Our desire is to partner with you in discipling your child. Sunday mornings are just one opportunity to plant seeds of faith in the heart of a child. When you bring your child/children on a Sunday morning, you can expect that they will be welcomed, loved, kept safe, and taught Truth from God's word thru play, song, videos, and small group lessons. Once you check your child in at one of our stations, they will go to the following locations:

SONbabes (0-1 years): We welcome all babies through toddlers! Our teachers love on them and play with them. They are also exposed to the same lesson as the SONsmallz. There are quiet spaces available for sleepy or over-stimulated babies.

SONsmallz (2 years - Kindergarten): As kids develop, they become an active part of our SONsmallz with more structured lessons, songs, Bible lesson videos, play and crafts that go with their lesson.

SONkidz (1st-5th grade): Kids are split into age-based classrooms for small group activities after they complete a large group story and worship time. Our small groups seek to develop authentic relationships with your kids as we dig deep into the lesson that was taught during large group time.

Thank you for the privilege of teaching your children and partnering with you in raising the next generation of Jesus followers! If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Megan Parker
Children's Ministry Coordinator

RESOURCES

Parent Newsletter - Look for our quarterly newsletter with current information for parents. These are also available on our SONkidz page of the SONrise Church website.

Weekly/Monthly Take Home Papers - Each month, be sure to grab a family calendar to help spur conversations within your home. We would love it if you took the time to check out what is on there and review it with your child. Often, your child will also bring home papers from their weekly lesson.

Text Messages - On occasion, we will send out short messages through our call system. These are meant to give you a quick suggestion of an activity to do with your child.

"At Home" Link - Check out the material for taking conversations from Sunday into your home. Links are available thru our website. Visit the "connect - SONkidz" page.

Sunday Morning

CHECK-IN:

8:30AM Service

"SONkidz-lite" (infant-kinder) classrooms open at 8:15am.

10:30am Service

"SONkidz-full" (5th grade & under) classrooms open at 10:15am allowing teachers to prepare in advance so they may welcome your children when they arrive without being distracted or ill-prepared.

Infants - Age 3 are in classroom A2 which is the room furthest south in the building. 4-K enter room B1 upon check in. 1st-5th graders are dismissed from the main service for their large and small group lessons.

Check-Out:

Check out your children directly from their classrooms. Take your "parent, security tag," received at check in, and show it at the door to the classroom. We will gather all kids and bring them out to you as quickly and safely as possible.

GO! Curriculum

Kindergarten and younger kids get to explore their Bible stories with the help of Topher the gopher. Stories are simplified in a way they can understand and zero in on one important Biblical truth that is reinforced thru review activities, questions, crafts, and games.



Brite Curriculum

Elementary students utilize Brite Curriculum by AWANA. In every lesson, the Bible is read, heard, and connected to Jesus in ways kids can understand in their own lives. We teach through the Bible every year with different stories emphasized based on a three year rotation.

Students should bring their Bible each week so they can be taking notes, highlighting, and learning to dig in on their own. If your child needs a Bible, please tell one of the SONkidz teachers and we will be sure to get one in their hands.

SONkidz Mission Offering

Every weekend, we take an offering during SONkidz classes for a Compassion International child we support. Ask your child to tell you a bit about Emanuel and take time as a family to pray for him! If your child would like to write him a letter, bring it in to Megan and she will send it off for you!

Sick Policy

If your child is displaying any of the following symptoms, either now or in the past 24 hours, please keep your child with you and have them sit out of Children's Ministry until they are well:

- Fever over 100.4°
- Vomiting
- Runny Nose
- Sore Throat &/or Cough
- Pink Eye
- Rash - unexplained &/or contagious
- Lice

If your child exhibits or develops any of the above symptoms while in our care, we will notify you so you may tend to the child's needs.

Communion Weekends

First through 5th graders will watch the communion devotional in the classroom, then connect with parents in the Commons by our check in table. Children will then stay with parents through the last song. If your child does not take communion, you can check them out after the service.

Security

Parents can be assured we have measures in place to keep their kids safe. The following are some of the ways we make that happen:

1. Every teacher over the age of 18 must clear a background check before helping in our classrooms.
2. Every teacher must complete a child safety training.
3. Teachers wear colorful lanyards so you can easily identify that they are supposed to be there.
4. Only individuals over the age of 18 are allowed to change diapers.
5. With young kids, teachers will stand with their back turned in the doorway in case the child needs assistance with using the restroom. Age 4 and up have a private restroom to use in our classroom.
6. Upon check-in, kids each receive a label and parents receive a security tag. This tag must be shown to pick up kids at the end of the service. The codes on the parent tags are one way we get the attention of a parent if there are any issues. These alphanumeric codes will be displayed on the screens at the front if we cannot physically locate you first.
7. Team members stay in communication with each other and the check-in helper so we can quickly find parents if a need arises.
8. There is a SONrise security team in place that assists with SONkidz as well. Team members are monitoring hallways and exits both during and after services. They ensure classrooms doors are locked and only those who are supposed to be in classrooms are entering or exiting.

Paging Parents

When you check your child in, be sure to hold on to your parent tag. The number you receive at check in is one way we will get your attention if a need arises with your child. This number will be displayed on the projector screens during the service. Other options we utilize for getting your attention include texting the phone number we have on file, or having our check-in leader physically come get you if it is feasible.

Baptisms/Child Dedications

Quarterly, we have a child dedication which acknowledges the parent's desire to raise their child to know Jesus as their Savior. It is an opportunity for parents to stand before their church family and ask for their support and help on this endeavor. Once kids have a personal faith, we also invite them to take part in our baptism celebrations. Visit with Megan Parker for more information.