



## Leader Roles & Responsibilities



Every week, our children gather together to share in their own church experience. They spend time in community, playing and having fun. Our older classes engage in lessons adapted to their age level. All children are also provided snack time.

In order to provide these learning environments for our children, we need adults like you who are will to give of their time and use their gifts in the children's ministry. The following outlines the leader and teacher roles needed from week to week to help keep this ministry running smoothly.

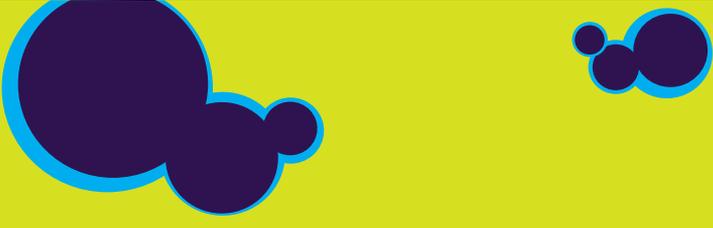


The check-in station is where all ACC families will be signed in each week. Before service, the check-in team will greet families, check children in, make sure parents and children have the correct name tags, and help new

families fill out necessary paperwork and escort them to the correct classroom(s).

During service, you will be an extra set of hands in case any leader needs assistance. If a parent is needed, you will use the online system to message them of the need. You will also help by prepping snack for the children and delivering it to each room.

After service, greet the parents as they come downstairs, say goodbye to the children as they are leaving, and make sure no child leaves the children's ministry area without their parent or guardian's permission.



Our classrooms in the children's ministry are divided into 6 age groups: Nursery, Wobblers & Toddlers, Preschool, PreK-K, and Lower & Upper Elementary. Each age group has different needs and schedules for the morning.

Each area is staffed with 2 leaders or a lead and helper.



It is such a blessing to hold babies and love on them. Because babies grow quickly, they seem to change from week to week. Seeing them explore and learn is such a gift. It is an honor to serve in this capacity and I love it!

Margaret Hodge



Our Nursery is for children 6 weeks to 18 months. First and foremost, this leader should be comfortable with babies, changing diapers, and maybe having a little spit-up on them.

A leader in this role needs to be able to foster a welcoming environment for babies and the parents or guardians and be able to soothe crying eyes.

I have absolutely loved joining the kids team and running check-in. It gives me an opportunity to connect with the community and get to know my fellow church patrons. I enjoy developing relationships with parents and knowing who the kids are. It makes me feel immersed in the ACC community, and it is a fun way to give back to the community that gives me so much.

Patrick Kelly



Once babies are up and moving and ready for more interaction and introduction to bible themes through story time and songs, this is the class for them.



The Wobblers & Toddlers room is for children who are 18 months to 2 or 3 years old but not fully potty trained.

While the switch to potty training may be happening, this classroom will have a few diapers to change as well. In this room, transitions away from mom & dad may still be a little challenging for some.



The preschool class is for children 2-4 years old who are not in Pre-K. Children in the preschool class are able to be a bit more independent and are ready for short lessons.

All children in this age group must be potty trained.

The lead teacher in this classroom will be responsible for teaching the lesson and guiding children in the play space activities. The helper is there to support the lead and help with activities, snack time, and bathroom breaks.

I enjoy working in the toddler room at church because witnessing the children's growth is fun and rewarding. Creating a comfortable environment for parents to confidently leave their kids adds to the sense of community and trust.

...and there's really less dirty diaper changing than you'd think.

Joel Starrett



The Preschoolers always find a way to make me smile. I love that they are still so little and curious but are able to communicate needs. The theology is pretty straightforward at this age - you are so loved by an awesome God - yet, I usually find myself needing those reminders too!

Time always flies with this group and while I absolutely love our services upstairs, I often find myself wondering what those rascals are up to when I'm not down there!

Ashley Covey





This class is for children 4 and up who are in Pre-K or Kindergarten. Children in this class enjoy worship in their classroom along with a Bible lesson and craft or activity.

The lead teacher in this classroom will be responsible for teaching the lesson and guiding children in the any activities. The helper is there to support the lead and help with activities, snack time, and bathroom breaks.

Pre-K and Kindergarten is so much fun to be with! I really enjoy watching them learn and grow, and I enjoy getting to know their parents too. I also love getting to serve alongside other teachers and leaders in my classroom. It's been great to get to know them over the years.

Micki Sweatman

Teaching Sunday School at ACC gives me the opportunity to give back to a community that has given so much to my family. The joy I get watching all of our children grow naturally and spiritually is an incredible gift. Lindsey makes it so easy to do such a hard thing (teach children the Gospel) and I look forward to every Sunday I get to spend in the classroom. I've had experience teaching the toddlers up to the lower elementary class and while the curriculum is different, the hugs and the light in their eyes is the same.

Dana Stassen



Our Lower Elementary class is 1st & 2nd grade.

This class will go upstairs for worship each week. The lead teacher in this classroom will be responsible for teaching the lesson and guiding children in the activities. The helper is there to support the lead and help with activities, snack time, and bathroom breaks.



Our Upper Elementary class is for 3rd-4th grade.

This class will go upstairs for worship each week. The lead teacher in this classroom will be responsible for teaching the lesson and guiding children in the activities. The helper is there to support the lead and help with activities, snack time, and bathroom breaks.

This age group is able to engage with the stories on a deeper level each week.

The Upper Elementary group of kids is at such a fun and unique stage of development, and it makes teaching them so rewarding (and entertaining). They're old enough to have real world examples of challenges from school, family, etc. but also still young enough that they like to just play and be silly without the pressures to "be cool" that come with older kids. I like to believe we are creating an environment for them to feel safe exactly as they are and to form deep friendship bonds that will help them as they navigate the challenges that await them in middle school and high school.

So much of what we are doing with this age group is exposing them to some core truths about our faith. It has helped me in my own faith to strip away everything else and focus on the essence of scripture so that I can teach them about God.

Elizabeth Simmer

Lessons are provided digitally each week by the Youth & Family Pastor. We ask that leaders read lessons and be familiar with content before arriving on Sundays. The leader guides and any materials needed will be provided on Sundays as well.

All leaders and teachers are asked to serve 2-3 times per month with the commitment of one year. This allows children to form relationships with their teachers and not experience excessive turnover in their classes. At the end of the year, each leader will meet or talk with the Youth & Family Pastor to discuss continuing in their role or transitioning off the rotation.



Contact Lindsey Self with any questions or to begin the process of applying to join the children's ministry team.

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