

# Children Ministry Roles and Responsibilities

The church is seeking volunteers throughout all congregations and of all ages to lead and support children ministry activities (i.e. Awana, Sunday School Teacher, VBS). Some experience is preferred but not required, and training for the necessary skills can be provided throughout various training sessions and on-the-job shadowing. Most importantly, you would be setting an example as a Christ-follower and have a heart to serve the children of the church, as it is important for children to be taught by the Lord (Isaiah 54:13) and to equip his people for works of service (Ephesians 4:11-12).

## **Time Commitment:**

- Awana: About 2-3 hours each Saturday for club time (3:45pm-6:00pm, except on weeks with public holidays), plus additional time for training sessions and lesson/activity preparations
- Children Worship Leader: About 1-2 hours to prepare for class, about 1.5 hours for worship time and teaching time (9:30am to 10:40am), for approximately 1-2 Sundays per month - generally we try to have 2-3 teachers per rotation but will depend on the number of Children Worship leaders, plus additional time for training sessions
- Sunday School Teacher: About 1-2 hours to prepare for class, about 1.5 hours for worship time and teaching time, for approximately 2-5 Sundays per month - generally we try to have 2 teachers per class but will depend on the number of Sunday School teachers per teaching rotation, plus additional time for training sessions
- Vacation Bible School (VBS) Leader: Generally runs during the summer for 1 week (Monday to Friday), plus time before camp for preparation, decoration, etc.

## **Awana Leader:**

[www.awanacanada.ca/what-is-awana](http://www.awanacanada.ca/what-is-awana)

Awana is an international program, aiming for all children and youth throughout the world will come to know, love, and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. The three main pillars of Awana are: Reach Kids, Equip Leaders, and Change the World. Through the Great Connection (1 Thess 2:8), Awana is highly scriptural and highly relational. Throughout the different programs each week through Games, Worship, and Small Group lesson time, the Awana club program will allow adult and teen leaders to teach the kids the Gospel and provide opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship time amongst the children. Our church's current Awana program is for children from Kindergarten to Grade 6.

## **Children Worship Leader:**

Love for God is the basic quality for a children worship leader. The leader is to choose an age group to lead, plan a program, select songs, help the children of respective ages to worship and adore God, prepare a topical or series of Bible messages with object lessons, visuals, videos, and deliver the Word of God in order to help the young ones to understand: Who is God? Who is Jesus? What is the plan of Salvation? How can God's Word relate to our daily lives? Subsequently, they will submit their faith to God and learn to live a Christ-like life. This children

worship hour also prepares the grade 6 children to easily merge to the adult worship when they reach Grade 7.

The Children Worship are divided into three groups: Preschool/Kindergarten, Grade 1-3, and Grade 4-6. The sessions are held during 9:30 - 10:40 a.m. on Sunday.

Teaching materials would be given by the Children Sunday School Committee. The Sunday School Superintendent will coordinate with the leaders together for their scheduling. Time commitment will be on a year-to-year basis.

### **Sunday School Teacher:**

With our children and teen Sunday School classes, ranging from Preschoolers to Grade 12, a Sunday School teacher prepares and teaches various Biblical stories and lessons throughout the year that would be guided by the Children Sunday School committee by means of centralized teaching materials. The teacher will also facilitate group discussions and discipleship amongst the students, monitor students' progress, and assist in answering any questions the children may have.

### **Vacation Bible School (VBS):**

VBS is a fun-filled program for children up to Grade 6, usually during the summer months, to connect with the children and families in our community. VBS is an outreach program, meant to bring in children who don't normally attend church and to teach them the Gospel. Volunteers will take part in leading and/or chaperoning a group of children in various activities and outings, leading Bible teaching activities, engaging the children through games and demonstrations, and assisting in the preparation of various aspects of VBS.

If you have any questions or interest, please email [childrenministry@vcefc.org](mailto:childrenministry@vcefc.org) for opportunities. All children volunteers will go through mandatory screening and interview by VCEFC. and obtain criminal record check clearance.