

## **Children's Worker Expectations**

With serving in any ministry, there are elements that aid in making it all that God would have it to be. The following list of expectations help the ministry represent Christ well and be an example for others to follow. If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask the children's ministry leaders or the elder/pastor over the ministry.

### 1. Growing in a Christ Honoring Life

Each person serving in Children's Ministry must be a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. A Children's worker must confess Jesus Christ as his/her Lord and Savior. Each individual should strive to conform to the qualifications of 1 Timothy 3:8-13 and Acts 6:3. If at any time, a children's worker feels that an aspect of his/her life is not one to be modeled, he/she should discuss it with the children's ministry leaders or a elder/pastor .

### 2. Pray Regularly

The Children's worker should be aware of the needs of the children assigned to him and be praying regularly for them. The first priority ought to be prayers for their salvation and spiritual growth. [Eph. 6:18]

### 3. Faithful in Worship

Children's workers must attend the Lord's Day worship services on Sunday morning as well as teaching or serving in his/her Sunday School class. Corporate worship is necessary for spiritual growth. The unity of the church is developed and maintained through the corporate study of God's word. Another benefit is that a Biblical pattern for teaching and interpreting God's word are modeled. Sunday evening or midweek services are encouraged as well. [Heb. 10:24-25]

### 4. Faithful in Fellowship

Biblical fellowship (exercising the "one another's" in the Bible) is also vitally important to spiritual growth. Building meaningful and deep relationships with the local body of believers is beneficial for building each another up and accountability. Fellowship may be accomplished in various ways like connecting with the parents of the children in your class. It might also occur through being a part of a small group or regularly meeting with a believer for mentoring/discipleship/accountability. [Col. 3:16; Heb. 3:12-13]

### 5. Preparation

Every worker should strive to come fully prepared to effectively and efficiently minister to children. He should have his lesson rehearsed and his materials prepared beforehand so that when he enters his class he can devote his full attention to the children. [2 Tim. 2:15]

### 6. Teaching & Serving Positions

All workers' must adhere to the Child & Staff Safety Policy. Anyone who regularly teaches must be a member of Graham Community Church and in full compliance with the Statement of Faith. This does not hinder those who want to be assistants and helpers from service. If you are in the membership process, you can be recognized as a teacher.

### 7. Term of Commitment

We ask for each worker to commit to a full year of service in Sunday School. It takes several months for parents to build relationships with teachers and children. It is best for all parties to have a full year's commitment.

### 8. Welcomed Concerns

It is vital for effective ministry that workers bring their concerns and input to the ministry pastor or children's ministry leaders. This helps us correct problems, make the ministry more efficient, and enhance what we already do. Concerns are welcomed and helpful.