

St. Luke's Teacher/Volunteer Description 2022

Ministry Purpose: To lead or assist our children and youth in their faith journey by creating safe spaces where they can be nurtured in their wonderings and expressions of faith. Our goal throughout these years is to support them in identifying as a much loved child of God, exhibiting a heart for service, and actively participating as a valued member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church community.

Qualifications

- Previous work with children or youth is beneficial, but not necessary
- Express excitement, energy, and love for God's word
- Willingness to be a role model in fostering relationships and sharing a love for Christ
- Be willing and able to prepare for the lesson/discussion and occasionally prep materials
- Sign up to lead or assist twice per month

Service Expectations

- Arrive with enough time to have materials ready to go before children or youth arrive (Storyteller)
- Arrive early enough to be ready to either greet children at the door to get ready (Doorkeeper) or settle in to the circle (Storyteller).
- Storytellers/Teachers gather and lead discussion. Assure that the children and youth understand clear expectations of being curious, kind, and good stewards of the space and materials provided.
- Doorkeepers/Assistants: At drop off, be sure parents sign children in and out and share the best text number if not already registered.) Help children and youth with time of gathering and settling.
- Help lead or guide children choose their work or play or lead youth in activities.
- Foster an environment in which children and youth are physically and emotionally safe. Be sure children are attended at all times. Use positive behavior management.
- Role model how to engage in appropriate play. Stay engaged in play with children as you rotate to foster relationships with each other.
- Role model being good stewards by cleaning as needed while including children and youth in the process.
- Pray individually for children or youth and their families when you are able!

Training Expectations

- Complete volunteer application packet from our diocese. This packet includes:
 - Volunteer application
 - Code of conduct
 - Acknowledgement and release consent to a **Level 1** Background check.
- Complete the Safeguarding God's Children online course (two hours). An administrator from the diocese will reach out to you with links and your own log in information. Included in the course, is the required reading and review of the [Handbook for Those Who Work with Children and Youth](#). For more details and links regarding this course, visit <https://www.dwtx.org/congregational-resources/church-office-clergy/safeguarding-gods-children>
- Attend occasional volunteer meetings.

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