



Christ Church Children's Ministries

September 2009

The Role of a Sunday School Teacher

Purpose: To ensure that the children who attend Christ Church are introduced to the teachings of Christ in a safe, friendly, and welcoming environment where children can know the love of God and be spiritually nurtured through caring relationships within the Anglican community and enjoyable learning experiences.

Population Served: children aged 3½ to 12. The junior class is for ages 3½ to 7, and the senior class is for ages 8 to 12. Preference to an age group is permitted.

Time Commitment: Minimum 1 unit (negotiable); each unit is two to four Sundays in length. Some teachers are willing to teach the unit at both the 9:00 am and 10:45 am services, while others prefer to only teach at one service. In addition to teaching on a Sunday morning, approximately 1 hour of preparation work is required during the week preceding the lesson.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Teach the designated lesson as outlined in the *Route 52* curriculum book.
- Each lesson consists of an opening exercise as outlined in the book. This is often a discussion, game, song or demonstration to introduce the story of the day. This is followed by a Bible story that is provided in the book. The story is usually told with the help of our wooden figures, felt board and sometimes dramatically told by the children. After story is a discussion about the text with answers in the book. The lesson is concluded with an activity. This can be a game or craft using the instructions and templates in the book.
- All resources are provided.
- Supervise a group of children during Sunday school periods.
- Set up the classroom before the first class and return it to its previous state after class. This usually takes between 5 to 10 minutes on Sunday morning.
- Attend Sunday school meetings and training. There are usually three to four between September and June at about one hour in length.
- Take attendance for every class, including one time visitors.
- Keep the Sunday School Superintendent informed of any needs or concerns, or supply requisitions.



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Qualifications:

- Persons who enjoy, love and accept children
- Persons who attend church regularly
- Personal commitment to the development of faith in the young and teaching of scriptures
- Persons of faith and commitment who are willing to learn as they go, with the children and from the children

Benefits and Opportunities:

- Seeing the spiritual growth in children as they develop a relationship with God through prayer, activities, action and song
- The opportunity to build warm and close relationships with the children of our parish
- Develop friendships with other teachers and assistants
- Learn more about the Bible than you would ever learn in church!
- See your faith grow through your involvement in the growth of others