

Core Values

Joy

we want the children to celebrate who God is

Safety

we ensure physical and emotional safety

Family

we recognise and empower the children's family

Sharing

we equip children to share God's grace

Application

we plan for a changed life

Engagement

we encourage active learning

Relationships

we are intentional about building relationships

Resources

Children's Ministries Coordinator

(Department of Children's Ministries, General Conference)

Children's Ministries Ideas and Techniques That Work

(AdventSource)

Teaching the Faith: An Essential Guide for Building Faith-Shaped Kids

(Review and Herald)

A Quick Start Guide

(AdventSource)

- Beginner Sabbath School
- Kindergarten Sabbath School
- Primary Sabbath School
- Junior Sabbath School
- Earliteen Sabbath School

www.gracelink.net

www.childmin.com

www.spd.adventistconnect.org/children

www.gcchildmin.org

www.adventsource.org



THE MINISTRY OF THE Children's Ministries Coordinator

You have been asked to serve as a Children's Ministries Coordinator – for children 0-14 years.

Children need to be disciples of Jesus NOW.

What a wonderful opportunity you have to help them build a lifelong, loving relationship to Jesus and His church through discipleship, worship, community, service, stewardship and outreach. This guide has been designed to help you get started in this ministry.

Accountable To/ Appointed by Church Board

Ministry Mission

To coordinate all aspects of ministry to children ages 0-14 in the local church so that everyone works together for the spiritual formation of children.

Specific Responsibilities

- chair the Children's Ministries Committee (made up of the leaders of children's Sabbath Schools, children's outreach/ VBS, worship leader and other ministries for children)
- implement the GraceLink Sabbath School curriculum and provide training for leaders and teachers
- work with the Children's Ministries Committee and Church Board to plan and implement a yearly calendar of family-friendly children's events and participation in all church activities
- work with Children's Committee to develop a budget and present the budget to the Church Board
- serve as an advocate for the interests and needs of children to the:
 - Church Board to report concerns, success and needs
 - Senior pastor and ministry leaders to ensure integrated strategy and inclusiveness

- families involved in ministry and mission
- children involved in small groups (e.g. Kids in Discipleship Bible studies)
- Senior pastor and ministry leaders to provide strategies to reach unchurched children
- Worship leader/pastor regarding special events such as baby dedication, child commitment ceremony, baptism, Children's Sabbath (1st Sabbath in October), families involved in worship
- other children's leaders (praying, supporting and collaboration)
- take steps to maintain high moral and ethical quality of leadership for the children by screening leaders and volunteers, ensuring they complete child safety forms
- oversee a permanent file of all children attending the church
- communicate with, equip, support and encourage all children's leaders
- partner with and communicate to parents to ensure that they are equipped to develop children's faith at home
- work with the Conference Children's Ministries Director, communicating information and preparing statistical reports for the Conference

Children's Ministries coordinators must be committed to:

- Jesus Christ and a growing relationship with Him
- Christ-centred ministry to children
- The Seventh-day Adventist Church and its beliefs
- A balanced Christian lifestyle
- Teamwork
- Cooperative ministry working with children's ministries committee, church pastor, church board, other church leaders and parents
- Personal growth in spiritual formation of children and teaching skills



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