

# 3 ROLES

-- for guiding groups --

## Preschool and Children Tip Sheet

### General Characteristics of Kids

- Kids are literal-minded
- Kids need to be active
- Kids need to succeed
- Kids have short attention spans
- Kids need for learning to be fun
- Kids are curious
- Kids are creative
- Kids are sensitive



### Ministry during Crisis

- Acknowledge awareness of situation
- Determine in conversation with the parents the level of awareness the child has of the situation
- Give opportunity for the child involved to talk about his or her understanding and feelings
- Do not underestimate a child's ability to cope with a crisis
- Offer prayer, hope, and promise



### Small-Group Experiences

- Facilitate more peer-to-peer interactions among the kids
- Give kids better opportunity to discover Bible truths through self-discovery
- Provide a greater opportunity for hands-on learning
- Enable kids to apply the Bible truth and to make specific application to their daily lives
- Typically more child directed than leader directed. Kids may work at their own pace to facilitate learning



### Recruitment



We should look for a person who is:

- A growing Christian
- An active church member
- Called by God
- Loves kids
- Willing to prepare
- Willing to be a part of a team

After recruiting we should also:

- Give job descriptions
- Don't forget the men
- Use the buddy system
- Provide training
- Provide support
- Appreciate your leaders
- Always be on the lookout

### Class Sizes

- Babies teacher to child ratio is **1:2** with maximum enrollment of **12** kids
- 1s and 2s teacher to child ratio is **1:3** with maximum enrollment of **12** kids
- 3s and 4s teacher to child ratio is **1:4** with maximum enrollment of **16** kids
- Kindergartners teacher to child ratio is **1:5** with maximum enrollment of **20** kids
- 1st-6th grades teacher to child ratio is **1:6** with maximum enrollment of **24** kids



### Large-Group Experiences:



- Help to pull all of the learning together
- Are primarily teacher directed
- Give opportunities for focused learning on a key Bible truth, and an age-appropriate life application
- Are designed to help teachers deliver information in a planned and systematic way to guide kids on an adventure of Bible discovery
- Can give kids an opportunity to open God's Word and begin to learn how to use the Bible to guide them as they continue to grow

Preschool and Children's Handout 2: Tip Sheet

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