WENDY YOUTH

CHILDREN'S SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHER

Ministries in the Youth category are responsible for activities and events that have a focus on children, teens, and young adults.

INTRODUCTION

Through the ministry of Sabbath School to help children know God, to hear God's Word, and to respond appropriately to it. Responsible to the Sabbath School division leader, this person relates closely with the children, their parents, and others on the leadership team. Teachers are needed in each division; one or more pianists and one or more assistant leaders. Sabbath School teachers are also needed for small group Bible lesson study.

DUTIES

To the Children

- Sits with the children assigned and learns their names.
- Relates to children in a loving, respectful manner.
- Notes missing members and gives their names to the mailing ministry leader.
- Calls children during the week to encourage and pray with them.
- Recognizes the children outside of class.
- Looks for opportunities to encourage children to accept Jesus; helps them start their own plan for daily devotions.
- Demonstrates a concern for child safety by completing the background check process when asked and by observing the guidelines for volunteers and caregivers.

To the Leader

- Attends division leadership meetings as called by the leader.
- Assists the leader with room organization/decoration, as asked.
- Adapts to the leadership and classroom management style of the leader.
- Attends Sabbath School regularly; notifies the leader when emergencies cause a change of plans.

DUTIES (cont'd)

- In Sabbath School; encourages children to get involved and complete activities described by the leader
- Coaches a group of children; is not called upon to prepare a lesson or be an up-front lecturer.

To the Team

- Fills in where needed in an emergency.
- Supports the leader and other teachers.
- Accepts responsibility for one or more aspect of Sabbath School ministry, such as:
  - **Record keeping:** Maintaining and updating student card files; records visitor information and attendance.
  - **Welcoming ministry:** Greeting kids at the door and helping them feel at home.
  - **Mail ministry:** Sending absent member postcards or birthday cards.
  - **Hospitality ministry:** Providing weekly snacks and organizing food for class potlucks and socials.
  - **Music ministry:** Choosing songs, leading the singing and involving students in special music.

To God

- Maintain a habit of daily personal prayer and Bible study.
- Model God's grace in relationships within the class.
- Seeks to love and accept each child at all times.
- Expresses love for God by praying with the class and telling a personal salvation story—what God has done for them—and by "walking the talk."
- Encourages the children to express their love for God in their everyday actions, by telling their stories and by praying with someone in need of prayer.

Qualifications

- **Volunteer Ministry Qualifications**
  - A Commitment to:
    - Jesus Christ and to a growing personal relationship with Him
    - Christ-centered ministry to children
    - The Seventh-day Adventist Church and to its beliefs
    - A balanced Christian lifestyle
    - Teamwork
    - Cooperative ministry under the leadership of the pastor and church board
    - Personal growth and learning, continually upgrading methods and skills

DUTIES (cont'd)

- **Other Requirements**
  - An attitude of servant leadership.
  - A passion for children and children's ministries.
  - Leadership experience in a ministry to children.
  - Complete and pass a background check and any required training