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# AN INSIDE LOOK…

**KINGDOM QUEST SHEPHERD**

# Grades 5-6 *(Quest 56)*

# Sunday 9:15 a.m.

*We invite you to be a ministry partner with us. Please pray and search God’s will to see if he is calling you to this ministry. The following is a brief description of what this ministry involves.*

**Overview**

1. **Your primary task:**

Bring kids to know, love and follow Jesus! Build a relationship with your kids. Listen to them and learn about their lives. Talk to kids as you go through the lesson and activities. Help them discover the truth of God’s word and how it fits into their lives. Especially repeat the main phrase of the day and help them apply it to their lives.

1. **Your “go to” person**: Shepherd’s coach.
2. **Your time commitment:**

Sunday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. You may serve during the school year or the summer months or commit for the entire calendar year.

1. **Deepen your impact**:

You are asked to plan now to carve out a half-day in January when you and your group will participate in a service project together. We will provide a list of project ideas later this fall.

1. **What to do when you will be absent:**

Please check your calendar for the dates when you know you will be absent. Fill out the form that advises your coach of probable absences. The substitute coordinator will arrange substitute shepherds for those dates. If you have a last minute illness or can’t make it on a Sunday, please call your shepherd’s coach or the church office.

1. **Please help us invite new ministry partners:**

As you talk to other parents and friends, share with them the fulfillment and fun you receive from this ministry. Invite them to come and visit your group and see if God is calling them to serve in children’s ministry as well. Help us continue our ministry by bringing in more ministry partners!

**Responsibilities**

1. **Your preparation**:

Your lesson is available in your *Lesson Notebook*. During the week, use the *Shepherd’s Path* as a personal devotion tool so that you can experience God’s truth for yourself. Pray for your kids. Then, please take time to read through your lesson in advance and contact your coach if you have any questions. The coach will also give additional insights immediately before the class begins.

1. **Arrival:**

Please arrive no later than 9:00 a.m. to gather for prayer with your coach and fellow shepherds. Any questions about the day’s lesson will be explained at this time. You will pray together before going to your groups.

1. **Warm-up:**

Welcome the kids, take attendance and review the small group covenant. This should be reviewed often, especially early in the year, as it is helpful for defining expectations of the group. Dive into the warm-up activity. This is designed to build relationships and help kids share their lives. It grabs their attention and tickles the need that is addressed in the Take Home Point for the day. It is our hope that kids make friends with one another as this is a fun, team-building time. Some students, undertaking the challenge to memorize the key verse of the day, can recite last week’s verse at the very beginning of warm-up while attendance is taken.

1. **Large group presentation:**

The large group presenter will present the Bible event for you. These times provide a high level of audience participation. Be aware of students around you and help them refocus attention if they become distracted. Help students find places to sit that give them optimum viewing, encouraging them to sit toward the front and middle and not too far to one side.

1. **Small group application:**

The final 20 minutes are for you to examine the Bible with your kids, recap the Bible truth and help them apply it to their lives. Again, the kids often do an activity as they discuss its application in their lives. It is your privilege to help each student grow in his/her relationship with Jesus. At the closing of the lesson, the lights are dimmed, signifying that it is time for small groups to pray. You have much flexibility in how you approach your group prayer, but you are asked to encourage every child to pray out loud. Let it be a comfortable and authentic experience…kids talking to God.

1. **Wrap-up:**

Children are dismissed without their parents needing to pick them up. Collect nametags or ask the kids to be sure and hang them up so they don’t accidentally go home with them. After the students are gone, please clean up your area before you leave. Return your supplies to the Quest 56 cart and check with your coach for any other information you might need. Be aware of any Quest 56 social events. You are encouraged, but not required, to attend these events to deepen your relationship with the kids. Remember, it is your relationship with each student that builds a bridge to his/her life and makes the application of God’s truth “stick” in the heart.

1. **Follow-up:**

If you had any first time guests, welcome the parents and invite them to the We Prize Friends room. There they, as well as the person who brought them, will receive a prize. A coach will give you an addressed postcard to be sent to the student at home. You may also receive postcards for kids with continued absences. Please sign the postcard and write a little note to the student. A coach will collect postcards to be mailed.