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**AN INSIDE LOOK...**

# KINGDOM QUEST SHEPHERD

# Ages 2-5

## 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. **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:**

Each week’s lesson is available in your *Lesson Notebook.* Please take the time in advance to read through your lesson and apply it to your own life. If you have any questions about the lesson, you can contact your coach or visit with him/her immediately before the class begins. Pray for your kids during the week.

1. **Arrival:**

Please arrive no later than 9:00 a.m. for prayer with your coach and fellow shepherds. At this time, you will also receive any directions or announcements. To protect your prayer time, this meeting takes place in a separate room while the worship leader begins singing with the children at 9:05 a.m.

1. **Large group**:

At 9:15 a.m. the large group presenter teaches the Bible event for the day. This concludes at 9:30 a.m. After prayer, shepherds join the children and participate in the closing portion of the presentation.

1. **Small group application**:

At 9:30 a.m. gather your small group of children at your assigned table or area of the room. The children have three learning events for the day with supplies ready and available. One event is a craft, the second a group game, and a third is a snack activity each done in ten minute intervals. All activities relate to the theme. The craft and snack activities are done at your table with the coach bringing your supplies. You come together with other small groups in one section of the room for the group game. The coach coordinates the rotation of the learning events to make a smooth transition for each group into the game activity. Review the Bible event as you visit with the children, discussing how it relates to the activity. Throughout the morning, be sure to reinforce the Take Home Point. As opportunities arise, help the children find specific ways they can apply the lesson to their life and grow in their trust relationship with Jesus.

1. **Large group wrap-up**:

At 10:00 a.m. when the lights are dimmed, gather your small group to pray. Help the children pray out loud. Begin with a minute of explaining what they can pray for. Then ask every child to pray. Teach them to begin their prayer with “Dear God”… and then continue. The coach advises when it is time to leave with your group for large group wrap-up in the Kids Worship Center or large group area. The large group presenter reviews the Bible event and the Take Home Point of the day. This concludes at 10:20 a.m. and you return to your small group table.

1. **Dismissal:**

Parents pick up their child from your table. Be familiar with dismissal procedures, only releasing the child to the parent or guardian who brought them. Be sure to give children their craft and the *God Talk at Home* handout. Be sure kids leave their nametags and don’t go home with them. After the children are gone, please clean your table and hang up your children’s nametags.

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 child at home. You may also receive postcards for children with continued absences. Please sign the postcard and write a little note to the child. A coach will collect postcards to be mailed.