

Running Children's Ministries in a Church Plant

Many of us are used to Sunday School that is neat and tidy, and in a classroom. What happens, though, when you don't have a classroom, and have to teach outside? Or if you don't have enough Sunday School workers? How about when you have different children each week? In our class, we are going to seek to share the challenges, and the blessings of running and teaching Children's Ministries in a church plant, where every Sunday is a mission.

No Classroom? No Problem...

Ask the Lord to Prepare You...

Administration...In A Box!

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When Someone Wants To Help...

Different Children Every Week? Welcome to the Mission Field!

Unique Challenges, and Unique Blessings...

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Refuge Long Beach Children's Ministries

Policies and Procedures



Here at Refuge Long Beach, our desire is to teach children how to have a lasting, personal relationship with the Lord. We understand we can only accomplish this in accordance with God's will.

Our passion is to...**Reach, Teach, Equip, and Love** our children.

- **REACH:** Be intentional in sharing the Gospel, and give an opportunity for every child to accept Christ as their Lord and Savior
- **TEACH:** Help the children learn how to use their Bible effectively and how to pray
- **EQUIP:** Understand God has a plan for each of these children, and be willing to equip and encourage them for the Lord's service
- **LOVE:** Provide a safe environment (a refuge) for the children to grow in their knowledge and relationship with the Lord

Every teacher and assistant plays an important role in this ministry. God has placed you here to help plant the seeds in the children that will grow for all eternity. God also has a will and purpose for your life, and your dedication to our children is a big part of that.

These policies and procedures are here to help our team understand the responsibilities involved in this ministry. They are designed with safety in mind for both the children, and for you.

Thank you for your continued service in this ministry, and may the Lord bless you as you serve Him.

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SETUP AND CLEAN UP

If you are scheduled to work in Children's Ministries on any given day, it is important to be available for both setup, and clean up. Being available ensures that: 1) We are working as a team, 2) We are there to welcome the children, and 3) We all work together to clean up the ministry areas after service.

Please do not abandon your post. If you need to leave early, make sure to schedule someone to take your place, and let your teacher or assistants know ahead of time. If there are any issues, please speak to the Children's Ministries leaders as soon as possible so we can help resolve them.

LESSONS

Refuge Long Beach will be using 'Calvarycurriculum.com' for the primary lesson. You will receive a schedule with the lessons listed by month. If you decide to use an alternative lesson for the week you are teaching, you may do so, just make sure to let us know. The Children's Ministries leaders will provide craft each week, however, if you have a specific craft you would like to do that week, please let us know.

Class time can be flexible, but should always try to consist of the following elements: a time for opening prayer, worship (can be a CD), prayer time and praying for one another's needs, the lesson, craft time, memory verse, and closing prayer.

A big part of our mission is reaching the children for Jesus. Make sure to always give the children an opportunity to meet Jesus.

Teachers may bring their own snacks. There are extra snacks in the snack box if you need one provided. There are also craft and costume supplies.

Refuge Long Beach Volunteer Form

Children's Ministry Team - References



Please name three references who are not members of your family who can attest to your character. We will be contacting them.

Reference 1:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

Reference 2:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

Reference 3:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

**<< PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION AND REFERENCE FORM TO ROBBIE BOYD AND/OR
NANCY BOYD AND WE WILL SCHEDULE YOU FOR AN INTERVIEW SOON >>**

FOLLOWING JESUS

LUKE 5:1-11
MATTHEW 4:18-22; MARK 1:16-20



UNDERSTANDING THE STORY:

Jesus was teaching God's Word to the people while He sat in the boat.

- *Whose boat was Jesus sitting in? (Luke 5:3) What was Simon Peter's job? When Jesus was done teaching, what did He tell Peter to do?*

Peter had been fishing all night and had not caught any fish. Jesus told Peter to go fishing again.

- *Did Peter obey Jesus? Did Peter trust Jesus enough to do what Jesus said, even if he didn't understand why?*
- *What happened as they let down the fishing net into the water? What began to happen to the net?*

Jesus told Peter that instead of catching fish, Peter would catch men.

- *Did Jesus mean that Peter would use a fishing net to catch men? (No! God would use Peter to help other people come to know the love of Jesus. Many people are stuck in sin. God wants to catch people with His wonderful love!)*

Peter and the other fishermen left their fishing nets and their boats and they followed Jesus.

- *Do you think that they were glad that they had followed Jesus?*
- *Do any of you know what God did with these men who decided to follow Jesus? (Many other people heard about Jesus and came to know Jesus, because of the disciples.)*

SIMPLE TRUTHS:

These fishermen left their fishing nets and their boats, so that they could follow Jesus.

- *Does Jesus still want people to follow Him today?*
- *What does it mean to follow Jesus since we can't see Him with our eyes? (Following Jesus means loving Him and doing what He says. It means doing things HIS way, by obeying Him.)*
- *If we follow Jesus, will we do what Jesus wants us to do or what we want to do?*
- *If we want to follow Jesus, will we need to say "yes" to Jesus when He tells us to do something? Will we need to say "no" to ourselves? (Matthew 16:24)*
- *Let's pray and ask Jesus to help us follow (obey) Him. We can ask Him to help us say "yes" when He tells us to do something.*

It's always a good thing to follow Jesus and to love Jesus!

- *What's the best part about following Jesus? (We get to know Him better and see Him do wonderful things...)*
- *If we follow Jesus, can we help other people know that Jesus loves them too? Can Jesus make us fishers of men just like the disciples were?*
- *Let's pray and ask Jesus to help us tell other people how much Jesus loves them.*

AND REMEMBER...

*Following Jesus is the
BEST!*

MEMORY VERSE:

*"Follow Me, and I will make
you fishers of men."
Matthew 4:19*

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KEY WORDS FROM BIBLE STORY

Jesus
Boats
Men

Nets
Simon
Fish

FIND THE **KEY WORDS** IN THE **WORDSEARCH**. THE FIRST LETTER OF EACH KEY WORD IS **BOLDED** IN WORDSEARCH.

U I C H V R M C N
M U I **S** I M O N P
O K M M E N N I B
V U G C R **F** I S H
N E T S N O U T T
M B V C R T Y U J
O C N S B O A T S
J E S U S N I B N