

# 40 WEEKS

## START HERE!

Every child (preschool & elementary) deserves at least five adults who are consistent leaders in their lives. Consistent leaders encourage, love, and support children in a safe and fun environment designed to build relationships and form faith.

## We want YOU to JOIN 40 WEEKS!

**JOIN THE 40 WEEKS TEAM.** We will work together, pray together, learn together, and have fun together.

**OUR MISSION:** Serve, love, and build relationships with the children of our community.

A 40-week commitment means you will:

- be an important adult in the lives of the children, work to build your relationship with them in order to earn their trust and assist in the development of their faith
- show up consistently and on time to build relationships with Harvest Families
- serve every Sunday during the school year (that you are not sick or out of town)
- meet 30 mins. prior to the start of Harvest Kids (8:30am or 10:00am) to pray with one another, encourage each other, and build community over coffee and donuts, get the space ready, and begin to greet early arrivers
- come Sunday morning prepared and work together to support one another
- attend weekly worship at Harvest the hour that you are not serving

## Check out all the ways you can serve on the next page!

Why 40 Weeks?

- **Because faith formation matters.** How can we get 3<sup>rd</sup> graders to open up and trust someone with their confusing questions about God if they have a new leader each week? We want to be there for those children as they ask those tough questions.
- **Because consistency matters.** Pouring into the heart and life of a child over a consistent period of time is powerful! If you only get to work with these children for less than an hour one Sunday a month, your influence is limited. Imagine seeing that child every Sunday! Imagine the connection you can form!
- **Because family matters.** Partnering with families over time means building relationships that make a difference and builds up the Body of Christ.
- **Because you matter.** You have amazing gifts that you can share with the children in our community.
- **Because going to church matters.** When you show up consistently, children and their families show up more frequently because they know you will be there and they want to spend time with you.

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## COMMIT TO A JOB!

### JOB: SMALL GROUP LEADER

Small Group Leaders: 25 fun and committed leaders who care about forming faith in children!

- We give you an easy to use lesson plan, a schedule, and materials. You will receive regular training, encouragement and support.
- You get to build relationships with children as you lead them through the lesson plan and schedule.
- Review your weekly lesson plan, read through the Bible story, and practice any activities before you arrive on Sunday morning so that way you come prepared.
- Arrive 30 minutes early to pray with the team, find out important need to know information for the morning, get your space ready, and greet early arrivers.
- Show up consistently during the school year (missing only when you are sick or out of town).
- Work in a team of 2-4 other adults so that you are never alone with the children
- 25 committed, consistent leaders ensure that we will have space to care weekly for up to 125 children!

### JOB: LARGE GROUP LEADER

Large Group Leaders: 10 dramatic and excited youth/adults who love telling the stories of the Bible!

- If you enjoy theatrics, dancing, and worship this is the job for you!
- It is your job to tell and review the Bible Story, lead the children in prayer and guide them in worship.
- You will work with youth and children to tell the Bible Story in a creative way, to get children excited about worshipping the Lord, and to help us to center our hearts in prayer.
- You will receive the scripts the week before and we will meet weekly to rehearse together.
- Arrive 30 minutes prior to the start of the service to pray together and rehearse before Large group.
- Trainings and rehearsals will be provided to equip leaders for their stage debut!

### JOB: WELCOME TEAM MEMBER

Welcome Team Member: 10 friendly and welcoming adults who love to smile

- If you are unsure about serving in the classroom but are eager to serve new families, this is the job for you!
- Arrive 30 mins prior to service in order to welcome and greet families and guests and direct them to where they are supposed to go, walking guests to their age-appropriate classroom.
- Host the Check-in hub stations to assist new families learn how to check-in. You will be properly trained on this easy and efficient check-in system.

### JOB: FLOATER

Floater: 5 people who will show up and help in many different ways

- Do you have the gift of service? Harvest Kids could use your help on Sunday mornings.
- Support the small and large group leaders during activities by being an extra presence in the Harvest Kids hallways and rooms, extra pair of eyes and ears and hands are always helpful.
- We are looking for people who will remain calm and solve problems as they arise.