

Children's Worship Helper Application

Children's Worship ministers to children K4 through 3rd grade during church services at Briarwood Presbyterian Church every Sunday. We come along side parents to teach kids about God's love, His Holy Word, His commandments and Jesus' free gift of eternal life. Our ministry would not be as effective without volunteers who bring their God-given talents to be used as a service to our children.

Teen Helpers play an important role every Sunday from helping out in a drama, sitting with kids or leading worship. The children look up to our teen helpers for leadership even when the helpers are unaware of it. We have put in place a Code of Behavior for our helpers. These rules will be followed if a helper wants to continue working with Children's Worship.

Helpers and their parents should read over the Code of Behavior that is included in this application. After prayerful consideration, helpers should fill out the application completely then sign it. Parents should also sign the application, giving their Teen permission to help out in Children's Worship. The Teen helper will also need the recommendation of 2 members of Briarwood Presbyterian Church who are not family members. Please return the completed application to Barbara Lindsey or put it in the Children's Ministry mailbox in the Mailroom.

Thank you for your interest in helping in Children's Worship. We look forward to serving the Lord with you.

Many Blessings,

Barbara Lindsey
Children's Program Coordinator

Children's Worship Helper Code of Behavior

Respect:

- Helpers will respect the authority of all adults in Children's Worship (Titus 3:1-2)
- Helpers will respect all other teens and children (Matt. 7:12; Eph.5:21)

Example:

- Helpers will remember that they are examples for all the kids either while in Children's Worship or in their daily lives (Eph.5:15)
- Helpers will listen while adults are talking and will encourage kids to do the same (Prov. 1:5)
- Helpers will not use electronic devices during Children's Worship (phones, iPods, etc)
- Helpers will not play with props
- Helpers will not bring dangerous or destructive items to Children's Worship
- Helpers will not use profanity or any unkind words in Children's Worship (Eph.5:4)

Safety:

- Helpers will not pick up children or rough-house with them in any way
- Bathroom Rules:
 - o When a Helper takes a child to the bathroom, another child or another Helper must accompany them. If this is not possible, the Helper will stand outside the bathroom and wait on the child to come out.
 - o Only female Helpers may take girls to the bathroom. Only male Helpers may take boys to the bathroom.
- If a Helper observes kids fighting or arguing, he or she should sit between the kids and notify an adult before the end of Children's Worship.

Responsibilities:

- o Helpers will assist in setting up and taking down props
- o Helpers will quiet children as needed
- o Helpers may be asked to assist in dramas if that's one of their gifts
- o Helpers will walk children to the bathroom or water fountain as needed
- o Helpers may be asked to run the sound board/DVD player in the Chapel if they have been trained
- o 8am Helpers will walk children to Sunday School or visitors to the Sunday School table
- o 11am Helpers will stay in the Chapel until most of the kids are picked up

Miscellaneous:

- Helpers must be members of Briarwood Presbyterian Church & be in the 7th grade or above
- Area of service
 - o Miss Barbara has the right to ask a teen helper to go to the worship service if a teen helper is not being helpful or distracting to others.
- Approval
 - o Parents must approve application

- 2 adult references must be provided with a Helper's application. These references must be members of BPC and cannot be members of the Helper's family.
- Miss Barbara and other members of the Children's Ministry will review applications. Any that are not approved, will be notified.
- Breaking the Rules
 - First offense – Miss Barbara will warn the Helper
 - Second offense – Parents will be notified
 - Third offense – Helper will be asked to not come back to Children's Worship and parents will be notified
- End of service- Helpers should let Miss Barbara know if they plan to not serve in Children's Worship any more
- Friends- When you bring a friend to church, please stay in the service with your friend and your family. Your friend has not been approved to serve in Children's Worship.
- Absent – If a helper cannot make it to Children's Worship, he/she must notify Miss Barbara by email no later than 24 hours ahead of time with a replacement. The replacement must notify Miss Barbara as well to confirm the change.

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Name _____

Address _____

Phone Numbers: home _____ cell _____

Email: _____

Parents Names: _____

Current grade in school _____ which school? _____

Are you a member of Briarwood Presbyterian Church? Yes No

In which service will you usually serve? 8am 10:55am

How often will you serve? (circle one)

First Two Sundays
Last Two Sundays

Will this service be counted as Service Hours for school? Yes No

Circle area of interest...

Drama

Lead a Small Group (high school only)

Audio/Visual

Teaching (11th grade or above)

Song Leader

Puppets

Recommendations: (must be member of BPC and not a family member)

I recommend _____ for Helper in Children's Worship.

Signed _____
(adult signature)

Signed _____
(adult signature)

I have read and will abide by all Children's Worship rules.

Signed _____
(Helper's Signature)

Signed _____
(Parent's Signature)