

Please let us know if you would like to make a difference in lives of children through Early Childhood. Complete the information below and return this form to the Children's Information Booth in the Foyer.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Best way to contact you: _____

WHAT AREA INTERESTS YOU?

Infant/Toddler 1

- 8:00 5 volunteers
- 9:30 18 volunteers
- 11:00 14 volunteers

Toddler 2

- 8:00 3 volunteers
- 9:30 6 volunteers
- 11:00 2 volunteers

Preschool (3/4's)

- 8:00 4 volunteers
- 9:30 13 volunteers
- 11:00 11 volunteers

Preschool Worship

- 4 Tech volunteers (1 per month)

VANTAGE POINT

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Early Childhood
Team Leader

Our Early Childhood Ministry has the joy of working with our youngest children, birth to kindergarten. It is amazing to see the way that these kids are learning and growing. Each week we hear amazing stories of young lives being changed. There are a few challenges that are unique to early childhood.

1. We have a need for a lower teacher to student ratio.

For example, we work to have a 2:1 ratio with our infants. The ratio goes up with age but the need for more volunteers in the classroom is still significant. If we had a classroom of adults and three or four extra showed up, it would not be a big deal – three or four additional one-year-olds is a really big deal!

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2. **We have a need for consistent volunteers.** We would never ask our adults to have different community group leaders every single time they meet. They would never be able to get to know one another's needs and really "do life" together. The same is true on a bigger scale for our little ones. Separation anxiety, special needs, apprehension with strangers, etc. These are typically all a part of the life of a child at this age. We long to love these children by providing caring workers who are willing to get to know them and invest in their young lives.
3. **We prepare specialized curriculum every week.** Kids are like sponges at this age. Our curriculum team prepares quality curriculum every week. We need volunteers who are willing to help the children learn how to come to know Jesus and grow!
4. **We have lots of kids!** On Sunday mornings alone, Early Childhood averages 430 children a week in our classes. We have to keep all of our rooms open in order to meet the needs of that many children.
5. **We need regular volunteers!** Because of the number of classrooms, we need a lot of volunteers. We are so grateful for volunteers who are able to help us on a less than every week basis. However, you can imagine how much that increases the workload in recruiting. For example: we need 9 total workers to open a classroom during all services (three volunteers for each). If we staff with only once-a-month helpers, we would have to recruit 36 people to open the same classroom for the entire month ... 9 different volunteers each week!
6. **We need more than just "teachers."** We need check-in workers, tech help, worship leaders, baby rockers, etc... We have just the spot for you!

Below are specific age groups and current needs. Will you please pray about how you might be involved? Our desire at Fellowship is that on each Sunday morning everyone would be able to join in worship and to serve somewhere ... **Worship One, Serve One.** I'd love to talk to you about serving in Early Childhood! My email is royates@fellowshipnwa.org and my phone number is 479.659.3653. You may also complete the information form on the back of this Vantage Point and return it to the Children's Information Booth in the Foyer. ***I would be happy to visit with you more about how you can make a difference in the life of a child!***



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