



For Circle Leaders of Preschoolers only

What's a Circle Leader for Preschoolers?

During FaithWeaver Friends, you'll visit different Discovery Centers with a small group of preschoolers. You don't have to "teach"; instead, you'll experience the activities alongside your children.

Your role is to love, encourage, and enjoy the children in your Circle. If you've never worked with preschoolers before, the following tips will help you:

- Learn children's names. Call children by name often.
- You'll have 3-, 4-, and 5-year-olds in your Circle. There are big differences in their motor skills (such as cutting and coloring), so help children work at their own pace. Encourage 5-year-olds to help younger children when possible.
- Make eye contact with preschoolers when you speak to them. Kneel or sit on the floor a lot.
- Offer children choices. Ask, "Would you like to pretend you're happy or sad?" Don't ask, "What do you want to do?" or children may decide that they want to do an activity that's unavailable or inappropriate.

As a Circle Leader for Preschoolers, you'll be expected to...

- arrive 15 minutes early each day so you're there to greet children as they arrive. Your welcoming smile will bring smiles to anxious faces!
- greet each child by name. Help children put on their name badges each day.
- keep track of your Circle members' My Bible Memories Books and Preschool Activity Stickers sheets. Store these in a tote bag, and place the bag in a convenient location in your classroom or church.
- sit with your Circle during group activities.
- accompany children to Discovery Centers.
- repeat the weekly Bible Point often. The more children hear or say the Bible Point, the more likely they are to remember it and apply it to their lives.
- make sure all children are accounted for before leaving a Discovery Center! Be sure children hold hands or a rope as you travel. If a child lags behind, remind him or her to stay with the Circle. You may want to walk behind your Circle so that you can keep all the children in view and avoid traveling too fast.
- report any potential discipline problems to your director. He or she will help you handle problems appropriately.
- assist children with "journaling" by writing down their comments.
- collect children's name badges after each day's journaling.
- help children prepare their Bible Friends Dogtags for taking home.
- help children remember to take home their projects and crafts.
- release children only to a designated parent or caregiver. If an unfamiliar adult comes to pick up a child, refer the adult to the director.
- assist the director with cleanup.



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