

## Youth Sunday School Volunteer Code of Conduct

- **Appropriate Modest Dress:** Abide by the 4B's (no butts, no breasts, no bellies, no boxers). Please refrain from wearing clothing that is **Extreme** (extremely tight, extremely low, extremely short or contains extremely offensive words and/or pictures).
- **Appropriate Touch:** Please refrain from inappropriate personal contact (kissing, hitting, wrestling etc.)
- **Healthy Choices:** No smoking, drinking alcohol, or using illegal drugs at church activities. (We pray they will not be a part of your life outside of church as well.)
- **Respectful Use of Electronics:** NO electronic devices will be used during Kingdom TREK (cell phones, iPods, MP3 players, CD Players, gaming devices, etc.) Items will be held by the adult leader if they are being used during Sunday school.
- **Stay Where You Need to Be:** When you arrive to participate in Sunday school, please do not wander through the building; instead pick up the appropriate attendance binder and place yourself in the area you need to be in when the children are dismissed from the Sanctuary. After taking the children to the station, you will then remain there until all children have been dismissed or until the Guide dismisses you.
- **Positive Language Reflects a Christian Attitude:** Please use only positive language, no using offensive or obscene words or hand gestures. Refrain from name calling, teasing, and making fun of others. Remain an encourager rather than one who ridicules. What starts out as fun can quickly become hurtful.
- **Respecting Our Surroundings:** Take care of our space no matter where you are in the church. Do not damage or destroy property and clean up after yourself. You will be expected to help clean up and put away supplies after every class.
- **Maintain an Open Mind:** Listen to others without judging. Have an open mind to people and their stories...that's how we learn more about God, each other, and ourselves.
- **Have Fun:** Try to remain positive, be joyful and smile because we are created and loved by and amazing God!
- **Respect** each other. Respect the leaders. Respect the rules. Respect the children you are working with.
- **Follow the Greatest Commandment: Matthew 22:36-40**

*“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest? He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And the second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”*

Assuming a leadership role in Sunday school is a privilege. With privileges come responsibilities. The Sunday school team has dedicated many hours to making Sunday school a great experience for EVERYONE involved. Your participation can add to everyone's experience or take away from the experience for the group. Please help to ensure everyone has a positive experience by following the Code of Conduct.

Training will be provided and it is expected that all Sunday school volunteers attend.

**Discipline Plan:**

While we hope that a youth participating in Sunday school will uphold the standards of their position, the following plan will be followed if a youth is not following the Sunday School Code of Conduct, is not following directions, or is being disrespectful.

- First, on a one-on-one basis, the Sunday School Team Leader will remind the youth of the Code of Conduct (previously signed by parents & youth) and will discuss his/her behavior. Better behavioral choices and Code of Conduct expectations will be reviewed.
- Next, the parents will be called to discuss the behavior as well as whether or not the youth will continue as a Sunday school participant.
- Any further action will be addressed by the Sunday School Team Leader and the Pastor, along with the youth and his/her parents or guardians.

**Inappropriate Clothing Addendum:**

Should a youth Sunday school volunteer not be dressed modestly (following the 4B's):

- On the first occurrence, the Team Leader will quietly talk to the youth and discuss the importance of appropriate, modest clothing.
- If there is another occurrence, the youth will be given a t-shirt and/or sweatpants to wear for the duration of Sunday school. The youth can call a parent for a change of clothing, but will wear the t-shirt and/or sweatpants until other clothing is provided.

*While we certainly are not judging our youth's style, dressing immodestly can make others feel uncomfortable as well as distract from the focus of our activities and our focus on God.*

## 2017-2018 Youth Sunday School Volunteer Signature Form

### PARENTS:

I have reviewed the Code of Conduct and the Discipline Plan with my youth. I expect them to uphold these items while participating in Sunday school.

Parent Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### YOUTH:

I realize that I am in an important leadership position in Sunday school. When participating in Sunday school and church activities, I recognize the fact that my individual actions are not merely a reflection of myself, but also a reflection on children's ministry and my church. Because of this, I strive to abide by the Sunday School Code of Conduct, and Discipline Plan.

I commit to these rules, not just from a sense of regulation, but from a sense of caring for others as was taught by the example of Christ's love for all people.

Youth Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_