

Hello parents!

If you are receiving this letter, it is because your child has attended our [insert ministry name] Training. During that time, we have been discussing what it means to be a LEADER! We believe that students are at a critical stage in life. Helping them find purpose and keeping them engaged is challenging, but so important to us.

One of the ways we want to see this happen is through having our students grade 6-12 involved as **Team Helpers** in our children's ministry program. We believe giving them a sense of ownership and involvement allows them to grow, feel valued, and to discover more of who God has created them to be.

Of course, we didn't want to do this without your involvement and input, so here are a few things you need to know:

- (1) Your child's involvement as a team helper (at this stage) doesn't require any preparation at home, aside from reading their lesson a few times to know what will be taught. They will have a lesson that they will need to pick up from the church the week before they serve. We are asking that they show up **consistently and on-time each week** (when scheduled)! We would like our volunteers to arrive at least **15 minutes before the program begins**.
- (2) While we know that there are times when your child won't be able to attend, **we would appreciate knowing that in advance**. We are now giving your child a particular level of responsibility and we need to know if they won't be there!
- (3) Today your child completed an **"I Will..." Agreement** outlining our basic expectations. These are guidelines we have for all of our youth team helpers. We've attached a copy to this letter for you to read over, and discuss with your student (and us!) if you so desire.
- (4) We have also attached a brief "Job Description of the role we have placed your child in. We hope this will give you an understanding of what they will be doing.

If for any reason you aren't comfortable with, or are able to, have your student commit to this role, let us know! We want to partner with you to provide the best experience possible for your child.

Student Volunteer

“I Will...” Agreement

Being a leader means that we agree to certain guidelines. The guidelines for being a leader at [insert ministry name] are meant to help you follow God faithfully and be a good example to the kids we serve. Read through these guidelines and then sign at the bottom to show you AGREE and COMMIT to these things.

1. I will SERVE.

- I will show up as a leader every week. If I can't make it, I'll ask a grownup in my house to let the Pastor know, or I will contact them myself.
- I will work hard to be on time so I can do my job!
- I will work hard to keep other kids safe! That means I won't pick up little kids or take them to the bathroom. I should always be with a grown-up and not alone with other kids.
- I will be excited about [insert ministry name] and will do the job I am given happily!

2. I will GROW.

- I will grow in my own relationship with Jesus! Some ways I can do this are by going to church, reading my Bible, praying, and having Christian friends. If I'm not sure how, I will talk to one of my pastors or a grown-up.
- I will listen to the adult leaders at [insert ministry name] when they ask me to do something or try to give me advice - I want to GROW to be a better leader!
- I will have a HUMBLE heart and not act like I am better than younger kids or kids who aren't leaders.

3. I will SHINE.

- I will show God's love and kindness to kids and leaders who are at [insert ministry name].
- I will show RESPECT to everyone because God made them all special! That means I will use kind words, kind actions, and will have a kind heart.
- I will speak POSITIVELY while I'm at [insert ministry name]. That means I won't use swear words, rude language, or have a bad attitude with my words.
- If I have a problem, I will talk to the right person about it instead of getting angry with another kid or leader.
- I will do my best to shine Jesus' light everywhere I go! I will show people I follow Jesus at school, home, and with my friends - not just when I am at church.

I understand that if I do not follow this as best as I can that I may be asked to step down from my position.

Name (Printed): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____