



*If you are interested in volunteering with our Sunday morning Children's program, Encounter Kids, we would love for you to take a minute to read about our expansion and answer a few questions on the back about where you would like to be involved!  
(If you want to take this home, you can bring it back next week, or email the your response to [rachellemeiss@gmail.com](mailto:rachellemeiss@gmail.com))*

## E X P A N S I O N

**We are building a culture** for our kids to be free and empowered, establishing their identities as sons and daughters of God! This comes by allowing kids to encounter His presence, and through investing in them the truth and wisdom of the Kingdom. We have set up a format for our kids that will facilitate all of this, by bringing them through different themes that draw out their creativity, giftings, and passions, and that gives them opportunity to use those gifts in a real and powerful way!

**So we want to connect you:** powerful, anointed sons and daughters who are freely operating in your gifts, with our kids: to demonstrate and lead our kids into the same freedom you have in your gifts. Here are the themes we are starting with:

- **Art** – Where kids get to lean into creating with the Holy Spirit through different art mediums, as well as actually getting to learn technique and grow their skills.
- **Outdoor Adventure** – Learning about creation, plants and animals, exploring and other outdoor activities.
- **Dance** – Making flags and banners, teaching about worship and encounter with God through dance.
- **Music** – Bringing kids into encounter with God through singing, drums, songwriting.
- **ASL** – Learning a new language: American Sign Language.
- **Drama** – Connecting with Bible stories and making them come to life by kids playing the roles.
- **The Whole World** – Where people who have gone on missions trips come and share with the kids about different cultures and what God is doing around the world.
- **Children and the Prophetic** – Teaching kids about hearing God's voice and telling God's thoughts that bring others Kingdom identity and alignment.
- **Children Healing** – Teaching kids they carry and can release healing.

And in all of these expressions, we will be showing the kids how to lean into the freedom and creativity of the Holy Spirit. (You get the picture: We aren't going to have you going through the motions of a lesson plan or trying to just entertain these kids!)

**So we are asking you** to invest in our kids, by using a gift you are passionate about and operating in! Right now, we are specifically asking for your help as we go into the first phase of expanding: From March through August we will rotate through these themes with different teachers—to gain experience, learn, and build from there! This process will allow for all volunteers to give feedback and re-evaluate their commitment after 6 months.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

Take a look at the list of volunteer types, and  by the one that you are interested in.

- Teacher**– Preparing and teaching lessons based on one of the themes– Please *list* one (or more) of the themes you are interested in teaching: \_\_\_\_\_
- Preparation: Meeting with an Encounter Kids leader in advance to talk about lesson ideas and get you the supplies needed
  - Commitment: 2 weeks (in a row) (This can be once a year, to once a quarter, based on your availability)
- Helper**– Assisting the teachers, Help bring the kids to and from the Sanctuary, Set up snack, and Help with cleanup
- No preparation required
  - Commitment: 1 Sunday a month
  - **Circle** which Sundays you have available: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th or 5th Sunday
- Leader**– Creative development, Planning, Supporting & Meeting with teachers
- Commitment: 1 Sunday a Month
- Support**– Being available on an as-needed basis for Administrative projects or Special Events.

*Currently, our Encounter Kids is for our 4-12 year olds, and our Nursery is for infant-3 year olds. We are looking to the following program in phase two for our Toddlers & Nursery. If you have any interest in these age groups specifically, check the box below!*

- Toddlers**– Working with our 2 and 3 year olds.
- Nursery**– Caring for our babies, 24 months and under.

*Thank you so much for your investment in our kids! From here, our team will get a hold of you to talk more about the areas you are interested in volunteering with!*

**\*\*Because we love our kids:** To ensure they are safe, we will be requiring and performing background checks on all of our Children’s department volunteers. We will send a “permission to obtain background check” form for you to fill out and return. Thank you!