

## Children's Church Chaperones-Tips- South Aiken Presbyterian Church

- After the children's sermon, escort the children to the fellowship hall.
- Once every two months the children will return to the sanctuary to take communion and give their offering.
- It is sometimes important to have two chaperones if possible due to attention diverted with coaxing some children into children's church.
- Chaperones are responsible for making sure the doors are shut and for monitoring the door to make sure no children leave. No one should enter the children's worship area who are not ages 3K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade unless the youth are on the rotation to help. Also, an usher will enter to take a count for worship. If youth are being distracting and too loud, please feel free to tell them to be quiet.
- Help children to listen and stay focused on the leader during the worship portion.
- Help children with bathroom, safety, or behavior needs.
- During the order of worship, please participate as you would if you were a child. Learn the motions, learn the songs, and stand up when everyone is standing.
- When we move into the activity, assist the children with focusing on the activity or questions being asked. Try to help make connections between any part of the worship portion and their lives where possible.
- Try to learn their names and interact with the children as they do the activities and especially at the end as they may be anxious to see their parents.
- When parents start to arrive, please tidy up the worksheets, crayons, and any other materials and place them on the blue counter.
- Please wait until all children have been picked up by their parents. If their parents are already present, feel free to shut off the lights and signal to leave.
- Chaperones are so important to making a personal connection with our children during children's church. Chaperones have the awesome opportunity to make the children feel special and important. Thank you for your dedication and time towards making the connections seem real.