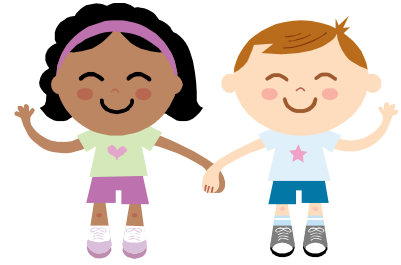


Join Us in Kid City!



What is Kid City?

Kid City is the children's ministry of New Community Covenant Church (Logan Square)—where children (infants-12 years old) are invited to connect with CHRIST, participate in authentic COMMUNITY, and radically advance the CAUSE of Jesus by learning what it means to live in relationship with God and others. Our vision is to see each child know, love, and follow Jesus Christ—embracing Him as Lord in all of life.

How Can I Serve in this Great Ministry?

Kid City is successful because of the team-based ministry approach of involving volunteers in roles where their love for God, interests, spiritual gifts, and skills intersect! We encourage our volunteers to serve as leaders in teaching and/or assisting Kid City age groups, working together to create appropriate ministry environments, ensure the safety of our children, and creatively participating in a ministry where children, volunteers, and families are valued.

We seek to ensure Christ's love is modeled in every aspect of children's ministry. Serving in children's ministry is a great way to build the Kingdom. You have the opportunity to share the Gospel with the next generation of Christ followers, pass on the incredible heritage of faith that we have through Bible stories, help children to apply biblical truth to life, and model authentic Christian community.

If you're ready to get involved, think about how you see yourself contributing to children's ministry.

Most Kid City team members are asked to serve in one of two roles. Which one sounds like you?

Teacher – Teachers usually have a knack for communicating and like to creatively tell Bible stories. They enjoy working with children and have good rapport with them, as well as the ability to appropriately garner children's attention when necessary. Teachers have an interest in leading their class through the day's activities. They get ready for the Sunday(s) they serve by reviewing the week's curriculum in advance, preparing all materials for the day, and arranging the order of the lesson as appropriate. Teachers will proactively work with assistants to decide on the week's activities and how the Bible story will be communicated. Teachers may suggest ways that assistants may be involved in leading activities as well. The teacher will set the example in providing a supportive, relational, instructive and fun environment for the children in their class.

Assistant – Assistants like to interact with kids, and can be a valuable and proactive support to Sunday morning teachers by being "on their toes"! Assistants prepare for the Sunday they are serving by reviewing the curriculum and discussing with the teacher what activities will be utilized and how the Bible story will be communicated for the week. During Kid City time, assistants actively participate in class leadership by helping keep children engaged in the story, games, and activities. Assistants are essential in not only helping keep order in the classroom, but also lead alongside the teacher in whatever way is called for in the moment. Assistants will follow the teacher's example in providing a supportive, relational, instructive and fun environment for the children in their class.

Once you've chosen your role, think about which age group you'd be interested in serving. Our children's ministry time on Sunday is currently divided into three age group classes:

Kid City Groups

Kid City Clubhouse: Infants/Toddlers (Up to Age 3)

Infants and toddlers are cared for by trained adults who love children in a safe, nurturing, and fun environment. This age group meets enjoys a time of free play (and a snack!) as there are no structured lessons or curriculum at this time.

Kid City Junior: 3 to 6 Years Old

Kids in this preschool-age group engage in worship songs, interactive Bible lessons, creative activities, and games to introduce them to the relevance of knowing and loving Christ. Teachers and assistants implement the lesson and activities for the day using the "First Look" Curriculum.

Kid City Senior: 7 to 12 Years Old

Children in this elementary-age group are taught to dig deeper into God's Word together with the teachers and assistants. Interactive Bible lessons, creative activities, and opportunities for conversation are provided by the "252 Basics" Curriculum.

Have you decided what role and age group you'd like to work with? If you have, great! You're well on your way. If you haven't, don't worry! Feel free to ask Amanda or another Kid City team member for help if you need more guidance before making your decision.

Either way, you will want to read the information below about how Kid City works:

Kid City Team: Monthly Scheduling

Once a Month Commitment

When you become a Kid City team member, you're committing to serve in our ministry at least one time per month. If you can serve just once per month, that's great! Most of our volunteers have made that commitment. However, you may want to prayerfully consider if you are available more than one time per month. If you can, let Amanda know how you see yourself serving.

Serving the Same Sunday Each Month

We ask that each team member commit to serving either the first, second, third, fourth (or occasionally fifth) Sunday of the month, and serve that same Sunday each month. This allows for consistency and predictability for children and families. It also allows you to become part of a ministry team, getting to know your fellow ministry partners as you serve together either the 1st Sunday, 2nd Sunday, etc. each month. Can you see it now? Go team 1st Sunday!

Obviously, this type of commitment involves some adjustment on your part for children's ministry to be enough of a priority that you are willing to serve the same Sunday each month, planning your schedule at times to

accommodate this commitment. But did you know that this means that if you are serving once per month, you're still only planning for 12 Sundays of serving a year? Seems do-able, right?

Also be reassured that it is understood that occasionally emergencies and/or illnesses or other commitments will arise that keep you from serving on the Sunday you are typically scheduled. If that's the case, let us know! We will support you in finding a substitute and working with your schedule.

Please feel free to contact Amanda if you have any concerns or questions about scheduling.

Kid City Team: Sunday Schedule

Early Arrival

Because we have a static ministry space, our team meets at gam on Sunday mornings to set up what is needed for Kid City. From dividers to blocks to our check-in station, we work together to ensure the space is clean and ready for the day's ministry activities. Please plan to arrive at gam on the Sunday you are scheduled as a teacher or assistant. Your help setting up is needed! Special scheduling concerns will be considered. Just talk to Amanda if you have questions.

Kid City Time

Our children are a valuable part of our church, and the way we have planned our time with them reflects the values we place on not only having "kid only" time, but incorporating families into the worship service as well. Here's a look at a typical Sunday for families and the Kid City team:

- ~9:00am: Kid City Team arrives for set up
- ~9:30am: Kid City Team joins other ministry teams in sanctuary for prayer
- ~9:45am: Check-In begins for families, facilitated by Kid City team members using our electronic system
- ~10:00am: Service begins. Families, including children, as well as Kid City team members, are invited to participate in worship time.
- ~10:20am: Children and Kid City Team are dismissed for Kid City time. (Teachers and Assistants guide children to classes downstairs).
- ~ 10:20/10:30am: Children arrive in classes and are greeted
- ~10:30/10:35am: Children participate in free play and introductory games, worship songs
- ~10:55/11am: Teachers/Assistants lead children in an interactive Bible story, prayer
- ~11:15am: Teachers/Assistants lead children in a hands-on activity/"craft"
- ~11:35am: Snack (Goldfish crackers and apple juice)
- ~11:50am/12:00pm: Assistants help as parents begin to pick up children/Teachers lead children in games to engage them while they are waiting on their parents
- ~12-12:15pm: Kid City Team breaks down/clears ministry space

Think you might be ready to get started? Great! Then fill out the "Kid City Application", return to Amanda, and let's get started!