



Living Truth Christian Fellowship
Children's Ministry
Volunteer Service Application

This application is to be completed by all Children's Ministry staff, lead teacher, and assistant candidates who are 18 years of age or older. It is one part of our effort to provide a safe and secure environment for the children who participate in our Sunday school, midweek, and special ministry programs. All information will be kept confidential, stored in a secure location, and used only by the leadership of Living Truth Christian Fellowship to prayerfully and appropriately assign individuals to service opportunities in Children's Ministry. Thank you for your time and interest in working with children.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND RESPOND TO ALL ITEMS.

Personal Information

Today's Date _____

Name _____ Male Female Birth date _____
(First) (MI) (Last)

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
(If under two years, list previous address also)

Previous Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

Marital Status (circle one): Single Married Separated Divorced Widowed

Christian Experience

How long have you been a Christian? _____

Briefly give your testimony, telling how you became a Christian _____

Have you been baptized since coming to know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? Yes No

What is your church background? (i.e., Baptist, Methodist, Catholic, Lutheran, etc.) _____

How long have you consistently attended Living Truth Christian Fellowship? _____

Which service do you regularly attend? _____

Where did you fellowship previously? _____

Were you active in any ministries at your previous church? If so, which one(s) and in what capacity(ies) did you serve?

Do you consider Living Truth Christian Fellowship to be your current church home? Yes No

Have you attended Living Truth Christian Fellowship's membership class? Yes No

Are you currently active in any ministries here at Living Truth? If so, which one(s)? _____

In evaluating your Christian experience, we are not concerned with what you were like before you became a Christian (2 Corinthians 5:17) or what you were like many years ago. Praise God for His forgiveness! Please answer the following questions in the light of your Christian experience only. The questions are not meant to be embarrassing or to imply that we demand perfection. Biblical qualifications deal with habits of life, or what you are characterized by. We all have moments when we fall short of God's standard. Please evaluate yourself based on your normal habits of life recognizing that we all depend upon the Holy Spirit and the promise of God to complete the work that He has begun in us (Philippians 1:6).

Are there any issues or concerns in your life that would negatively impact your Christian witness and hence jeopardize your involvement in any ministry at Living Truth Christian Fellowship? (i.e., marital infidelity, sexual immorality [homosexual behavior, the use of pornography, sexual relations outside of marriage] drug abuse, dishonesty in financial dealings and relationships, the use of profanity, gossiping, slander, the use of derogatory remarks and/or racial slurs, overly critical attitude). Yes No

Comments: _____

Do your children respect and respond to your authority and example? Yes No N/A
Comments: _____

As a Christian parent, is there any question in your mind about your qualifications to serve at Living Truth because of your children's attitudes or responses? (Note: Remember we are not talking about perfection, but about persistent patterns of behavior in children under 18 years of age). Yes No N/A
Comments: _____

Do your dealings with the community outside of the church demonstrate a lifestyle pleasing to God (honesty, reliability, kindness, etc.)? Yes No
Comments: _____

Do you believe that your devotion to God and love for what is good and right is an example for others to follow? Yes No
Comments: _____

Do you consider yourself to be serious-minded in spiritual matters, with calm judgment and able to handle disagreements and conflicts without demonstrating anger that leads to sin? Yes No
Comments: _____

Beliefs

We believe it is important for every person involved in ministry at Living Truth Christian Fellowship to have a solid Biblical understanding of important doctrines. This is especially important for those who wish to minister to children. In the space provided, please state what you believe about each subject given. Please include scriptural support for each response.

Who is Jesus Christ? _____

What is salvation and how is it obtained? _____

To the best of your ability, explain the Trinity. _____

Explain the significance of water baptism. _____

What is your belief concerning trials, sickness, and difficulties? _____

Do you believe that the Judeo-Christian scriptures are infallible and inspired by God? Yes No

What are your beliefs concerning the rapture of the church? _____

What do you believe concerning spiritual gifts? _____

Are you aware of any teachings of Living Truth Christian Fellowship with which you disagree? Yes No
If so, which one(s), and why? _____

Talents, Experience & Preferences

Note: Lead teachers must be at least 18 years of age. Assistants must be at least 13 years of age or otherwise approved by the Children's Ministry Coordinator.

Please indicate the age group or grade levels with which you would prefer to serve (you may choose up to three):

Infants & Toddlers PreK-K (3.5 - 5yrs.) 1st-3rd 4th-6th 7th-8th

I would like to serve in the following capacity (you may choose one or up to two):

Lead Teacher Assistant Sun. Substitute (lead/assist) Weds. Substitute (lead/assist)

Children's Ministry volunteer rotation schedules are re-evaluated and any necessary changes are made three times per year (in March, July, and Nov). In our efforts to provide consistency for the children and to engender discipling relationships between them and their teachers, we request that all volunteers consider serving a minimum of twice per month at the same grade level, in the same service opportunity, during the same service quarter. If you are serving in other ministries at Living Truth, it is strongly recommended that you prayerfully consider what constitutes a reasonable commitment level to Children's Ministry. It is also suggested that you guard against a degree of involvement in any ministry that may result in the neglect of your ministry to your family and/or of your own personal spiritual growth. With this in mind, please indicate for which of the following quarters and opportunities you are willing to serve (check all that apply):

Regular Service Opportunities:

(You may choose one or you may choose to serve for either Sunday service and for Wednesday Night Bible Club)

Sunday school- 1st Service Sunday school- 2nd Service Wednesday Night Bible Club

Which weeks of each month would you prefer to serve (circle all that apply)? 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th

Special Programs:

Christmas Program Easter Program Vacation Bible School Summer Camp

Please explain why you would like to minister to children at Living Truth Christian Fellowship?

If applicable, describe any previous experiences you've had working with children or youth in a church or community setting.

Please describe any special gifts, talents, and/or skills that you are willing to employ in service to Children's Ministry? _____

Have you had any training and/or certification in CPR or first aid? Yes No
If yes, please describe _____

References & Background Information

Remember that all personal information gathered will be strictly confidential, accessible to church leadership only, and kept in a secure place according to California State law.

List at least two Christian references who are not related to you and who can testify of your personal character and dependability. If you have prior experience in ministry or with children, please list those references that supervised you or worked with you.

Name _____ Years known _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Describe your relationship with this reference _____

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Have you ever been under discipline at any church or ministry? Yes No

Have you ever been charged or convicted of child abuse or of a crime involving actual or attempted sexual molestation of a child? Yes No

Are you currently under investigation for a crime involving children or youth? Yes No

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense, including the illegal use or sale of drugs? Yes No

Are you currently engaged in legal or illegal substance abuse? Yes No

Have you ever been hospitalized for alcohol or substance abuse? Yes No

Has your driver's license ever been suspended or revoked? Yes No

If you answered yes to any of the questions in this section, please provide explanations below.

Signature

I understand that being involved in Children's Ministry at Living Truth Christian Fellowship means that I am making a commitment to the following responsibilities:

- I will maintain and nurture my personal relationship with Jesus through regular prayer, Bible study, and fellowship with other believers. (1 Thessalonians 5:17; 2 Timothy 2:15; Hebrews 10:25)
- I will regularly attend Sunday service. (Hebrews 10:25)
- I will serve in a spirit of unity and loving support with our pastors and other ministry workers. (Colossians 3:12-14; Romans 15:5-6; Ephesians 4:2-3)
- I will arrive at my place of ministry on time and well-prepared, striving to present God's Word clearly to the children I minister to in a safe and warm environment. (2 Timothy 2:15; Colossians 3:23)
- I will make every effort to attend Children's Ministry meetings including any training and enrichment classes offered.
- In the event that I am ill or otherwise unable to serve during my scheduled ministry time, I will contact an authorized substitute as well as the Children's Ministry Coordinator in as timely a fashion as possible.

By signing below I affirm that the information I have provided in this application is true and correct and that I will do my best to fulfill the expectations delineated above. I hereby authorize disclosure of the information contained herein to ministry personnel deemed appropriate by the leadership of Living Truth Christian Fellowship for the purpose of approval and placement within Children's Ministry. I authorize Living Truth Christian Fellowship to contact all sources of reference and conduct any necessary background check for the purpose of making an assessment for approval to serve in the Children's Ministry.

Print Name

Signature

Date

**PLEASE NOTE: FINGERPRINTING IS REQUIRED OF ALL APPLICANTS 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER.
PHOTO ID BADGES ARE ALSO CREATED FOR ALL CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS.**

(Both are done on the premises)

I hereby authorize use of my photograph on the Living Truth Christian Fellowship website. Yes _____ No _____

Living Truth Christian Fellowship attempts to provide a safe environment for all who attend and participate in Children's Ministry programming. We are requiring that those serving in the Children's Ministry read and sign the statement below. This information is only for the use of Living Truth Christian Fellowship and will be kept in strict confidence.

I hereby certify that to my knowledge I do not currently have an active communicable disease. I also certify that should I become exposed to a communicable disease of which I have knowledge, I will immediately notify Living Truth of such exposure and diagnosis.

Print Name

Signature

Date