

sojourn



KIDS

SERVICE APPLICATION



PURPOSE: SojournKids exists to *assist parents in the spiritual formation of their children*. Our goal is to help children become disciples of Jesus Christ by:

- Teaching children the gospel of Jesus Christ, not just Bible stories or moral lessons.
- Using methods of instruction and interaction that are both excellent and age-appropriate.

We believe that only the gospel can change children, families, neighborhoods, and schools. As we minister the gospel to children, we are participating in Sojourn's larger vision of city transformation.

PEOPLE: We are seeking individuals for two avenues of service:

- *Sunday and Wednesday Bible Classes*—Servants with our Sunday classes make a six-month commitment to serve during one Sunday service while attending another service. Commitment cycles run from September to February and from March to August. Servants with our Wednesday classes make a six-week commitment. Opportunities include service positions on a classroom, desk, or support team. Substitutes are needed as well. Classroom teachers should have prior experience working with children either as a parent or in the classroom.
- *Childcare Special Events*—Servants with our childcare ministry serve as needed for events.

In order to serve with SojournKids, you must have a servant's heart, a love for children, and be at least sixteen years old. In order to serve with Sunday Bible classes, you must be a member of Sojourn.

CONFIDENTIAL SERVICE APPLICATION

This Volunteer Application is being used to help Sojourn Community Church provide a safe and secure environment for those who participate in our ministry and use our facilities.

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

- Name _____ Date _____
 Last First Middle
 - Area in which you desire to serve:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday Bible classes, 9:00 AM Sunday Bible classes, 11:15 AM Sunday Bible classes, 5:00 PM Wednesday classes, 6:30 PM Childcare for community groups Special Events 	3. Age group with which you desire to serve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infants (age 0-1) Toddlers (age 2-3) Preschoolers (age 4-5) Younger Elementary (grades 1-2) Older Elementary (grades 3-5) Quest Middle School/High School
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 - Present Address _____ How Long at Present Address? _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
 Former Address _____ How Long at Former Address? _____
 Former Address _____ How Long at Former Address? _____
 - E-mail Address _____
- Date of Birth _____ Social Security #: _____

6. Driver's License # _____ State of Issue: _____ Type _____
Expiration Date _____

7. Have you ever been known by any other name? Yes No if yes, list all other names (include maiden name).

BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE:

In today's society, diligent and prudent care is imperative for the protection of children and youth. The questionnaire below has been developed and implemented as a means of assisting Sojourn in fulfilling its obligation to provide a safe and secure environment for the children in our care. This questionnaire is a key part of our due diligence in determining suitability of applicants for Sojourn's children's and youth ministries. Some questions may seem personal, intrusive or even trivial but they are important due to the nature of service and vulnerability of children. All questions must be answered before any individual will be considered for childcare service with Sojourn. Once completed, this application will be maintained in a confidential file.

8. Have you ever been convicted of, plead guilty to, or are charges pending for a crime other than a minor traffic violation or are there any charges currently pending against you?
Yes No If yes, please explain on a separate page.

9. Have you ever been accused, charged, and/or convicted of domestic violence, actual or attempted child abuse or neglect, child molestation, or any sexual or assault crime related to persons?
Yes No If yes, please explain on a separate page.

10. Have you ever been the subject of a civil lawsuit involving, or an investigation or allegation of, sexual misconduct, sexual harassment or other immoral behavior or conduct involving adults or children?
Yes No If yes, please explain on a separate page.

11. Is there any reason, including those that are physical or mental health related, that might keep you from effective work with children/youth or that cause a child potential harm?
Yes No If yes, please explain on a separate page.

12. Have you ever been addicted or concerned that you were addicted to illegal drugs, alcohol, pornography, or another harmful substance? Do you presently use any illegal drugs or substance?
Yes No If yes, please explain on a separate page.

11. Do you have an investigation, review, or disciplinary action pending by an employer, organization in which you volunteered, or professional association for sexual misconduct, violence or misconduct involving children?
Yes No If yes, please explain on a separate page.

12. Were you a victim of abuse or molestation as a minor? If you prefer, you may discuss your answer in confidence rather than answering it on this form. Answering yes will not automatically disqualify an applicant.
Yes No If yes, please explain on a separate page.

13. Did you or an immediate family member experience any sexual or physical abuse as a child that could influence you to be a danger to children? Do you struggle with any desire to act sexually towards children or to harm children?
Yes No If yes, please explain on a separate page.

14. Have you ever abused a minor or engaged in conduct including abduction for immoral purposes, sexual assault, failing to secure medical attention for an injured child, pandering crimes against nature involving children, taking indecent liberties with children, neglect of children, obscenity offenses or similar moral impropriety involving children?
Yes No If yes, please explain on a separate page.

CHURCH BACKGROUND AND MINISTRY WORK WITH CHILDREN/YOUTH:

Present Church Membership _____ How Long? _____

Address if other than Sojourn _____ Phone: _____

Ministry Area: _____

List other church(s) where you have been a member, attended, served as a volunteer, or been employed in the past 10 years (use separate page if needed):

Church Name & Address	Phone – E-Mail	Ministry Areas	Dates of Service

List non-church work involving children and youth (Little League, Boy Scouts, YMCA, etc.).

Organization Name & Address	Phone – Fax – E-Mail	Area of Service	Dates of Service

Personal References – (Must not be family or Sojourn staff)

Name	Address	Phone – Fax – E-Mail

Read Carefully

In consideration of the receipt and evaluation of this application by **SOJOURN COMMUNITY CHURCH**, I agree and represent that the information contained in this form is correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize **SOJOURN COMMUNITY CHURCH** and/or its agents to make an independent investigation of my background, references, character, past employment, education, driver history, criminal or police records, including those maintained by both public and private organizations and all public records for the purpose of confirming the information contained on my Application and/or obtaining other information which may be material to my qualifications as a volunteer now and, during my tenure as a volunteer with **SOJOURN COMMUNITY CHURCH**.

I authorize any references, or any other person or organization, whether or not identified in this application, to give you any information (including opinions) regarding my character and fitness for volunteer service. I hereby release any individual, church, denominational agency or official, reference, or any other person or organization, including record custodians, both collectively and individually, and whether or not identified in this application, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind or nature which may at any time result to me, my heirs, or family, on account of compliance or any attempts to comply with this authorization, excepting only the communication of knowingly false information. I further state that I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE FOREGOING RELEASE AND KNOW THE CONTENTS THEREOF AND I SIGN THIS RELEASE AS MY OWN FREE ACT.

This is a legally binding release that I have read and understand. I understand that I may consult with an attorney before signing this document. A facsimile or photocopy of this authorization shall be as valid as the original.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please remit to:
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