

### Trainee's Personal Declaration:

I am interested in training to help with MEC Children's Church, and understand that it is a chance to grow in my own faith.

- I have submitted to Jesus as Lord
- I work hard to live in a way that pleases God
- I believe the Bible is how we know God and make Him known
- I am committed to helping kids understand that the Bible is true, and the only way that we can find out how to please God
- I will pray *for* kids in my Children's Church class during the week, and pray *with* them in lessons
- I will pray and ask God to help me, and use me, when I teach
- I will be gentle, caring, appropriate and encouraging to the kids in my class, and try to get to know them and their families
- I will take responsibility for my learning. Before my lessons start, I will think about what I want to have a go at and make sure I let my trainer know. I will ask them how I am going at least once during my teaching block.
- I will respect the person who is training me
- I will follow Child Protection and Safety Guidelines that I have been made aware of by my trainer

Trainee's signature:

Trainee's name:

Date:

My mobile:

*...so that you can receive texts to let you know when you are on the roster*

# Training for teenagers at MEC Children's Church



You then be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say, entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

2 Tim 2:1-2

## About Children's Ministry at MEC

At Maitland Evangelical Church, we have prayed for you, taught you and got to know you with the aim that, by the grace of God, you are saved, and are continuing to be trained in godliness. The next step of Christian maturity that Paul tells Timothy to help his church with is that they should be equipped to do good works (2 Tim 3:16-17). This is so that you can play your part in our church's vision to be salt and light in the city of Maitland.

## Training at MEC

We are keen for all people in our congregation to be equipped to serve God by using their abilities and availability to serve His church. One way of doing this is helping with Children's Church. If you are thinking of helping at MEC Children's Church, you need to:

- have submitted to Jesus as your Lord
- be living in a way that pleases God
- believe the Bible is how we know God and make Him known
- be committed to helping kids understand that the Bible is true, and the only way that we can find out how to please God
- be willing to pray *for* kids in your Sunday School class, and pray *with* them in lessons
- be gentle, caring and encouraging to the kids in your class, and get to know them and their families
- respect the person who is training you

## What do I have to be able to do?

If you want to work with kids at MEC, there are three things that we want you to be able to do already

1. explain why we need Jesus
2. pray with the children
3. play with the children

We will work together with you, at your own speed, to help you learn any other skills or knowledge that you need.

## What will training involve?

Training involves finding out what you can already do, and then developing new skills that are one step on from that. You will be paired with one of our Children's Church teachers for a year, so that you can see how they do things and have a go at a few things yourself.

For example, you may want to start off taking responsibility for one of the more straight-forward parts of the lesson such as:

- prayer
- singing
- the memory verse
- the mission spot
- a game

Then, when you are confident with that activity, you can move on to others, trying one at a time (or more than one as your confidence grows).

Eventually, you might give your testimony or move on to giving a talk or Bible Study. You will be given help as you work on this, and we completely understand that if you have a heavy study load then you don't have much time to do Children's Church preparation. Pray and ask God to help you to teach His word clearly and help the children to hear it, understand it, believe it and act on it.

We want you to enjoy your time in Children's Church and feel good about what you do. You won't be put under any pressure to do things you don't want to. Be faithful when you prepare, but don't worry too much about mistakes, or ideas that don't work- it happens to all of us and it is how we learn!

## How will I be supported?

We thank God for what you are doing to build up our Children's Ministry and our church. The Children's Church Coordinator will regularly ask you how you are going with your trainer. and your lessons We will pray for you, and offer any help we can.