

# What Are My Responsibilities as a Small Group Leader?

## **Love and respect the students**

No matter what!

## **Come to class prepared**

Tonight you will get the first two week's lessons. Next week you will be getting a CD with all of the year's materials on it. There is also a binder in the resource room with the entire year printed out. Feel free to make copies. Have one handout for each student. Take a look at the lessons and let Paul and Laurie know ahead of time if you have any questions.

## **Build a relationship**

This is the main reason we are here! Get to know the kids, take an interest in their lives, ask them questions and then be sure to listen.

## **Sit with your small group during Worship**

We are encouraging the parents to attend *The Story* adult Bible study during confirmation. We ask that you gather your small group and sit together during worship. Keep them focused on the worship and not on each other.

## **Encourage participation**

Some kids have no problem talking, others are more shy. Be sure everyone in the group discussion time has a chance to participate and feels heard.

## **Maintain discipline**

Be firm about expectations and set up boundaries so everyone feels safe. If you are having discipline problems, contact Paul or Laurie.

## **Help your student see how God is working in their life**

We will be talking all year about how God isn't some "out there" God, but a God that is and wants to be involved in all of our lives. Share stories often about how God has worked in your life and help the kids see the same.

## **Take attendance each week**

You will have an attendance sheet in your room. Track who does NOT come each week.

## **Read the kids' journals**

The kids are required to journal weekly. Glance over their journals and track who has NOT journaled weekly. We will periodically ask them to turn in their journals so they can be read and commented on.

## **Encourage the kids to read *The Story* Teen Bible**

Each kid will get a *The Story* Teen Bible to keep and take home. They should read the chapter we are discussing *before* they come to class. Remind them of which chapter they should read for the next week.

## **Pray with the kids**

End each class time with prayer.

## **Fill out paperwork for a background check**

This is required by First Lutheran Church for all people who work with kids.

## **Be available to help with activities as needed**

Paul will be doing activities and service projects. If you are available to help, great!

## **Let us know how it is going!**

Be sure to let us know if you have questions, problems, or celebrations! Kids at this age are wonderful and sometimes challenging, but always loved children of God. Remember, we are here to help.

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