



## SERVING GUIDE: YOUTH CHURCH

Youth Church is a program delivered to youth in school years, Year 6–8, during the time of the sermon at both the 9am and 11am services.

At the start of each term Youth church leaders will be sent an email from the Youth Church Team Leader. This outlines which Bible passage will be covered each week of that school term.

The allocated weeks of serving on Youth Church are within the WEC Sunday Service Roster. This is emailed to all WEC members who are members of a ministry team every three (3) months.

Youth church follows a set structure;

### **Term 1 & 3:** Youth Church Lessons

Youth attend youth church lessons outside of the main church service. They commence in the service and leave in the break.

### **Term 2 & 4:** Listening to Sermons

Youth receive guidance and training on how to listen to the sermon in the main church service. This will occur with a briefing (before the sermon) and debriefing (following the sermon).

The following outlines specific instructions for Youth church leaders for these two programs:

### **Term 1 & 3: Youth Church Classes**

1. During the week, pray for the youth that you are involved in shepherding, asking God to help you to explain his word clearly, and that he would help the kids to understand and grow in their love and knowledge of Him.
2. If you are responsible for the teaching at youth church on Sunday:
  - 2.1. During the week you will need to review the passage and Bible study questions in preparation for teaching the youth, in an age appropriate manner.
  - 2.2. Prior to Sunday discuss with the Youth Church Team Leader if you have any questions or concerns regarding the Bible study or youth group members.

### 3. On Sunday:

- 3.1. Arrive at church prior to 9am or 11am services with enough time to prepare for Youth Church, set up the room and pray with your co-leader.
- 3.2. Stay in the main service with the youth until the completion of the kids talk.
- 3.3. Welcome new members and ask their parents to fill out a Kids/Youth Registration Form.
- 3.4. Take the roll.
- 3.5. Complete the study. Aim to be enthusiastic and excited about God's word (the kids will learn most when you are excited about what you're teaching). Shepherd youth towards a growing maturing faith in Jesus Christ.
- 3.6. Participate in games, music and other activities.
- 3.7. At completion of Youth church assist in the packing up of the room and debrief with the co-leader and provide feedback to the Youth Church Team Leader regarding the lesson and youth. Inform the Youth Church Team Leader if there is need for supplies/resources/or other requirements for youth church as they arise.

### **Term 2 & 4: Listening to Sermons**

During the week, the Youth church leader serving on Sunday will pray for the youth that they are shepherding, asking God to help to explain his word clearly, and that he would help the youth to understand and grow in their love and knowledge of Him.

The Youth church leader will review the passage to be preached in the upcoming Sunday service and prepare for potential questions/ issues that may be raised by the youth.

During the church services at 9am & 11am the youth partake in the following;

**Briefing:** When the break begins youth meet outside. A Youth Church leader (or father of a youth church child) will take the teens aside to discuss the passage, the potential issues that may arise and what to expect from this sermon.

**Sermon:** The Youth Church Teens will listen to the sunday sermon and take notes in a booklet that we provide them. We will give them pointers on how to take notes, as well as how to stay focused and formulate questions about the sermon.

**Debrief:** Youth will again join back with their leader (or father of a youth church child) to discuss the sermon and what was said. Youth will get a chance to share their thoughts and ask questions about the sermon.