**Fresh Start Community Church**

**Ministry Job Description:** FS YouthSunday School Teacher

**Goal of Position**

The purpose of this position is to nurture the spiritual lives of our youth. At this stage of life, they are looking for direction and application of God’s teaching. Teachers will teach their students to know who God is and disciple them into a living, growing relationship with Jesus, recognizing always that it is the work of the Holy Spirit to convince a teenager to respond to the gospel message.

**Responsible to**

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**Job Description**

Sunday School is a vital ministry of your church. It’s a program that provides one of the best means of nurturing faith and so will require people willing to be “*God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him.” (1 Peter 2:9b – The Message)*Teachers plan and prepare Bible lessons, lead Bible lessons, contact students, interact and support students, and serving as role models to the youth in their classes.In addition, teachers will:

* Tell God’s story to impressionable hearts.
* Model Christ’s love so learners will see Jesus in you – be passionate about God’s story of
 salvation.
* Love God and what he has done in your life.
* Have a heart for youth and loving those in your class.
* Know the participants in your class, the types of learners and any issues any of them might
 be struggling with.
* Pay special attention to any member that may provide difficult challenges let them know you won’t give up on them. Look for ways to build a relationship with them outside of class.
* Build a relationship with your class and let them know you as a person, not just “the teacher”
* Pray regularly for the people in your class.
* Share your own faith journey with your group.
* Be committed to your Church, its core values, and long term goals.
* Attend meetings and training events.
* Serve those you lead
* Be willing to grow spiritually.
* Be dependable, consistent and committed to your task.
* Commit to preparing well and carefully for each lesson, then commit your lesson to God.
* Foster a sense of security with your students by letting them know simple routines and the
 intentions for your class.
* Have fun and enjoy those God has entrusted to your care.

**Time required**

Two to three hours a week, including preparation time. 9 am – 9:50 Time slot on Sunday mornings specifically.

**Length of commitment**The basic responsibility of a Sunday School teacher is to develop a loving and caring relationship with the students in their class that will help nurture their spiritual lives. To do this, students will benefit most and be blessed from teachers who are willing to commit to at least one (1) year of teaching.

**Training Provided**In order to develop people in their ministry roles it is important that teachers are provided with training and equipped to teach with confidence. Such a meeting will orient those who are new to this role and refresh memories of those who have done this before, as well as give the group the feeling of being united in this ministry – that they are part of a team. Training should include lesson planning, classroom management, ideas to build relationships, safe church policies etc. Some of this training will be in person while the bulk of the training will be done through online programs including:

How to Share the Gospel Story

The Importance of Sunday School

How to Disagree

**Qualifications or special skills**

As someone who is nurturing others in their faith, it’s vital that a Sunday School teacher takes care of their own spirituality, spending time in scripture, prayer and worship. Additionally, teachers should be team players, flexible, open to learning, have a positive attitude, love working with children and know how to have fun, laugh and enjoy life.

Lastly, the church is not just a place of worship and where ministry programs happen, but also a place of safety and trust. Parents will want to know that they are in a safe environment. As such, those serving in any ministry program will be required to provide a current police background check.

**Benefits to this position**In your role as a Sunday School teacher, you will likely be challenged in some ways, but you’ll also be blessed in abundance. Here are some things you can expect:

* *Help others in their faith development*
* *See hearts and minds unfold and blossom*
* *Build relationships with the people of your church*
* *Growth in your own faith journey*
* *Affirmation of your gifts*
* *Develop lasting friendships with other teachers*
* *Joy in seeing God at work through this ministry*

*Most of the information provided for this document was taken from the booklet “So you’ve been asked to Teach Church School” by Jessie Schut. Some additional information came from a Network article (Leading a Child to Jesus) written by Laura Keeley.*