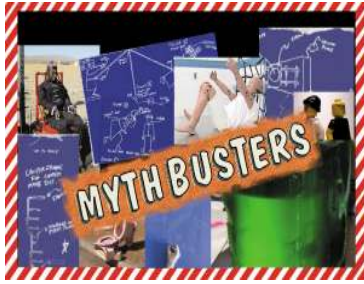


7 Myths about Children's Ministry



MYTH #1. I'm not a "teacher" and I'm not that comfortable around kids, so I wouldn't make a good volunteer.

TRUTH. There are many roles you can fill without being a teacher such as serving in a supporting or non-teaching role. There have been volunteers who gave it a shot in our nursery, toddler or classroom environments and ended up having a lot of fun! They were pleasantly surprised as they started to feel more comfortable around kids while enjoying the added benefit of making new connections with the adults on their ministry team.

MYTH #2. I can't serve during a weekend service, so there's no role for me.

TRUTH. There are a variety of tasks that can be completed behind-the-scenes that will support our teaching teams and childcare departments. If you can serve during the week for just an hour or two, we have a once-a-month serving opportunity for you!

MYTH #3. I don't have enough Bible knowledge to serve in the classroom.

TRUTH. You don't have to be a Bible scholar to serve as a classroom helper or even as a teacher. Many volunteers have shared that their best Bible learning happened while serving in a child's classroom!

MYTH #4. If I serve, I won't be able to listen to the messages or attend services.

TRUTH. You can serve as little as 1-2 hours a month at a Saturday evening service and then attend the following Sunday morning service. Or vice versa! We like to say, 'See One, Serve in One'. You can also listen to the weekend's message online @ www.ac3.org.

MYTH #5. I don't have time to prep a Bible lesson, games, crafts and serve in the classroom.

TRUTH. You don't need to! Each classroom's lesson and activity options are pre-planned and 'mostly' prepped for our classroom teams.

MYTH #6. I don't have kids in children's ministry, so I'm not needed.

TRUTH. Many of our key volunteers don't have kids in our children's ministry. They jumped in because they wanted to make a positive impact on families attending AC3. Honestly? We don't know what we'd do without them!

MYTH #7. My kids wouldn't want me in their classroom and I would be a distraction to them.

TRUTH. The truth is, I don't know of one child at AC3 that wouldn't LOVE to have their parent(s) participate with them in their classroom, actively cheering them on in their faith journey.

Looking forward to partnering with you in 2010!

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