



Job Description

Job Title

Lead Teacher for Preschoolers with Special Needs

Job Relationships

Supervised by: Special Needs Ministry Coordinator

Supervises: Class Volunteers

Position Summary

Lovingly lead the Sunday morning class for students with special needs, creating an appropriate, safe, and Christ-centered educational environment so that Asbury's kids ministry is readily accessible to preschoolers of all abilities and their families.

Adapt curriculum for weekly lessons in advance, so materials can be collected and lesson plans can be communicated to the coordinator and volunteers.

Manage volunteers, including communicating the class schedule, lesson plan and expectations for the week, and focusing volunteers' activity in the classroom to best support the lesson plan and meet the individual needs of the students.

Establish relationships with families to learn more about the needs of the student and their family. Be intentional about regularly connecting with families by using emails that include details specific to their child's class so that families will feel more connected to what is happening in the ministry and free to ask questions or provide comment, leading to more engagement in the ministry and its growth.

Qualifications

Education and Experience:

- Hold, or be pursuing a college degree in Special Education related field. Candidates with advanced degrees also considered.
- Experience in an education setting working with preschoolers and/or young children with special needs (including, but not limited to special education, speech pathology, occupational therapy, behavioral therapy)
- Volunteer management experience is beneficial, but not required.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Have a growing faith and relationship with Jesus Christ
- Must have a love for families affected by special needs.
- Knowledge of appropriate behavioral interventions
- Creatively adapt curriculum and classroom activities to students with different needs
- Must have an outgoing personality
- Excellent organizational, verbal and written communications skills

Working Conditions

Part time, hourly position, 2-3 hours weekly, no benefits