



Dear Children's Ministry Volunteer,

Thank you for showing an interest in becoming a volunteer in the Children's Ministry at Vision City Church. In considering how you can best serve the Lord in this ministry, you must be a born again Christian and consider Vision City Church as your home church, having shown regular weekly attendance for at least 6 months.

Attached you will find the Children's Ministry Questionnaire form requesting information of a personal nature from you. Let me take the time to explain the purpose of this information being provided to Vision City Church.

As we have all been made aware of society's sins through the media, it is now more important than ever to maintain our Christian character and witness to those around us. The Church is by no means exempt from this scrutiny. In fact, it seems to be more and more the center of attention regarding the mistakes and falling away of individuals from the morals they once claimed.

At Vision City Church we desire to follow the biblical mandates found in scripture. *1 Timothy 3:1* says "Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task." This portion of scripture brings things into greater perspective in verse seven- "He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap."

As you consider your involvement in this ministry, understand that it is a position of an "overseer" in the Nursery and Children's Ministries. As such we are attempting to define a standard which will accomplish that which the scriptures speak of as well as the expectations of the society we live in. Enclosed are two documents - **Children's Ministry Questionnaire** and **Background Investigation Consent Form**. Both documents need to be filled out in their entirety. Let me explain the purposes of each:

Children's Ministry Questionnaire - Because we are asking for your involvement in the lives of children and their parents, applications in the children's ministry are looked at as needing to have a general knowledge of the Bible and associated doctrines. You may be a new Christian and feel lacking in knowledge. I encourage you to answer the questions honestly and openly. If you don't know the answer just write "not sure". I will be happy to discuss it with you. This is designed to provide general information regarding you as a person and you as a Christian. Should you not know answers to some of the questions regarding doctrine, don't worry, that's what God's Word is for. Use it along with a good concordance to accurately state your beliefs.

Background Investigation Consent Form - Due to the nature of our ministry to minors, we as a church want to be above reproach as well as have a standard of excellence regarding the character, both past and present, of our volunteers. As a Christian you have seen the gift of redemption through Christ erase your sinful past. This check could possibly bring to light some of your "past" which may be sensitive in nature. The purpose of such information is not to cast judgment, but rather to know that you have maintained "a good reputation with outsiders" (*1 Timothy 3:7*), in accomplishing the "noble task" (*1 Timothy 3:1*), which God has called us to.

Since we are trusting you for the information provided to be accurate and honest, you have to know that this information will be kept in confidence. The Children's Ministry Pastor and the leadership of Vision City Church will be the only individuals who have authorized access to any and all information reported in the background check. If after looking over the enclosed documents you feel uncomfortable regarding the request, which we are making, please contact us so that we can talk about this on an individual basis.

My prayer is that you have been given a full and complete understanding of why Vision City Church is requiring all their volunteers involved in ministries to minors to be fully screened. As a church, we will be a witness to the outside world since the standard to which we are striving is one that exceeds those defined by the laws of man. Of course, we answer to a higher source, and as such, take joy in knowing that these steps have been taken "so that your daily life may win the request of outsiders" (*1 Thessalonians 4:12*).

In His service,

Matt Enterline

Children's Ministry Pastor

Did you serve in any capacity at those churches? Yes No *If yes, please list below.*

Area served in: _____ Ministry Overseer: _____

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In the Children's Ministry at VISION CITY CHURCH I am interested in working with:

Infants – 2 Year Olds

3 Year Olds – Kindergarten

1st – 3rd Grade

4th – 6th Grade

Any Area

Have you ever been accused, convicted, or pleaded guilty to a felony? Yes No *If yes, please explain:*

Have you ever been accused or charged with a crime or incident involving a minor? Yes No *If yes, please explain:*

Do you have any communicable diseases? Yes No *If yes, please list:* _____

Have you had any training and/or certification in CPR or first aid? Yes No

Why do you desire to be in the Children's Ministry? _____

Do you have any previous experience in a Children's Ministry here or any other organization? _____

Any other experience ministering to children: _____

List any special spiritual gifts, education, or other factors that have prepared you to work with children. _____

Hobbies & interests: *(Things you like to do)* _____

SPIRITUAL INFORMATION

Are you a born again Christian? Yes No How long have you been saved? _____

Brief Christian testimony: *(Please indicate year of spiritual birth)*

Brief Christian testimony (*continued*):

Describe your spiritual walk with God at the present time: (*This is different from your testimony*)

DOCTRINAL INFORMATION

It is important to us that those teaching our children would be in harmony with us on the basic doctrinal issues. Please select one answer each for each question.

1. A child under the age of 12 is too young to understand the Bible. Yes No Unsure
2. Jesus Christ is fully God and fully human. Yes No Unsure
3. The Holy Spirit is an impersonal force. It is not God. It is not a person. Yes No Unsure
4. When someone is sick, the only reasons are: because they have sinned or because they lack faith to be healed. Yes No Unsure
5. The Book of Mormon is another testimony of Jesus Christ. Yes No Unsure
6. Do you believe in the bodily resurrection of Jesus? Yes No Unsure
7. Does God exist in three persons as One God; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Yes No Unsure
8. Do you believe that the Bible is the inspired and authoritative Word of God without error in the original writings. Yes No Unsure
9. As long as you have enough faith, you will be healed. Yes No Unsure
10. A 5 year old child is too young to understand salvation. Yes No Unsure
11. The only proof of being baptized with the Holy Spirit is speaking in tongues. Yes No Unsure
12. Jesus never claimed to be God, but was a good, moral teacher. Yes No Unsure
13. Repentance is necessary for salvation. Yes No Unsure
14. Does the Bible have answers to all of man's problems and questions? Yes No Unsure
15. As Christians, does God hear our prayers? Yes No Unsure
16. Do you believe the church will be raptured before the Tribulation period? Yes No Unsure
17. God created the Heavens and the Earth in 6 literal days. Yes No Unsure
18. Do you believe in the Second Coming of Christ? Yes No Unsure
19. Do you believe the Second Coming of Christ has already happened? Yes No Unsure
20. Does God still work miracles today? Yes No Unsure
21. Is there an actual Heaven and an actual Hell? Yes No Unsure
22. Are all of our prayers answered? Yes No Unsure
23. Is baptism necessary for salvation? Yes No Unsure

24. Why should a person be baptized? _____

25. How would you advise a parent who comes to you with this question: "My 10-year-old son wants to know how he can get to heaven. How can I explain that to him?" _____

26. Describe briefly the Ministry of the Church. _____

28. Do you disagree with any of the teachings at VISION CITY CHURCH? Yes No

If yes, which one(s), and why? _____

REFERENCE & BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Please provide **3** references. **THIS IS MANDATORY**. List persons not related to you, who have known you at least one year. Please do not list a Vision City Church Pastor or anyone under the age of 18. Please provide the complete mailing address, phone number, and email of each one. If the information is not complete, this questionnaire will be returned to you for complete reference information. All **3** reference letters (*which the church will send out*) must be received prior to approval to serve in the Children's Ministry.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY & COMPLETELY!

1. Name: _____ Years known: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: () _____ - _____ Relationship to this person: _____
Email: _____

2. Name: _____ Years known: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: () _____ - _____ Relationship to this person: _____
Email: _____

3. Name: _____ Years known: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: () _____ - _____ Relationship to this person: _____
Email: _____

In addition, if possible, list a pastor, elder, or other leader at Vision City Church who can give you a reference.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



We are excited that you are interested in being involved in the Children’s Ministry at Vision City Church.

Here are a few reminders of the commitments required of each volunteer:

SPIRITUAL COMMITMENT:

Understand that the same standards of personal conduct that apply to Pastor Garid (*Senior Pastor*) also apply to every member of the Vision City Church ministry team. Please note that if you do become part of this team, that you are immediately placed in a position that requires an even greater level of responsibility and accountability before the Lord and His people.

PRACTICAL COMMITMENT:

Vision City Church team members are required to be at the church at the appointed time for their department. Punctuality is a must!

The information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize any references listed in this application to give you any information that they may have regarding my character and fitness for children’s ministry. In consideration of the receipt and evaluation of this application by Vision City Church, I hereby release any individual, church, youth organization, charity, employer, reference, or any other person or organization, including record custodians, both collectively and individually, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind or nature that at any time result to me, my heirs, or family, because of compliance or any attempts to comply, with this authorization. I waive any right that I may have to inspect any information provided about me by any person or organization identified by me in this application.

In this ministry I will support the leadership of Vision City Church. If my application is accepted, I understand the impact my private life will have on this ministry, and those who I may not even know personally who attend Vision City Church. Thus, I will do my best to seek the Lord with all of my heart, soul, and mind.

Applicant’s Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Parent’s Signature (*if under 18*): _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

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BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION CONSENT FORM

The information provided below is **CONFIDENTIAL** and will be reviewed, only by those necessary, for background check.

I, _____, hereby authorize Vision City Church and/or its agents to make an independent investigation of my background, character, criminal, or police records, including those maintained by both public and private organizations and all public records for the purpose of confirming the information contained on my questionnaire and/or obtaining other information, which may be material to my employment and/or volunteerism with Vision City Church.

I release Vision City Church and/or its agents and any person or entity, which provides information pursuant to this authorization, from any and all liabilities, claims, or law suits in regards to the information obtained from any and all of the above referenced sources used.

The following is my true and complete legal name, and all information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Maiden Name –OR– Other Names Used: _____

Email: _____

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| Home Phone: () _____ - _____ Cell Phone: () _____ - _____ Work Phone: () _____ - _____ |
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Present Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

How Long at this Address? _____

Former Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

How Long at this Address? _____

Birth Date: ____/____/____

Driver's License Number: _____

Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____

State of Driver's License: _____

Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____