



Serving in Next Gen FAQs

Q: When and how often would I serve?

A: Great question! Little Village and Kids Village take place during the Sunday morning services. Middle School meets on Wednesday evenings and High School meets on Sunday evenings. Most roles in Little Village and Kids Village are best served by those who can commit to either a **weekly** or **bi-weekly** schedule. But if you're able to serve with a different frequency - **once a month** or as a **sub** - please apply! We will gladly work to add you to the schedule based on your availability. The nature of leading middle and high school students does require a weekly commitment for the sake of building relationships and trust.

Q: What if I do not have previous experience with kids but I desire to serve the church?

A: Previous experience with children or students is certainly important but is not necessarily a requirement to serve, depending on age group and role. It is necessary, however, to be a safe adult with a patient and warm temperament. Serving with children and students is an important part of our church's life together and we want to make sure to set you (and them) up to win.

Q: What's the application process like? What do I have to do to get started? How long does it take?

A: Your first step is to complete a Next Gen application online. From there, the team will follow up to schedule a brief interview and give you next steps for completing a background check and an abuse awareness training required for everyone serving in Next Gen.

Q: Where do my kids go when I'm serving?

A: If you have preschool or elementary age children, they can either hang out in Little Village or Kids Village twice OR they can be in class while you serve and then join you in the worship service. We would love to talk with you about the best way to make serving a great experience for your entire family.

Q: How old do you have to be to serve in Little Village or Kids Village?

A: Classroom teachers must be 16 years or older to serve in Little Village without a parent. Children ages 12 and up may serve alongside a parent in Little Village or Kids Village. Small Group Leaders in Kids Village or Middle School must be 18 years old.

Q: Do I have to be a Covenant Member to serve in Next Gen?

A: Yes, to serve in any Next Generation Ministry, you must be a member. If you have started the membership process and completed all four classes, you may be eligible to serve, so let's talk about it!

Serving in Next Gen - Next Steps

Thank you for your interest in serving in Little Village, Kids Village or Students. Within the next few days you should receive an email with a link to the volunteer application. Once you receive the link to the application, here are the next steps:

- Complete the online application.
- A Staff Member will be contacting your references.
- A Staff Member will contact you to set up a time for a volunteer interview.
- After being screened and trained, you can start serving!

Please contact a staff member if you have any questions about serving with our Next Generation Ministries!

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