**Summer Serve** is the opportunity to step into one of our weekend ministries to children just for the summer. As the school year comes to a close, many of the students who faithfully serve our church family will transition away from Denton for the summer break. This creates both the need and opportunity for others to serve in their place, primarily in Little Village and Kids Village. The commitment for Summer Serve begins May 21st through September 3rd. There are opportunities to serve at each Sunday service across a variety of age groups. Summer Serve is a great opportunity, especially for parents who might not be able to serve weekly during the school year. It might also be the perfect place for families or home groups to serve together.

All volunteers will complete an application and screening process, including a background check, short interview and training.

To get started, complete the volunteer application below and a staff member will follow up soon.

## Summer Serve FAQ

Q: What is the difference between Little Village and Kids Village? A: Little Village is our weekend ministry to children from birth-kindergarten. Kids Village is our weekend ministry to 1st-5th graders.

Q: Do I have to be a Covenant Member to serve in Little Village or Kids Village? A: Yes, to serve in any Next Generation Ministry, you must be a member. But if you haven't had a chance to take the Membership Class or are currently in the process of completing the affirmation process, you may still be eligible to serve.

Q: Can I start volunteering after May 21st and stop before September 3rd? A: Yes, we know that you may not be able to serve for the entire Summer Serve period. We would love to work with you and your availability and are glad to consider dates on a case by case basis.

Q: Can I still volunteer if I already have a vacation planned?

A: Yes, of course. We understand there will be a week or two that you might miss. As long as you communicate that in advance, we can arrange for a sub to serve in your place.

Q: What preparation do I need to do on a weekly basis?

A: For Little Village, there is no preparation required apart from prayer. Everything is set up and ready for you when you arrive on Sunday. To serve in Kids Village, you will need to study, read and pray through the lesson before you come on Sunday, which should take about 30 minutes.

Q: What if I do not have previous experience with kids but I desire to serve the church? A: Previous experience with children is certainly helpful but is not necessarily a requirement to serve in either ministry. You will be stepping into a structured environment with a team of people who are ready to support you. It is necessary, however, to be a safe adult with a patient and warm temperament. Serving with children is a privilege and we want to make sure to set you (and them) up to win.

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 along side of a parent in Kids Village. Small Group Leaders in Kids Village must be 18 years old.