

Pastoral Opening at Reservoir Church - Preschool Kids' Pastor (part-time)

Reservoir Church is a dynamic, multi-ethnic, inclusive, Jesus-centered faith community in North Cambridge, Massachusetts. Several hundred people, including over a hundred children and youth, are involved in our weekly Sunday services and programs, online and in person. We host thirty community groups and are involved in many local and global partnerships as well. In all that we do, we aim to inspire people to discover the love of God, the joy of living, and the gift of community. For more on our community, visit us at <http://www.reservoirchurch.org/about/>

Reservoir has an open position for a part-time (15 hrs/week) leader of our pre-school and kindergarten ministry. Our preferred start date is December 1, 2021 or earlier.

Job Description Summary

- Prepare for and lead our Sunday Godly Play program for babies through kindergarten-aged children.
- Serve as a resident Godly Play specialist, sharing this resource and approach to Bible storytelling and wonder and inquiry with the congregation.
- Develop and deepen relationships with volunteer team, including training in Godly Play.
- Collaboratively develop our values of community and belonging, stories of the Bible, and spiritual formation with the rest of the children and youth team.

Our preferred candidate:

- Maintains a vital, personal communion with Jesus.
- Has experience as a parent or teacher with Godly Play.
- Encourages children into a Spirit-filled life of following Jesus, rather than a pre-set worldview or set of rules.
- Practices relational skills of empathy, reconciliation, hospitality, and love that make you a delight to lead, partner with, and follow.
- Has demonstrated experience loving and teaching young children as well as experience facilitating or leading volunteer teams.
- Brings skill and experience with a diversity of people in a diverse congregation, which is intergenerational, both urban and suburban, multi-ethnic, LGBTQ-inclusive and anti-racist.
- Is at home in an open-minded, inclusive, innovative, post-evangelical community and faith.
- Is enthusiastically committed to personal and professional growth.

Reservoir Church offers our staff the following and more:

- A senior pastor, Board, and team that will be utterly committed to the development and empowerment of this person, including resources for training in Godly Play and ongoing learning and growth.
- A uniquely diverse church: multi-ethnic; members of significant socio-economic status but also a class-diverse, urban church footprint; fully inclusive of all people, including LGBTQ people; Jesus-centered and rooted in the Christian faith while non-dogmatic and open in theology and approach, roots and interest in social justice, Bible, Holy Spirit renewal, and innovation.
- Competitive pay and benefits.
- A wonderful, vibrant collection of young children and families.
- A warm, supportive, happy, low-drama and low-politics church leadership and congregation.

- A cutting edge approach in doing church, and Jesus/Kingdom of God ministry for and with a pluralistic culture.
- We are committed to a diverse candidate pool and to empowering leaders of color in our community in particular. We will welcome this pastor into a leadership team and community that is experienced in cross-cultural relationships.

Contact Reservoir senior pastor Steve Watson (steve@reservoirchurch.org) for a confidential conversation about your story and Reservoir, or to request further information.