

# Role Description - Trek and Journey Leaders

A youth leader is a teenager's main church contact. Leaders have the greatest opportunity, and responsibility, to affect lives of children for eternity.

## Role and responsibilities

A youth leader's roles and responsibilities will differ from one church to another but this role description provides some fairly common responsibilities.

## Interaction Time

Individual leaders will have varying responsibilities for Interaction Time depending on the types of events and numbers of kids and leaders. Leaders need to be flexible and willing to participate and assist in any way possible.

## Large Group Time

Large Group Time is a time for leaders to help students worship the Lord with enthusiasm and hear the gospel in a large-group setting.

Leaders can help in the following ways:

- Participate in large group activities.
- Maintain discipline.
- Assist the large group leader as needed.
- Counsel students who respond to the gospel.

## Small Group Time

During Small Group Time leaders have the opportunity to lead students in a variety of studies and conversations, depending on the level of students in the group. This is a time for students to recite verses for credit. This is also the best opportunity for leaders to develop relationships with students. Small Group Time can change a student's life.

During this time, leaders should do the following:

- Teach Bible studies and facilitate conversations.
- Listen to verses.
- Maintain discipline.
- Keep records.

## Leading a student to Christ

This is not a separate section of a youth gathering but is a critical component for all Awana leadership. The prayer of Awana is that every child and youth come to know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. To this end, the gospel should be presented regularly, resulting in students asking questions and putting their trust in Jesus Christ. A leader must know and be able to clearly present the gospel to youth.

Responsibilities of every club leader are the following:

- Be prepared to share a testimony.
- Be able to share the gospel.
- Look for opportunities to explain the gospel and invite students to believe in Jesus.

## Qualifications

A club leader needs to be qualified in the following ways:

- Have trusted in Jesus Christ as his or her personal Savior.
- Be growing in relationship with Christ.
- Be in compliance with the requirements of leadership in his/her church.
- Demonstrate an attitude that is attractive to students.

## Time Commitment

Three to four hours per week.