

# Children's Ministry Information Sheet

International Friendships, Inc.

For many of the international parents, their effective participation in a Bible study depends on having adequate care for their children. In addition, children living in a second culture often have a special need for acceptance and affirmation. Many are eager to learn more about the Bible and Jesus. Your help in this area serves both parents and children. In addition, you enable more American volunteers to serve in Bible study leadership because they are able to leave their children in your care.

## What ages are the children?

There are 4 levels:      Nursery (0-2 years old)      Sparks (K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade)  
                                    Cubbies (3-4 years old)      TNT (3-6<sup>th</sup> grade)

## What is a typical evening?

At 7:30 the parents drop off their children. There is a nursery for infants and toddlers. The older children gather to sing songs and memorize Scripture verses, and then listen to a Bible lesson taught by the Children's Ministry Team. After the lesson, there are crafts, games, small group time with a coach, and prayer.

## How do I, as the volunteer, fit in?

During the school year, work alongside the Children's Ministry Team assisting the children in directed activities or caring for infants and toddlers. Also you can join a team of helpers to lead Bible lessons, songs, or crafts. Follow-up with families of the children is also needed. IFI staff or seasoned volunteers are available to assist you as needed. We will be utilizing the AWANA format.

## When does the Children's Ministry meet?

Every Friday evening, 7:30 – 10:00 pm. The parents' Bible study groups alternate between church and home meetings. When the Bible study groups meet in homes, some parents bring their children to the church before the study and then return to pick them up afterward. For church meetings, the parents remain in the same building. Sometimes there are additional outreach activities such as Vacation Bible School.

## Where do they meet?

IFI uses the building of the Indianola Church of Christ, 2141 Indianola Ave. (1 block north of Lane Ave.), and the Buckeye Village recreational center.

## When will I be needed?

There are three ways to be involved:

- 1) Every Friday night, 7:00-10:30pm year-round
- 2) Friday nights during holiday and summer breaks
- 3) Every week to pray for the children and workers!

**Do the children speak English?** This varies according to age and length of time in the USA. Most of the children are able to communicate in English.

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