

Storytime Job Description

Title:	Storytime Children's Outreach Worker
Contract and hours:	12-month Contract (with initial probation period) 10 hours per week. Fridays 5hrs, 5hrs flexible working with some evening meetings.
Accountable to:	Emmanuel PCC and Vicar
Line Manager:	Associate Minister for Evangelism and Discipleship
Salary:	£7696 (FTE equivalent is £28,475)

Role purpose:

Storytime is an outreach initiative enabling Emmanuel Church Croydon to fulfil its vision of welcome, revival and discipleship for this generation and the next in South Croydon and beyond.

It is a ministry initiative targeting children and families from the nearby primary school. Currently around 10 families (approximately 50 people) attend regularly, most of whom would not feel comfortable walking into a traditional Sunday Service. Families first come for hospitality and activities at a moment that fits naturally into their lives— school pick-up on a Friday. Over time they hear Bible stories, explore faith questions, experience prayer in gentle and invitational ways, and build trusted relationships with Christian leaders and with one another. We use storytelling, hospitality, shared meals, and conversation, and offer an informal, relational pathway into faith

This role is responsible for the delivery and development of the Storytime initiative together with the existing team of volunteers with a focus on the care and discipleship of the children, under the direction of the Storytime lead.

This role involves:

- Oversight and pastoral care of children during Storytime
- Age specific lesson and activity planning
- Support of volunteers on the Storytime
- Pastoral support for Storytime members beyond direct Storytime contact
- Input and delivery of discipleship and bible study for parents (Including 1:1 Bible reading with parents)
- Periodic Storytime planning team
- Exploration of similar initiatives in partnership with another local church.

Person Specification

Person specification - Criteria	Essential/ Desirable
<p>Qualifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degree level qualification in any subject • Post grad teaching qualification • Theological training (e.g. diploma) 	<p>Desirable</p> <p>Desirable</p> <p>Desirable</p>
<p>Knowledge and skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrable experience of relational and collaborative leadership and teacher with excellent pastoral and interpersonal skills • Demonstrable ability to relate well to children and, young people in a variety of contexts, from different social backgrounds and across age groups or life stages • Sympathy with the doctrine and practice of the Church of England and the vision of Emmanuel Church • An experienced team builder and leader able to speak and lead effectively in both large and small group situations for families and children, confident and comfortable to lead change • A good delegator – able to empower and hand responsibility to volunteers (of all) and group leaders, while offering support and direction at key times, e.g. planning and recruitment • An evident drive for introducing children and young people to Jesus and growing both churching and unchurching children and young people in discipleship • Experience of successfully communicating the Christian faith in a way which is relevant to and inspires children and young people, able to resource high quality teaching material • Technical communication skills, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competent in Microsoft Office • Administrator of Church Suite • Able to appropriately and effectively use social media • Able to create and edit videos confidently • Highly organised, demonstrable self-starter able to effectively self-start and self-motivate • Able to exercise good judgement especially in the context of conflicting pressures and workload • This role is subject to Enhanced DBS disclosure. 	<p>All Essential</p>

Personal attributes

- A committed Christian and follower of Jesus
- Vibrant life of personal prayer and meeting God in Scripture
- Someone who leads and teaches by example
- Commitment to be fully involved in the life and worship of Emmanuel
- Collaborative, sociable with a good sense of humour
- Flexible, adaptable to change
- Resilience and able to see things in perspective
- Self-aware, able to ask for help and support

All Essential