

What is G.A.P.P. (Grace And Promise People)



G.A.P.P. (Grace and Promise People) is the name given to the Workshop Rotation model used for Sunday morning education at St. James. We are beginning our ninth year using this model.

Here's the Workshop Rotation Model in a nutshell: Teach major Bible stories and concepts through kid-friendly multimedia workshops: an Art workshop, Drama, Music, Games, Puppets, Storytelling, Computers, and any other educational media you can get your hands on. Teach the same Bible story in all of the workshops for four or five weeks rotating the kids to a different workshop each week. And here comes the extremely facilitator friendly part: Keep the same facilitator in each workshop for 3-6 weeks -teaching the same lesson *week after week* (with some age appropriate adjustments) to each new class coming in. The results are astounding, the kids love it, the facilitators love it, and we can't ever imagine going back to the old way.

Baby G.A.P.P. -Grade 2 will be using "traditional" Sunday school curriculum in a 'traditional' class setting.

Grades 3-Senior high students study a Bible story concept for 3-6 weeks by participation in a different workshop each week. The workshop rooms are decorated and painted with murals, etc. Possible workshops students will rotate include: Movie Theater, drama workshop, computer lab, art studio, game room, kitchen, story-telling and Bible skills. Each grade level or class will participate in one workshop each Sunday.

How can you help?

This program gives volunteers many ways to use their talents.

Shepherd or team shepherd: Shepherds are the relational part of this model.

Serve as "homeroom teachers" (there is little to no preparation work for shepherds).

- Be constant each week for a given group of children
- Accompany their students to the assigned workshop
- Participate in the activities planned by the workshop facilitator
- Pray with students and help with weekly Journaling



Workshop Facilitator: These people will make a 3 to 6 week commitment to plan and lead activities in one of the workshops. Facilitators teach the same lesson each week with few adjustments for age level. Facilitators receive a complete lesson plan, project instructions, and background information and are welcome to make changes, additions, etc.

Movie Theater: show a video, make popcorn, and perhaps lead a discussion

Computer lab: help students use the Christian software relating to the unit being studied

Drama: direct and act in plays/skits or puppet shows (may be video taped)

Kitchen: help students with a cooking project

Art Studio: supervise a planned art project

It has been our experience that people who would never have chosen to "teach" in a traditional classroom setting are enjoying sharing their talents with students for a short period of time.

Baby G.A.P.P. -Grade 2 teachers will be in self-contained classrooms, teaching traditional curriculum.

G.A.P.P. Superintendents: Staff the Christian Ed. office, collect offering, record attendance, answer the phone, and make copies, other projects as needed

Music/Gathering Leaders: Leader may volunteer for 3-6 week rotations (1 or more) like other workshop leaders or can commit for a longer period of time.

Conduct gathering time every week at the beginning of each session for music and worship.

We also need help with special projects:

- Painting
- Cleaning
- Decorating
- Special projects as needed

