

DEFINING A GOOD YOUTH WORKER

1. Personally touch the lives of the teens

Purpose: To lead teens to Christ, help them be baptized, and disciple them to grow in their faith.

Visit class rosters
Call teens by phone
Write encouraging notes
Notice them at church
Be present and friendly at activities
Be consistent and compassionate

2. Be a help and presence in the Sunday school class

Purpose: To greet and fellowship with the teens; to help maintain focused attention upon the lesson; to assist with the flow of class time; to help in dealing with any disruptions.

Be organized and prepared for your responsibility
Greet teens and talk to as many as possible
Assist the teacher when needed
Don't talk during the teaching
Greet teens after class

3. Encourage and serve teen parents

Purpose: To be in touch with the whole family and in communication with parents regarding their teens; to encourage and minister to specific needs; and to bridge the gap between the teens and the parents.

Praise the teen to the parent
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Share good news and decisions the teens make
Write parents encouraging notes regularly
Attend teen parent meetings
View your ministry as to the whole family

4. Assist in youth functions

Purpose: To help serve the teens and conduct the activity in a controlled way; to supervise the group; to disciple and fellowship with the teens.

If possible, be present
Participate in planning teams and details for youth functions
Be excited about each activity even if you can't go
Encourage and enlist teens to go to activities
Be an authority not just a buddy

5. Exhibit a strong Christian example

Purpose: To live and conduct our lives as living examples of fully committed Christians in every area of life.

Constantly guard your conduct with and without the teens
Balance personal and family life to stay strong
Remember you are constantly being watched
Be above reproach in every way
Behave properly with the opposite sex
Don't act like a teenager, act like a mentor
