

As a volunteer teacher at Ames First United Methodist Church...

We want you to have the opportunity to be creative in ways you teach the bible and the lessons.

- You will have a lesson plan to follow but feel free to venture from it also
- just be sure to stick to topic/theme and keep in line with United Methodist Theology
- use teachable moments

We want you to work with the children and other adult leaders to make a positive classroom atmosphere. This includes:

- helping the children to follow the code of conduct and applying consequences as needed
- refraining from cell phone use during the class unless taking pictures of class activities that are to be sent to Director of Christian Education

We want you to model prayer in the classroom

- during moments of prayer, model to the children ways to pray (there is no wrong way!)
- Close in prayer each session
- ask the children if they have any prayer requests and/or would like to lead the group in a closing prayer

As you respond to Christ's call to teach, Ames First United Methodist Church covenants with each teacher that:

The Church Will:

- Pray and support teachers as a congregation
- Provide curriculum materials
- Provide training experiences
- Provide leadership and resource persons
- Provide supplies, audio-visuals, etc
- Provide clean, furnished rooms
- Provide support and help from pastor and staff
- Provide opportunities for person Christian growth

The Teacher Will:

- Spend time preparing
- Be in the classroom before the session
- Attend worship and be a part of the total church
- Know persons in his/her class and recognize their needs
- Attend and participate in planning
- Show and share his/her faith
- Use curriculum approved by church
- Attend training events whenever possible