



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Why was the 4:10ers program created?

The 4:10ers program supports the mission of Floris UMC to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We want to invest in our students' spiritual growth by encouraging service combined with age appropriate Bible study, leadership training, and community.

Will the SIM program be discontinued?

Yes. Starting this fall the SIM program will no longer be offered.

Why is the SIM program being discontinued?

The SIM program provided service opportunities for students and fulfilled an important need in our Kid Nation classrooms. However, it did not fully support and equip our students to live Christian lives. We discovered that an unacceptably high percentage of SIMs were not participating in any other faith building programs. Our students need opportunities to develop their faith and be challenged to grow as Christian leaders in the community.

Are current SIMs automatically in the 4:10ers program?

No. Current SIMs must complete the 4:10ers application.

Why are 6th graders not eligible for the 4:10ers program and what will be offered for 6th graders instead?

As sixth graders move from the structure of Children's Ministries into a more experimental and social atmosphere of middle school, it is important to establish a strong foundation to prepare students for the expectations and service of the 4:10ers program. Sixth graders are encouraged to regularly attend middle school small groups on Sunday mornings and Crossroads on Sunday nights, as well as participate in the many other middle school events and church wide programs.

If I am not a 4:10er, can I still help in Kid Nation classrooms?

Only students in the 4:10ers program will be helping in Kid Nation classrooms beginning fall 2018.

What if I am not able to meet all of the 4:10ers expectations?

If a student has a concern with one or more of the 4:10ers expectations, we encourage you to contact Kelly Crespin at kcrespin@florismc.org to discuss your situation. We will help you determine if the 4:10ers program is for you. The 4:10ers program will require students to be committed; however, special circumstances will be considered on a case by case basis.

If I am not a 4:10er, what will I do on Sunday mornings?

Student Ministries will be expanding the Sunday morning program to include interactive small group classes at 9:15 and 11 a.m. for all middle schoolers and high schoolers. These small groups will be engaging and fun with Bible lessons, discussions, and activities geared just for teens. Students are encouraged to try these small groups next fall. Students may also attend worship service in the Sanctuary at 8, 9:15, or 11 a.m.

Will the 4:10ers be combined with the middle and high school small group classes for Bible Study?

The 4:10ers in grades 7 and 8 will meet in a separate room and not be combined with the regular middle school small group for Bible study. Depending upon the number of high school 4:10ers, these students may be combined with the high school small group. and high school small groups will be offered every Sunday of the month with a different lesson each week. The 4:10er students in grades 7-8 will meet in a separate room and will not be combined with the regular middle school small group class. Depending upon the number of high school 4:10ers, these students may be combined with the high school small group.

Will the 4:10ers Bible Study/Leadership class and the other student small group classes have the same lessons?

The 4:10ers will follow a different curriculum than the middle school and high school small group classes on Sunday mornings. The 4:10ers Bible Study will be offered on the 2nd and 3rd Sunday of each month, with the same lesson each week on both of these Sundays. Middle and high school small groups will enjoy a different lesson each week. If a combined 4:10ers and small group is needed for high school students, adjustments to the curriculum will be made to include both the 4:10ers Bible lesson and the high school small group weekly lesson.

If a 4:10er serves in Kid Nation on two Sundays each month and attends the 4:10ers small group on one Sunday each month, what does the 4:10er do at church on the fourth Sunday?

He or she may attend worship service in the Sanctuary or attend the middle school or high school student small group classes offered.

Can a 4:10er who is 16 or 17 years old be eligible to serve as a Kid Nation teacher?

Yes. Similar to the SIM program, students who are 16 and older may apply to serve as a Kid Nation teacher with the 4:10ers program. However, the student must also meet all of the other 4:10er expectations.

If I am a 4:10er and will be enrolled in Confirmation, will I be able to complete both the 4:10ers program and Confirmation requirements?

Absolutely! Confirmation is an important milestone that we celebrate! We will completely support any student participating in Confirmation. Students who are participating in 4:10ers and Confirmation will be given instructions on how to meet the requirements of both programs.

Will every student who submits an application be accepted into the 4:10ers program?

Based on available positions, applications will be evaluated and students will be interviewed to determine if the 4:10ers program is a good fit for each student.

Does the 4:10ers program affect those serving in the Buddy Ministry program?

Yes. Current Buddies who are in middle and high school and wish to continue serving as a Buddy next year must apply for the 4:10ers program and meet the 4:10ers expectations. Students who wish to serve as a Buddy for the first time must also apply for the 4:10ers program and meet the 4:10ers expectations. Buddies will also receive additional training related to working with children with special needs.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

Students and parents may contact Kelly Crespin at kcrespin@florismc.org or 703-279-0026 Ext. 166.