

Kids Church Ministry

Parent Brochure



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Our Heart For Your Kids

Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome you to our Children's Ministries Department. We are honored to have your child with us and want church to be a pleasant experience for both the children and adults who are with us.

Our main concern is that you and your child feel safe and cared for. We love the children that God brings into our care and are interested in their social, emotional and spiritual development.

Kids Church can be one way for children to find a fun and secure place to learn that God is a kind and loving God who has an exciting and adventurous plan for their lives. Besides Bible stories, puppets, skits, and games, we want your child to learn patterns and principles that will be life-giving and life-changing. Our children's leadership team is here to serve you, so please feel free to call us if you have questions or needs.

Grace Kids Ministry Team

Children's Ministry & Sunday Service

Our service for elementary aged children is for kids who are currently enrolled in Kindergarten through 5th grade. We meet upstairs in the multi-purpose room and start at the same time as the adult Bible teaching (i.e., after the music portion of the worship service). We ask that your children stay



with you until they are dismissed from the adult service. Our goal is that your children will develop their own God-given gifts and abilities in their spiritual life. We use a class curriculum that teaches Bible principles and truth. It's a curriculum that teaches the children how to use the Bible as a source of truth for the rest of their lives.

Our teachers are dedicated to children and trained to present information accurately yet vividly. They provide a nurturing atmosphere; one that accepts and loves all children as they are.

Teachers

Kids church is staffed from four to eight adults. These adults rotate as a team throughout each month. Some teachers also use High School age students as student leaders and helpers. We realize that having the same faces each week is especially important when it comes to helping young children feel secure when they arrive to class. All of our Children's Ministries teachers are carefully screened by a one-on-one interview, a thorough application process, and criminal background check.



Classroom Guide Lines

We encourage positive behavior by communicating clear boundaries and filling our classrooms with love and praise. The teachers encourage the children to be kind to each other with their word and their hands. This sets the foundation for developing friendships and fostering kindness in the classroom and between the children. However, we realize there may be situations where children need to be reminded of appropriate behavior and we want for you as a parent to be comfortable with and confident in how those situations are handled.

Discipline Procedure & Guidelines

It is our policy to discipline children in a loving way that is consistent with the Christian faith. A positive approach is employed in the classroom with good behavior being complemented and encouraged. This reinforces a child's good feeling about his/her behavior and serves as an example to other children to act in a similar manner.

Classroom rules and expectations are covered at the beginning of every class. All children are treated with the respect, tenderness, and the love they are due as a child of God.

For the child that exhibits unacceptable behavior we employ the following procedures:

1. Our Kid's Church staff lovingly corrects children who are being a distraction to others. The teachers will graciously explain to the child what he or she must do to comply with the rules and the expectations of the class.
2. For the child who is corrected twice during the same day, the teacher will move the child from the current seating arrangement to sit alongside an adult teacher. After a brief period, they will talk to the child concerning his or her behavior and let the child return to the prior seating arrangement. If the teacher feels it would be better to have the child sit alongside of them for the entire service, then that is their decision. "Time-out" is not a punishment, but rather a time away from a situation giving the child an opportunity to calm down and think about how to change his/her behavior in a positive way.



3. For the child who is corrected three times on the same day, the teacher has the option of sending the child to sit with his or her parents in the adult service. The teacher also has the option of asking the child's parent(s) to sit in the class on the following Sunday. Also, the teacher may ask you as a parent to help develop a strategy to assist your child in amending their behavior. The choice to implement these procedures lies with the teacher. If these guidelines do not work, the teacher and the parent should contact either the Children's Ministry Director or a pastor to give further assistance and prayer.



Well Children

Just as you trust us to care for your child, we trust you when deciding whether or not to bring your child to Kids Church if they are ill. Our teachers and staff are qualified to see that our

health guidelines are followed consistently. Bringing only well children ensures that the teachers are not placed in the awkward position of not being able to accept your child into the class for the sake of others.

Please keep your child home if he/she has:

- Fever within the last 24 hours or obvious contagious diseases like chicken pox, measles,
- Pink eye, etc...
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Congested coughing
- Cold symptoms or a green/yellow runny nose
- A rash that is not heat or allergy related

Health Standards

Our children's program is a "well-child" Kids Church. We ask that you do not bring your child into the Kids Church program if he/she has any of the following symptoms:

- Fever— a temperature of 100 degrees or more
- Signs and symptoms of possible illness- unusual lethargy, uncontrolled coughing or wheezing, difficulty in breathing, or irritability
- Diarrhea and Vomiting— within the last 24 hours
- Contagious skin rash
- Runny nose— green or yellow mucous from nose associated with the common cold
- Symptoms of conjunctivitis or pink eye

Registration & Visual Paging System

When you register your child into the Children's ministry you will sign your child in and you will receive a number corresponding with a visual paging system that is located in the front, left side of the Sanctuary. At least one parent must remain on campus at all times.

In case of illness, emergency, or if one of the teachers needs you to reach you during the service, we will notify you by displaying your pre-assigned pager family number.



Contacts:

If you have more questions, please feel free to call Tony and Gloria SanNicolas at 375-5515.

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