



Children's Ministry
Parent Handbook



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PARENT HANDBOOK

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VISION

To provide an environment of safety, love, and respect where the child learns about the love of God and the importance of Scripture; the parent feels respected, loved, and that their child is loved and well cared for; and the volunteers feel valued and supported as a part of a ministry team that is serving our young families.

If you have any questions please contact our Children's Ministry Director, Regina Gossage, at regina@brbible.org or call the church office at 540-338-2299.

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CURRICULUM

THE GOSPEL PROJECT – A Christ –centered chronological Bible study for all ages.

“The Bible is not a collection of stories. It is one story of God’s plan to rescue His people from sin and death. It is the story of redemption, the gospel message of Jesus Christ. And it’s our story, too.”

The Gospel Project Details:

- Chronological study plan – Genesis through Revelation
- Christ-centered study – All scripture gives testimony to Jesus
- Age alignment – all ages learn same lessons
- Missional focus to respond to God
- 99 essential doctrines of Christian faith identified



More information can be found at <https://www.gospelproject.com/kids/>

AGE GROUPS

Nursery for ages 0-2 is located upstairs next to the sanctuary.

CHECK-IN/PICK-UP

ARRIVAL

When you get to church you can check your kids in at Ridge Kids check-in desk. When you check-in, you will receive a name tag for each of your children and a parent pick-up tag.

CLASSROOMS

At this point you're free to go ahead and drop your children off in their classrooms. Please make sure you make our volunteers aware of any special instructions for your child.

DEPARTURE

After the service, please pick up your kids within ten minutes. When you pick up your kids, volunteers will check your tag against your child's tag. We can't release any kids without a matching parent tag. If you misplace your parent tag, no problem! Just head to the check-in desk with a photo ID and we'll print a new one for you

CONTACT DURING SERVICE

In the event that we need to contact you during the service, your child's number from their tag will be put up on the auditorium screens (small black screens between windows located on either side of the stage).

SNACK POLICY

WE KNOW KIDS LOVE SNACKS (and we do too!), so we offer them to children in every classroom. We serve water, and snacks like Goldfish and Cheerios every week.

If your child has any food allergies make sure the allergy is indicated on their name tag and let the volunteers know. We do check every child's tag for allergies or special instructions before serving snacks.

In the nursery, we ask parents to label all bottles and sippy cups with your child's name.

SAFETY & SECURITY

Creating an environment where parents feel comfortable to leave their children is one of our highest priorities. All classrooms are equipped with security cameras and we adhere to state mandated ratios for each age group.

BACKGROUND CHECKS

We run background checks on all of our volunteers. Youth under the age of 16 who want to serve in Children's Ministry are always accompanied by a background checked parent or guardian.

NEVER ALONE

No volunteer will ever be alone with any number of children. For the safety of our children, there is always a minimum of two adults with every group of children.

DIAPER CHANGES & RESTROOM

Only female volunteers may change diapers and take children to the restroom. Men do not change diapers or assist kids in the restroom.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In the case of an evacuation, all children will be taken to the playground with their classroom volunteers. To ensure all children are safe, children's check-out will happen from the playground, not from our building.

SICK POLICY

Although we love seeing your children each week, children spread sickness very easily. This policy is simple: if your kids are sick, please keep them at home! Here's what we mean by sick: *Fever within the last 24 hours • Vomiting or Diarrhea within the last 24 hours • Severe Coughing • Colored nasal drainage/Common Cold • Pink eye • Head lice • Undiagnosed rash • Open skin lesions • Symptoms of childhood diseases (chicken pox, fifth's disease, hand, foot, & mouth disease • Any communicable disease.*

Please notify the Children's Ministry staff if your child contracts a highly communicable disease/illness. This gives us a chance to go through and do some extra cleaning on affected rooms.