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**PARENT PACKET**

CITY CHURCH HOUSTON



# WELCOME TO CITY KIDS!

Our children's ministry is a place where each child is known, treasured and joyfully engaged to know and experience God's love for us through Christ. We are a community of children, parents and volunteers that love God, love each other and love the city of Houston.



"We will not hide them from their descendants;  
we will tell the next generation  
the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord,  
his power, and the wonders he has done."

Psalm 78:4

# SUNDAY PROGRAMS

We offer Sunday Children's Programs  
for Infant-5th Grade

## **The Nursery (Infants to 3-year-olds)**

The nursery opens at 10:00 AM and is a caring, safe environment where children hear songs and bible stories about the love of Christ. A light snack of cheerios or goldfish is provided for children 1-3 years old.

## **Children's Worship (Pre-K - 3rd grade)**

Children attend the first part of the worship service with their parents. Once they are dismissed they are escorted to Children's Worship by our volunteers. Children's worship is a large group time for kids to engage in games, activities, and gospel-centered teaching. Following large group, children break out into small groups led by our volunteers and designed to apply what they have learned.

## **4th & 5th Grade Class**

The 4th and 5th grade class focuses on building friendships while growing in understanding of the Bible. They do this through discussing scripture together each week, as they follow through the bible chronologically.

## **NURSING MOTHERS**

The room next to the elevator in the back of the worship space is available for nursing mothers. Please also feel welcome to go to the nursery area for a quieter space with a changing table.

# CURRICULUM

## The Gospel Project

Our Children's Ministry currently uses The Gosepl Project for Kids. We love this curriculum because it is all about the big picture of God's story. Children who attend each Sunday will learn how each story in the Bible points to Jesus and God's plan to provide forgiveness through him.

Every Sunday the lesson immerses children and preschoolers in the gosepl as we study the Bible chronologically from Genesis to Revelation. Through each story they learn that the goespel messages changes everything. We believe it is important for all children and preschoolers to understand the Bible is not just a collection of stories, but one conhesive story - God's story of redemption.

## NURSERY TIPS

- You can inform the nursery caregiver of any special instructions, feeding needs, potty training, etc.
- It is common for babies to cry immediately after getting dropped off, but they usually calm down. We will text you if your child does not calm down within 15 minutes.
- Label all of your child's belongings, including diaper bag, bottles, cups, etc.
- Only the parent of the child or staff are allowed to change diapers.
- All toys and equipment are disinfected before and after every use.

# POLICIES & PROCEDURES

## Check-In & Security

Each child needs to be checked-in using our electronic system every Sunday prior to attending the worship service. Check-in begins at 10:00AM at the Children's Ministry Welcome Table.

Once you check in, you and your child will be given matching identification tags that are exclusive to your family and your visit. Your child will need to wear his or her nametag, which bears a code matched to your security tag that is needed to pick up your child after service.

## First Aid & Incident Reports

Minor injuries are treated with an ice pack and a Band-Aid. These are the only items we are allowed to dispense. Regardless of the type of injury or accident, volunteers will notify the Children's Ministry Coordinator and fill out an Incident Report.

## Safety & Health Procedures

To ensure good health to everyone, children with colds, colored runny noses, fevers, rashes, or other symptoms of illness are not permitted into the classroom.

## A NOTE ON ALLERGIES

If your child has any allergies or special conditions, please explain them to the staff member or volunteer leading your child's class. For allergies, make sure that a note about the allergy has been made in the check-in account so that it will be reflected on your child's name tag.

# CITY KIDS VOLUNTEERS

## Volunteer & Staffing Screening

We want to provide our families with a safe and secure environment. Every volunteer and childcare giver interested in working with children go through the following steps:

- Formal Applications
- Background Check
- References Checked
- Training

## Volunteer Interactions with Children

We ask all teachers to follow these rules:

- Never find themselves alone with a child
- Never touch a child in a questionable way during discipline or any other time
- Bathroom assistance: Only female volunteers are allowed to assist a child. They must leave the bathroom doors open at all times while they are assisting children in the restroom.
- Be sure they can always be seen by another adult
- Immediately report any behavior that appears inappropriate to the Children's Ministry Coordinator.
- Never use questionable language.

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