

CHILDREN'S CHURCH GUIDELINES



MISSION

To provide our kids with an environment where they can continue their spiritual growth by participating in a lesson tailored to their learning. To assist kids with learning how to engage in worship and learn the joy of praising our Lord.

OBJECTIVES

- Most important is to provide our kids with a lesson that they can understand, and they can communicate to their parents when asked. The hope is that Children's Church can be used to help grow their relationship with God.
- Provide an environment where kids can start to understand the expectations of what it is like to be in worship. There will be times kids will talk, laugh and participate in activities. However, we also want periods where kids are quiet and listening to the teacher speak.
- Help parents be able to focus on worship while providing kids with an environment where they can learn about God and learn about how to participate in worship.

TEACHER EXPECTATIONS

- Provide a lesson, at an appropriate level that the kids can understand, so they can continue their spiritual growth.
- Provide an environment where kids can learn how to engage and behave in a way that is appropriate for worship. This is a transition stage for our kids to ultimately become ready to properly worship. We want them to be quiet during lessons, raise hands to show respect and share resources with each other.
- Our kids will still be kids which is what makes them great. We want them engaged with our teachers. They can talk, laugh and have fun in an environment that fits their age demographic better. We just have to be careful that it doesn't get so loud that it disrupts the adult worship occurring in the auditorium.



VOLUNTEER EXPECTATIONS

- Assist the teacher for that week in whatever way they feel is helpful. This can include things like:
 - Helping prepare a lesson
 - Passing out snacks/drinks
 - Assisting kids with crafts/activity
 - *Note this list is not all inclusive and teachers are welcome to use their best judgement*
- Although we appreciate volunteers, we also want to ensure they are having the opportunity to be spiritually fed during the lessons. We would like to limit to two volunteers a week with no volunteer signing up more than two times a month. This allows a healthy rotation; will ensure we don't have more volunteers than needed and allow our volunteers opportunity to listen to the sermons.

KID EXPECTATIONS

- The age recommendation for this Children's Church is age 3 through 4th grade. We want kids to be old enough to sit and listen and transition when they are old enough to listen to the adult lesson. This is a guideline and we understand that parents know best what their kid's personal needs are and may have their children participate outside of these guidelines. If for some reason this does not seem to work out, Tyler Lingenhag will speak with the parents in private to resolve.
- Kids should participate in activities, have fun and engage in the lessons. All of these things will look a little different based on the age of the child.
- Kids should participate, have fun and learn how to participate in a worship setting. It is important for kids to listen to the teachers and volunteer while showing both respect.