

## Classroom Overview

Our Children's Ministry is committed to loving and caring for your children with God's love and to provide for their spiritual, mental, and physical well-being. We have trusted and experienced volunteers providing this care for your children. During the worship service, you can expect your little ones to enjoy:

### Ages Birth through 24 Months

- Childcare in a safe and loving environment
- Playtime with clean, age-appropriate toys
- Praise music
- Short Bible story read to those old enough to stay still!
- Snack (please bring your own)
- Make sure to label all items (bottles, sippy cups, diaper bags, wipes, jackets, etc.)

### Ages 2 through Pre-Kindergarten

- Playtime with clean, age-appropriate toys
- Outside playground time
- Bathroom/Diaper change and hand wash break
- Snack (provided by the church, please make sure to communicate any allergies to a volunteer)
- Praise music and prayer time
- Bible story and activity

## Nursery & Preschool Classes

- Infant Room - Newborns through precrawlers
- Baby & Pre-Toddler Room - Crawlers through 24 months (crawlers and walkers are separated by a short half-wall)
- Toddler Room - Ages 2 through 3
- Preschool Room - Ages 4 through PreKindergarten

### Promotion

All children ages birth through 24 months will be promoted by the co-leaders of the Children's Ministry according to mobility, not necessarily their age. Concerns about the room your child is in should be directed to the co-leaders.

Children ages 2 through 5 will be promoted on a quarterly basis after their birthday. Promotions take place at the end of March, July, September, and December. Children beginning kindergarten will promote to the elementary classes at the beginning of the school year.

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# Harvest Christian Church nursery & preschool Ministry



For parents with children ages  
birth through PreKindergarten

Jesus said, "Let the little children  
come to me for the kingdom of God  
belongs to such as these."

Mark 10:14



## PARENTAL GUIDELINES

Thank you for letting us care for your children. Our goal is to value children as Jesus commanded and to provide a safe, loving, and fun-filled atmosphere. We need your assistance in the following areas:

### First Visit

Parents of children attending for the first time must complete an information form (available in every classroom) letting us know specific information about your child.

### Drop off and Pick up

Please sign-in your child on the sign-in sheet in each room and pick up a beeper to keep with you, indicating your beeper number on the sheet.

After service, promptly pick up your child, return the beeper to the volunteer, and sign your child out. For your child's safety, only authorized adults may drop off and pick up children, not siblings.

### Multiple Children

If you have more than one child and your children will be in different classrooms, you do not need to pick up multiple beepers. Just indicate the same beeper number on each sign-in sheet and pick up a name card to return when you pick up your child.

## IMPORTANT POLICIES

### Illness and Medication Policy

Please do not bring your child if he or she exhibits any of the following symptoms:

- Any fever in the last 24 hours
- Any green discharge from eyes, ears, or nose
- Vomiting in the last 24 hours
- Diarrhea in the last 48 hours
- Rash
- Chest congestion or persistent cough

Children who appear ill during a session will be lovingly isolated and the parents notified for immediate pick up.

Nursery volunteers are not allowed to dispense medication.

### Bathroom Policy

All toilet trained children (and those training) are accompanied by a female volunteer to use the ladies bathroom. No male volunteer is allowed to take a child to the bathroom or to change a diaper.

### Discipline Policy

#### Step 1—Warning

Volunteers will explain to the child the expectations for their behavior and what they are doing wrong.

#### Step 2—Redirection

The child will be separated from the situation and redirected to participate in a more desirable activity.

#### Step 3—Time Out

If the child continues to exhibit disobedient behavior, children ages 2 and over will be placed in time out for one minute of time for each year of their age. Children under 2 will continue to be redirected.

#### Step 4—Parental Notification

The volunteers may either discuss the situation with you when you pick up your child or, if it is a serious behavior issue, the volunteers may page you through the beeper system if the child is unwilling to cooperate.