



Holy Cross **Kids**  
*parent guide*

# *Hello Parents*

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We love our Holy Cross children, not because they are the church of tomorrow, but because they are an integral part of the church of today. Their presence is a reminder of God's care for our church and our mutual responsibility to disciple even the youngest members. Their integration into the life of the church has never been more important.

Our hope for our children is the same hope for anyone in the church: we desire to magnify God's glory by trusting in the gospel and the gift of God's grace, to live as God's people by pursuing connected and authentic community with others, and to engage in God's mission by taking the whole gospel to the lost, last, and the least among us.

You, the parent, have been appointed by God to be an irreplaceable tool in his powerful hands for the purpose of training your children in the gospel. We are so honored and grateful to partner with you as we, together, lay a strong foundation of faith for the youngest members of our church family.

This guide will give you a brief overview of our vision for Holy Cross Kids, helpful logistics for Sunday morning, and initiatives currently available for children at our church.

# Our Values



## **Teaching the Bible**

At the heart of our ministry to kids is teaching the Bible and learning about Jesus. Our goal is not merely for your children to grow into well-behaved adults, but to trust and embrace Jesus with a personal faith.



## **Equipping Parents**

A healthy ministry to kids will always come alongside parents in the discipleship process as well as help parents grow spiritually as they learn how to communicate gospel truths to their children. We are always in need of joy-filled and loving volunteers for Holy Cross Kids. If you have a desire to volunteer on a Sunday morning, please indicate on a *Connect Card* or contact our Director of Family personally.



## **Along-the-Way Discipleship**

Discipling children is through a combination of classroom instruction and healthy adult modeling for how to be a willing participant in a diverse congregation. It is vital for children to see their parents and other adults worshipping God, sitting under God's Word as it is taught, sacrificially serving the church, and saturating their lives with the gospel.



## **Loving & Safe Environment**

We are committed to creating a loving and safe environment. This includes the physical classroom space and our volunteers and staff who care for your kids. Our volunteers go through a screening process which includes an application and background check. We also regularly rehearse classroom safety protocols.



# *Sunday mornings*

*We strive to plant the first seeds of a strong gospel-centered foundation for our Holy Cross kids. We do not see our time with your children as merely babysitting but hope to point them to Jesus as we worship through song, tell stories from the Bible, and gather in groups to talk about Jesus.*

*Starting with our two year-olds, a Bible lesson is taught each week with a key focus on the gospel of Jesus. When you leave your child with the teachers, you can expect them to interact with the Bible and be prayed for.*

## **Birth - 5th Grade**

In an effort to help support parents in the discipleship of their children, we provide a loving and safe environment for kids (birth - 5th grade) to learn about Jesus and begin to form solid gospel habits. Children in grade 6 and older are welcome to participate in worship in the sanctuary. We have a special “*Family Worship Bulletin*” to help them engage with the service, if desired. Other ministry opportunities exist through our “*Magnify*” ministry for kids who have aged out of the Sunday morning classrooms.

## **Sunday Morning Check-In**

Please check in all nursery-5th graders at the designated kiosk at the entrance to receive an ID sticker. Nursery - K will go straight to their classrooms and remain there for the duration of our service, while 1st-5th graders will join parents in the sanctuary after check-in (to be dismissed to their classroom about 25 minutes into the service).

## **Resources**

Each week, we send parents home with information on the big idea of the morning and which Scriptures were taught. We hope you will take advantage of this, and other resources, to continue gospel-centered conversations at home. We are proud to use *The Gospel Project* curriculum in all our classrooms.



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# Classroom Info

## Visitation Policy

To provide a safe and carefully screened environment, we must ask parents to refrain from entering the classroom unless picking up or dropping off their child.

## Nursing Mothers

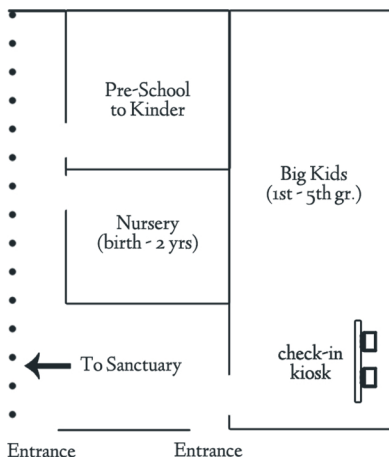
Nursing mothers are welcome to pick up their child during the service, take him to the Cry Room, and bring him back to the nursery. You may also nurse inside the nursery if needed.

## Cry Room

A private room off the sanctuary is provided for mothers who desire to nurse during the service, or for little ones who have become fussy. Audio of the service is provided in the cry room.

## Well-Child Policy

We are only equipped to serve as a “well-child” ministry. Please avoid bringing your child to the classroom if he or she has (or had within the past 24 hrs) the following symptoms: • fever • persistent cough • runny nose • pink eye • vomiting • diarrhea • lice • extreme irritability • any other symptoms related to any contagious illness.



MORE INFORMATION ON ALL OF THIS CAN BE FOUND AT OUR WEBSITE

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