

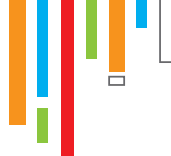


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PARENT GUIDE



WELCOME



Parents,

We want you to know what a blessing it is for us to serve you. It is our desire that Kindred Kids be a place where the Lord is honored and children are brought closer to Him through an environment that is safe, healthy and loving. Our desire is to honor the Lord in our actions and our attitudes while ministering to your children, and we take this responsibility very seriously.

Kindred Kid's passion and vision is to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ by providing support and resources to parents and families as they carry out the mission of disciple making in the home.

We want to meet your child's needs—whether emotional, physical, or spiritual—with loving attention while you worship with or assist in serving the body of Christ. This booklet is designed to assist you in understanding our children's ministry.

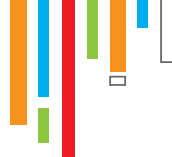
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us by phone 714 282-9941 or through email at kids@kindredchurch.org.

In Christ,



The Kindred Kids Team

CHECK-IN & OUT



Children (nursery through six grade) must be checked in at one of the self-serve electronic kiosks in the Little Kids or Kindred Kids Area before proceeding to their classrooms. First-time visitors and those who need to update their registration information should visit one of our help desks located near the kiosks.

IF YOUR CHILD IS ALREADY REGISTERED

- Please log into a kiosk with either parent's cell phone number.
- Select the services for each child being checked in.
(Please check in all children who will be attending that day.)
- Press print on the bottom of the screen.

When you check-in, you will receive security name tags with your child's name, classroom, and a unique number for that morning.

- Place one tag on your child *(for younger children place it on their back)*.
- Place another on your child's diaper bag or backpack.
- Keep the remaining tags as your identification tag to pick up your child.

Parents must remain on campus at all times while their child is in children's ministry and pick them up within 15 minutes of the service ending.

If a parent/guardian needs to return to the classroom during the service, the identification number will flash on the paging system monitor in the sanctuary or adult classroom.

CHECK OUT

You will pick up your child in their classroom. You will need the security tag to take your child out of the Kindred Kids Area. Before you can leave with your child you will need to go through the Security check area and show your tag and have it matched with the tag on your child.



WHAT TO EXPECT



The church's ministry to the youngest is no less important than to any other demographic within the church. It is our desire to begin laying a foundation that will be essential to a child beginning a life in Christ. Our two year old ministry includes brief lessons, praying with the children, singing songs, memorization of scripture, and age-appropriate activities. We seek to provide these children with the highest level of care while they are with us.

OUR CLASSROOMS

- Are open 15 minutes prior to the start of each service.
- Are well stocked with age appropriate toys and furniture.
- Have appropriate ratios to give your children the highest level of care.

Children's Allergies: Allergies will be observed during snack times (unless otherwise instructed).

Unhappy Children: We will make every effort to engage an unhappy child through activities and attention. If a child is inconsolable (15 minutes of non-stop crying) we will contact the parent.

Medications: will not be given by our nursery workers. Please do not put any medications in your child's bottle or bag.

Diapers: Minors and men will not change diapers in our nursery and will not assist children in the restrooms.

Promotions: Children are promoted at the discretion of the nursery coordinator but generally are promoted the first Sunday of their birth month to new classes.

Note: children who are not potty trained will not be promoted to the three year old classroom.

WHAT TO BRING

- Two or three diapers and wipes.
- Pacifier or blanket, should your child need it for comfort.
(Please include a pacifier attachment so that the pacifier cannot be easily shared with others.)
- A complete change of clothes.
- A bottle of milk, formula, juice, or water. Please mark all personal items with your child's first name before coming into the nursery.

WHAT TO EXPECT



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kindred CLASSROOMS (3 Years Old-Sixth Grade)

Kindred Kids staff wants to serve children and families by *implementing* and *increasing* biblical knowledge, *cultivating* opportunities for children to serve the Lord using their gifts as a part of the body of Christ, *integrating* parental involvement within the children's ministry and assisting parents as they become the primary disciple makers in their child's life (*Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Proverbs 22:6*). Teaching within the children's ministry includes fun, age appropriate and challenging classes. Our primary resource is the Bible and teachers are supported by curriculum that is biblically centered and applicable to a child's life.

Children are divided into separate classrooms based on age/grade; each class includes the following:

- **Bible Teaching:** each age appropriate lesson will come from Scripture, have age appropriate illustrations to aide in learning, and will be supported by carefully selected curriculum.
- **Music:** our music is designed to exalt the person of Christ and to reinforce the truths the children are learning.
- **Crafts or Activities:** these crafts and activities capture the children's attention and reinforce the Bible lesson.

- **Playtime:** for younger children there is a specified time set aside to play. This allows the children to use some of their energy and have fun together.
- **Snack:** a snack is provided for younger children and allergies are carefully observed.
- **Scripture memory:** Kid's Konnection is our scripture memory program where we encourage children to treasure up the Word of God in their hearts and minds. They will learn that the truths of Scripture provide ever-present counsel, encouragement, and protection throughout their daily lives. This program runs from September through May each year.
- **Restroom Break:** Each class is given a restroom break and teachers follow specific policies for taking children to the restroom.

PROMOTION

Pre-Kindergarten through Elementary students are promoted on the first Sunday in June. Three and four year olds are promoted based on birth month. Four year olds also have a mid-year promotion to Kindergarten in January.

YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH



We desire to provide the safest possible environment for your child. Therefore, we operate a well-child ministry. For the protection of all the children in our ministry, we ask that you keep your child out of children's ministry if he or she displays any of the following symptoms:

→ Runny nose

→ Cold (symptoms in last 24 hours)

→ Fever

→ Rash

→ Persistent cough

→ Sore throat

→ Nausea

→ Vomiting

→ Diarrhea

→ Pinkeye (conjunctivitis)

→ Communicable diseases (like chicken pox)

→ Any other sign of illness

If your child has non-contagious symptoms, please obtain a note from your doctor to help us properly care for him as well as others. Thank you in advance for helping us keep our nursery a healthy environment for all.

At times children can become ill suddenly. Should your child exhibit any signs of illness, we will isolate him from the other children and contact you immediately.

Severe Allergies: If your child has allergies or uses an Epi-pen, please notify the teacher in his classroom. They will inform you of our severe allergy procedure. All children's allergies will be shown on their name tag.

Outside Food: We ask that you not bring outside food into our classrooms. However, if your child needs a special snack, notify the teacher and they will allow you to provide it.



DISCIPLINE POLICY



Because love for Jesus entails obedience to his commands (*Matthew 28:20*), discipline will be an important part of nurturing the faith of our young people (*Proverbs 3:11-12*). Our biblical philosophy of discipline is rooted in *1 Thessalonians 5:9-14*. This passage will serve as our guide in responding to the needs of young people within our ministry. Teaching our young people to obey God-given authorities can help them to obey Christ and bend their wills to his (*Ephesians 6:1; Colossians 3:20; Hebrews 13:7 & 17*). Our behavioral standards at Kindred are intentionally high, yet we're also committed to understanding.

God's people are urged to admonish the idle while also encouraging the fainthearted and helping the weak. *So while rebuke might be necessary in one situation, gentle help or encouragement might be more appropriate in another.*

The use of corporal punishment is expressly forbidden for all children's workers, *including* parents who serve in a classroom with their own children.

GENERAL RULES FOR EVERY CLASS

- **Respect for Our Physical Surroundings:** Church gathering spaces and equipment (whether owned, rented, or borrowed) should be treated with respect and used as their designs intend.
- **Respect for Our Adults:** Honor for adults in the church should be reflected with attitudes, speech, and behavior. Addressing adults with titles like "Mr.," "Mrs.," or "Miss" is one example of this.
- **Respect for Others:** Young people will be guided to consider others more significant than themselves and to look out for the interests of others (*Philippians 2:2; Colossians 3:12-17*).
- **Respect for Themselves:** Children will be encouraged to act in ways that do not put their bodies or souls at risk.

Correction will be given to maintain classroom safety and order. If we are unable to control your child, we will contact you to pick them up.

OUR TEAM



We have a highly qualified team of individuals serving in our children's ministry. Each of them must:

- Be a member of Kindred Community Church
- Complete the Children's Ministry Application
- Pass a Background Check
- Be approved by the Children's Ministry Leadership

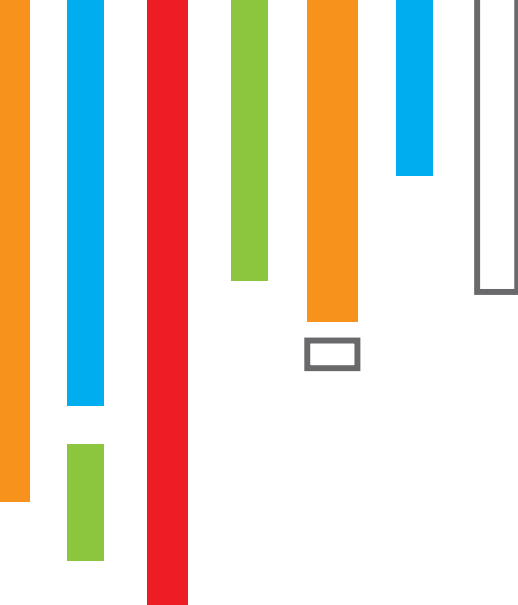
IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

It is imperative that parents stay on the church campus while the child is being cared for within our children's ministry. Parents need to be readily available in the event of an emergency.

If an emergency should take place, Kindred Kids staff has been trained to follow appropriate procedures and many of them are first aid certified.

In the event of an emergency, normal check out procedures will be followed to ensure that each child is safely reunited with his or her parents.





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