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All Divisions

Q: Who will be working with my child/ren? What qualifications do teachers have to teach my child?

A: Grace Kids is comprised of volunteers who are passionate about serving our ministry! Each volunteer goes through an interview process, a training class, fills out detailed questionnaires, and participates in security screenings.

Q: Can my child(ren) stay in service with me?

A: It's a family's personal decision as to where their kids go for services. Children are welcome in The Auditorium, but they may find the fun environment at Grace Kids more! We have age appropriate environments for all kids and every activity is geared to their age-group.

Q: How do you keep kids safe and accounted for?

A: Safety and security are fundamental to your experience with Grace Kids. Each child is checked-in and accounted for at all times. 15 minutes after the start of service, we close the security doors which enclose most of our GK area. If you need access to your kids during service, a GK leader will assist you. The doors reopen during the closing song. Children cannot be picked up by anyone without the security tag that is printed out at check-in. Tags may be distributed based upon the parent's discretion.

Q: What if my child needs me during service?

A: Parents will be notified via text on their cellphone if they are needed. A leader will be waiting for you at the downstairs Welcome Center to escort you to your child.

Q: What are your student-to-leader ratios?

A: Ratios vary per age level, but we will always have a minimum of 2 teachers in every classroom.

- 0-18 months have 2-3 children per 1 leader
- 9-24 months have 3-5 children per 1 leader
- 2 & 3 year-olds have 6-8 children per 1 leader
- 4 & 5 year-olds have 8-9 children per 1 leader
- Kdg-1st grades have 8-10 children per 1 leader
- 2nd-5th grades have 10 children per 1 leader

Q: What is the dress code?

A: We have no set dress code. Children may wear any clothing that will not hinder them from fully participating in class and that will not distract them, or any other children.

Q: What time should my child arrive to the classroom prior to service?

A: We recommend you arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the service so that you can get your child(ren) checked in and to their classroom(s) in time for everyone to enjoy the entire service.

Q: What curriculum do you use?

A: We generally write our own, with the exception that our toddlers and 2s use and "Hands On Bible". When appropriate, the curriculum covers the same topics that are taught in the adult worship time, only taught in such a way that each age will understand it. For more information, please feel free to contact the Children's Director.

Q: What if my child has a food allergy?

A: Please make the check-in staff aware of any allergies your child has so it can be printed directly on their name tag. Every classroom is peanut-free and preschool classrooms are also dairy and gluten-free. All of our snacks follow these guidelines and we encourage NO outside food or drink in the classrooms. In elementary, we typically do not serve snacks. As an extra precaution, if your child has any allergies, please make sure your child's classroom teacher is fully aware of them.

Q: Do I need to send offering money with my child?

A: Our heart is to instill the same Biblical truths that are taught church-wide, to our children as well. That is why we do take time to collect a tithe & offering in Kids Worship, however it is certainly not a requirement. Both our preschool and elementary divisions have designated locations to securely collect any offerings brought to the classroom. If you'd like your child's offering to be included in your family's year-end totals, please have them put it in a fully-filled out offering envelope.

Q: Can you accommodate children with special needs?

A: Yes, we have a ministry dedicated to children (and adults) with special needs. For more information, please see the web page about our SOAR ministry.

Q: Do you have Vacation Bible School (VBS) in the summer?

A: Yes, at Grace, we call it Summer BreakOut (SBO); we have a week for kids age 4 through 1st grade, and another week for kids 2nd through 6th grade.

Q: Do you have the same program on Saturdays as Sundays? Are all the services the same?

A: We teach all the same Bible content on Saturdays as we do on Sundays. All programming is the same.

Q: What is your sick policy?

A: Please see our Policies/Procedures link on any division web page.

Q: How do you communicate with parents?

A: Grace Kids sends an e-newsletter every week.

Nursery (Birth to 35-months)

Q: Where can a nursing mom nurse in private?

A: We have a quiet area and comfortable chair in our upstairs women's restrooms.

Q: What items do I need to drop off with my child?

A: This will vary based on each child's needs. Feel free to leave whatever he/she will need during the service. Please label your child's belongings before you arrive (bags, bottles, pacifiers). We also have blank tags available when you check your child in and get their security tag.

Q: If I have my child in service with me and he/she becomes too loud to stay in service, what are my options?

A: This will be up to you, You may choose to go to the main foyer or cafe. You can also choose to check them into the nursery at anytime. You will still be able to hear the service.

Q: Will my child have a snack?

A: Most likely (Cheerios, Goldfish, Nilla wafers, Ritz crackers, etc.) unless you request otherwise. Our older 2s are given gluten-free and dairy-free snacks only.

Grace Kids Jr. (3 year-olds to Pre-Kindergarten)

Q: What do I need to drop off with my child?

A: You are welcome, but not required, to leave diapers or pull-ups, if they're still needed. Please do not leave any food or drink (including sippy cups), pacifiers or "lovies" in the classroom. This is designed to avoid confusion of items between kids.

Q: Will my child have a snack?

A: Yes, but we are completely nut, dairy and gluten-free in all preschool classrooms.

Q: What can my preschool student expect in a typical service?

A: Kids begin each service in their age-level classroom. 15 minutes after the start of service they leave for our Kids Worship Jr. room. In this large group format they praise together and hear an interactive Bible story. Back in their classroom they will discuss the story in small groups, have a snack, game, craft and center time.

Grace Kids (Kindergarten to 5th Grade)

Q: What can my elementary student expect in a typical service?

A: Kids begin each service in their age-level classroom (some services do combine grade levels). Shortly after the beginning of service, kids come into the Kids Worship room for whole-group praise and a multi-sensory, interactive story time. Children then return to their age-level classrooms and break into small groups. Through a variety of interactive activities and hands-on Bible learning, they will personally apply the lesson.

Q: What are Bible Bucks/the Bible Buck store?

A: Bible Bucks are a simple way of rewarding children for memorizing verses, bringing their Bibles, bringing a friend to church and demonstrating Christ-like qualities in the classroom. Kids collect bucks and can spend them at the Bible Buck store at the end of all services on the first weekend of each month. They always have a chance to spend their money on missions to help one of Grace's partners.

Q: What do I do if my child wants to take the next step in their faith?

A: One of the goals of Grace Kids is to communicate the gospel to each child in order for them to understand and accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. A child's salvation is both an important and precious thing. If you feel uncomfortable helping your child in this decision, we will be happy to support you in this endeavor. If a child has already prayed for salvation, we'd love to hear about it and add their handprint to the "new followers of Jesus" wall! If a child desires to be baptized, please let us know and we'll help you with the preparation.

Q: What is your policy on administering medication?

A: We do not administer medications. If your child requires medication, please make arrangements to personally administer what is required before check-in.

Q: What is your policy on diaper changes?

A: We do a diaper check twice per service and if needed, a female adult volunteer will change the child's diaper.