

GCC Kids Ministry Handbook: Families

Mission

To create a safe, joy-filled environment where every child can experience the love of Jesus, grow in biblical truth, build relationships, and be equipped to follow Jesus for life—all while partnering with families.

Values

- Jesus at the center
- Safe & secure environment
- Biblical truth in every lesson
- Fun with purpose
- Relational discipleship
- Every child known and loved
- Partnering with families
- Excellence honors God

Ministry Classrooms & Age Groups

- Baby Room: Non-walkers; includes play, diaper changes, feeding, and naps.
- **Toddler Room**: Walkers to age 3; includes Bible story, craft, snack.
- **Pre-K Room**: Ages 3–5; includes Bible story, verse, worship, prayer, snack.
- **Elementary**: K–5th grade; includes Bible story, verse, worship, small groups, prayer, snack.

Drop-Off

- Check in at the kiosk in the fellowship hall.
- Your child will receive a name tag and classroom assignment.
- Note any **allergies** at check-in.
- Guests will receive a handwritten name tag.

Pick-Up

- Present your security tag to pick up your child.
- If the tag is lost, identity will be verified via photo ID using our system.

Health Policy

In order to promote health and wellness in our Kids Ministry, it is for well children only. If a child is experiencing any of the symptoms below, he/she should not be in any of our classrooms:

- 100.4°F or higher fever
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Unexplained or contagious skin rash
- Bleeding/significant diaper rash
- Chronic cough
- Excessive runny nose
- Ear or eye infection such as pink eye
- Parasites such as ringworm, mites, lice, etc.

Children must be symptom free of diarrhea, vomiting, and fever for 24 hours without medication.

Snacks & Allergies

We serve a simple snack during class time. All allergies listed at check-in are taken seriously. If your child has a severe allergy or specific food restrictions, please alert a volunteer at drop-off.

Parent Room

Our Parent Room is available if you'd prefer to stay with your child during service or need a private space for feeding or soothing. It includes:

Cribs and baby swings

- Changing table and diaper supplies
- Private nursing area
- Age-appropriate toys
- An audio stream of the service

Behavior & Care

We use gentle redirection and positive reinforcement to guide kids. If your child needs extra support, we'll partner with you to find the best solution.

Security & Safety

- All volunteers are background checked and have completed child safety and abuse prevention training.
- No unauthorized adults are allowed in classrooms.
- Only authorized female volunteers (18+) can assist children in the restroom or with diapers.
- Children will never be released without matching security tags.
- If a child needs help adjusting, a parent may be temporarily allowed in after speaking with a ministry lead.

Emergency Procedures

- **Fire**: Evacuate to the grassy area across the parking lot.
- Tornado: Take cover in the basement hallway.
- Health Emergency: Parents will be contacted immediately.

Photography & Privacy

• If you have preferences about how photos of your child are handled, please fill out our Photo Preferences Form, so we can best honor your wishes.

Curriculum

- Preschool: First Look Curriculum
- Elementary: 252 Kids Curriculum
 Lessons are Bible-based and age-appropriate, focusing on faith, fun, and relationships.

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