



VINEYARD KIDS

2025-2026 Parent Packet

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A LETTER TO OUR FAMILIES

Welcome to Vineyard Kids!

Children matter deeply to God, and both the church and families are entrusted with the responsibility of nurturing their spiritual growth. At Vineyard Kids, we are dedicated to supporting your children as they learn about and grow in their relationship with Jesus. While we value the role of Sunday school and church gatherings, we believe the most powerful spiritual lessons happen at home. Through prayer and partnership, let's raise a generation that walks closely with God, together.

Jesus Loves You,
The Vineyard Kids Team

A LETTER TO OUR FAMILIES

At Vineyard Kids, we are committed to:

- Helping children know and follow Jesus
- Teaching kids to trust God in everyday life
- Building a strong foundation in God's Word
- Growing hearts that love and worship God
- Encouraging daily time with God through prayer and Scripture
- Inspiring kids to share Jesus and His love with others

OUR VISION

**RAISING FAITHFUL DISCIPLES WHO ARE ROOTED
AND HOPEFUL IN JESUS**

OUR MOTTO



VINEYARD KIDS ZONES

Nursery Zone (0–1.5 Years)

Our Nursery Zones are designed for our youngest little ones—infants through 1.5 years old—and their parents. It includes a cozy **Nursery Play Room** for gentle exploration, as well as a quiet, private **Nursing Room** for mothers. This peaceful and welcoming space allows families to care for their babies while staying connected to the life of the church.

Little's Zone (1.5–5 Years)

Toddler Trailmates (1.5–2.5 years)

Preschool Pathfinders (2.5–5 years)

The Little's Zone is designed for our youngest adventurers to begin discovering God's love in joyful and meaningful ways. Through storytime, music, simple activities, and play, children engage in experiences designed just for them. Each moment is guided by developmentally appropriate rhythms, sensory-friendly options, and nurturing leaders who help every child feel safe, seen, and known. It's a space where wonder, learning, and God's love come together for a beautiful start to their faith journey.

Elementary Zone (Kindergarten–5th Grade)

Brave Beginners (Grades K–1)

Faith Builders (Grades 2–3)

Trailblazers (Grades 4–5)

In the Elementary Zone, kids dive deeper into God's Word through dynamic worship, engaging large group messages, small group discussions, hands-on activities, and age-appropriate challenges. Our goal is to help children connect biblical truth to everyday life while growing in confidence, faith, and friendships. It's a space where kids are encouraged to ask questions, explore their faith, and discover what it means to follow Jesus together.

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VINEYARD KIDS SCHEDULE

Whether your child joins for one or both sessions, every Sunday is filled with fun, friendship, and faith-building moments tailored to their age and stage.

Sunday Adventures (Full Experience)

Both Services

9:00 AM–12:30 PM

When families attend both services, kids get to enjoy the full Sunday Adventure- two distinct experiences with time in between for community play and transition.

Adventure Club (1st Service)

A Bible-based experience where kids explore God's Word through story, play, activities, and group time. Every child is invited to build lasting faith through trusted relationships and hands-on discovery.

Adventure Quest (2nd Service)

A kids' service where children engage with God's Word through worship, interactive storytelling, and group connection. Every child is invited to discover who they are in Christ while building community and having fun.

Adventure Club

1st Service

9:00–10:30 AM

Curriculum: Brite

Available for: Littles + Elementary

Format: Small-group based

Focus: Friendship · Faith · Practice

Adventure Quest

2nd Service

11:00 AM–12:30 PM

Curriculum: Hyfi

Available for: Littles + Elementary

Format: Large group + small group

Focus: Identity · Discovery · Community

VINEYARD KIDS PROGRAM

At Vineyard Kids, our mission is to help children grow to be more like Jesus every day. Our Sunday program, **Sunday Adventures**, is a fun and formative journey with Jesus for toddlers through 5th graders.

Using two dynamic curricula—**Brite** and **Hyfi**—we help children engage with God’s Word in creative, meaningful ways. They’ll experience engaging lessons, worship, and hands-on activities designed to help them encounter God’s love and truth. They’ll learn how to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit, grow in Christlike character, and be challenged to live wholeheartedly for Jesus.

The logo for Brite, featuring the word "brite" in a bold, red, lowercase sans-serif font, followed by a red asterisk.

Brite (1st Service)

During our first service, Vineyard Kids will participate in **Brite**, a Bible-based weekend curriculum developed by Awana. In every lesson, the Bible is read, heard, and connected to Jesus in ways kids can understand in their own lives. Brite is all about making disciples who can confidently say:

- *I believe in Jesus.*
- *I’m becoming more like Him.*
- *I belong to Him forever.*

Hyfi (2nd Service)

During our second service, Vineyard Kids will engage with **Hyfi**, a Lifeway curriculum designed to teach the truths of Scripture in a way that helps children understand their true identity in Christ. Hyfi utilizes high-quality media, interactive games, and side-by-side learning to foster a fun atmosphere of learning and belonging, all while remaining faithful to the Bible. With Hyfi, kids don’t just have fun—they grow in faith and confidence, knowing who they are in Christ.

VINEYARD KIDS RULES

The 3 L's: What We Teach in VKids

At Vineyard Kids, we use three simple yet meaningful principles to guide our classroom culture. These values help children build strong character, healthy relationships, and a deeper understanding of God's love.

LISTEN 🗣️

We encourage children to listen with respectful hearts and open ears—to their leaders, peers, and most importantly, to God's Word. Listening helps create a safe, caring environment where everyone can thrive.

LOVE ❤️

We teach children to reflect God's love by treating others with kindness, compassion, and respect. Whether it's using kind words, gentle hands, or caring actions, love is at the center of creating a fun and welcoming space for everyone.

LEARN ✨

Our goal is to help kids grow in both faith and understanding. We encourage them to participate, ask questions, and stay curious as they explore who God is and how to live out His truth every day.

VINEYARD KIDS CONSEQUENCES

The 4 C's: Our Behavior Guidance Process

We believe in helping kids grow through guidance, clear expectations, and consistent support. Here's how we handle repeated behavior concerns in a loving and respectful way:

1. CORRECTION ⚠️

Your child will receive a gentle warning, reminding them of our classroom rules to help them get back on track.

2. CHAT 💬

If the behavior continues, a leader will take a moment to speak privately with your child to better understand what's going on and to review expectations together.

3. CALL 📞

If further redirection is needed, your child will meet with a supervising leader and we'll notify you to keep you in the loop.

4. CHECKOUT ↺️

As a last step, if the behavior persists, your child will be signed out to stay with you for the remainder of the service. This gives them a chance to reset and return fresh next week.

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW: BRIGHTWHEEL



We're Launching Brightwheel!

We are thrilled to announce that Vineyard Kids will begin using **Brightwheel**, a trusted and innovative app designed to enhance communication and simplify check-in and check-out for families!

Why Brightwheel?

Brightwheel is the leading platform for early childhood programs and has been featured for its impressive features, ease of use, and commitment to supporting both families and educators. Used by thousands of schools and programs nationwide, Brightwheel helps streamline processes and strengthen family engagement and we're proud to bring that same excellence to Vineyard Kids.

Never Miss a Moment!

With Brightwheel, you'll stay connected to your child's experience in Vineyard Kids like never before. You'll receive real-time updates right on your phone, so you can celebrate the special moments of their day, whether it's a new Bible memory verse, a fun craft, or a snapshot from worship time.

Features You'll Love:

- A personalized **news feed** of your child's day with photos, videos, and activity highlights
- **Digital check-in and check-out** with real-time notifications for added security and convenience
- A secure, private **messaging feature** to communicate directly with our team

We're excited about this new season and confident that Brightwheel will help us serve our families even better. Stay tuned for next steps on how to set up your account and begin using the app!

With joy,
The Vineyard Kids Team

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW: GET STARTED WITH BRIGHTWHEEL



1. Download the brightwheel App

The brightwheel app can be downloaded on your iPhone or Android phone. Simply search for “brightwheel” in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.



2. Sign Up for a Parent Account

Click “Sign Up” and create a Parent Account using an email address or cell phone number. If you received an invitation, please use the same email or phone number to which it was delivered.



3. Link Your brightwheel Account to Your Child

Go to “My Children” to find your child’s profile. If your child is not there, enter the 10-digit code that was given to you. If you’re having trouble, let us know and we can help!



4. Update Your Profile

Add more information about you and your child! Here’s a list of things we recommend you add:

- Profile photo of your child
- Details on your child’s allergies, etc.
- Emergency Contact information
- Additional family members

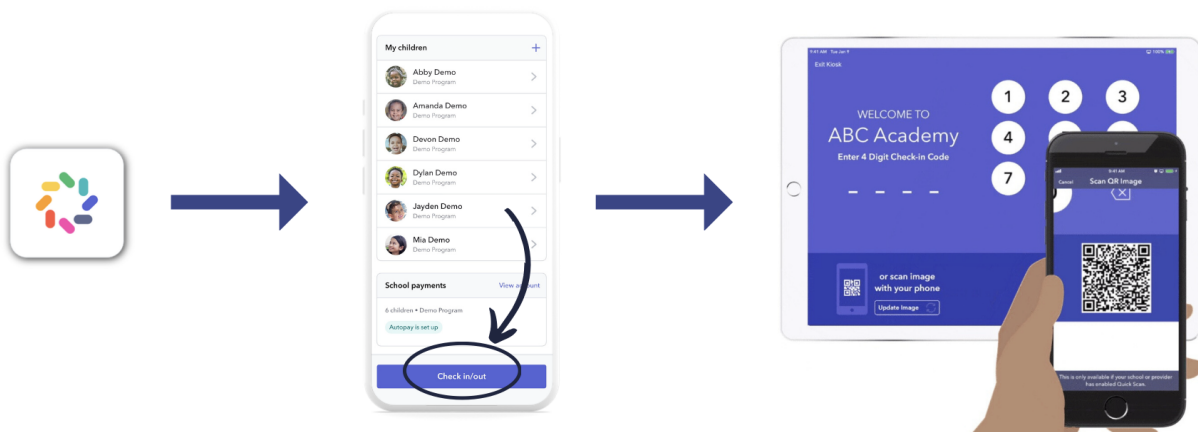
WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW: BRIGHTWHEEL CHECK-IN/OUT



This quick and easy system uses a QR code and your cell phone to track your child's attendance. The QR code will be posted at our entrances and Welcome Tables every Sunday to enable you to check your child(ren) in and out.

1. Open the brightwheel mobile app on your mobile device
2. Click **Check-in/out** on the main page of the app
3. Scan the QR code posted by the entrance/Welcome Table from the app
(**note:** the camera app on your mobile device cannot scan the QR code)
4. Select your child(ren) > Tap **Check-in/out**
5. Enter your 4-digit check-in code

Let us know if you have any questions!



WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW: RESPONSIBILITIES & SAFETY POLICIES

Registration

To help us prepare well for each new program year, we ask that all children be registered by a parent or guardian at the start of the year. Registration allows us to stay in touch with you, share important announcements, highlight upcoming VKids events, and offer ways to get involved. It also gives us the chance to set you up with the Brightwheel app, which we use each Sunday for check-ins, updates, and ongoing communication throughout the year.



The annual registration fee is **\$50.00 per child**, which helps us create a safe, fun, and meaningful experience for your child each week. This fee supports the cost of our new, engaging curricula—**Brite** and **Hyfi**—as well as our new app, **Brightwheel**, which makes check-in, communication, and updates easier for everyone. Thank you for partnering with us!

Check-In & Check-Out

To keep VKids a safe and welcoming space, we ask that a parent or guardian check their child in and out each Sunday using the Brightwheel app. For safety reasons, children may not check themselves in or out.

Once a child has been checked out and picked up, they are under the care of their parent or guardian. We ask that families keep an eye on their children after pickup to help ensure the safety and enjoyment of everyone in our shared spaces.

Brightwheel Messaging

Brightwheel is our main way to communicate with you!

 **Turn on notifications** so you don't miss a thing!

 **Check your messages** and reply promptly on Sundays.

 **Response Times:**

- **Sundays, 9:00am–12:30pm** – Your child's teachers and our admin team are available to respond to questions during service times.
- **Weekdays, 9:00am–3:00pm** – Our admin team is happy to help with any additional questions.

Clothing Attire

We want all children to participate safely and comfortably. For that reason, we ask that kids wear closed-toe shoes (no sandals or slippers), as open-toed shoes can lead to slips or injuries during play. Children in unsafe footwear may be asked to sit out of active games.

We also kindly ask that girls wearing dresses wear safety shorts or leggings underneath for comfort and ease during activities.

No Personal Food or Snacks

To protect children with food allergies and keep our classrooms safe and inclusive, we ask that personal snacks or shared food not be brought into VKids programs. Thank you for your understanding and support.

No Electronic Devices

To help all children stay present and engaged, we ask that cell phones, tablets, or other electronic devices stay put away during class unless a teacher has given permission for their use.

Health & Wellness Policy

For the health of all children and volunteers, we kindly ask that children showing signs of illness such as fever, sore throat, coughing, or a runny nose stay home and rest. If your child becomes unwell during the program, we will reach out and ask that they be picked up as soon as possible.

Safe Participation Policy

For the safety and well-being of all participants, staff, and volunteers, our programs are not able to accommodate children whose behavioral, medical, or emotional needs require a higher level of support than we can provide. If a child's behavior poses a risk of harm to themselves or others, the child will not be able to participate in the program. This decision will be final and must be honored by parents/guardians.

TIPS FOR SEPARATION

It's very common for young children to cry when separating from a parent, especially in a new environment. At Vineyard Kids, we want to support both children and parents through this transition with love, affirmation, and consistency. Here are a few helpful tips:

- **Crying is normal.** Reassure your child that they are in a safe place with caring adults who will take good care of them.
- **We'll keep you informed.** Throughout service, we'll share photo updates on Brightwheel so you can see how your child is doing in class. If your little one has a harder time settling in and continues to cry for more than 20 minutes, we'll reach out right away.
- **Say a confident goodbye.** Please say goodbye to your child, reassure them that you'll be back soon, and then leave promptly. **Avoid lingering**, as this can make the separation harder.
- **Hand your child over gently.** Instead of having a teacher take your child from you, we ask that you hand your child to the caregiver yourself. This shows your child that you trust the person caring for them.
- **Set clear expectations.** Let your child know what to expect before arriving. For example:
"We're going to church, then I'll check you in and give you a big hug then leave. After story time, I'll be back to pick you up!"
Then, **follow through on the plan to help build trust.**
- **Be on time for pickup.** Arriving when you say you will help your child feel secure and strengthens their confidence in the routine.

With love, patience, and consistency, transitions can become smoother over time. We're here to partner with you every step of the way!