



Philosophy of Children's Ministry

The children's ministry of CABC supports parents in their task of raising their children "in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4) by doing three things:

1. **Supporting parents by providing safe childcare at church.** Volunteers must complete background checks and child safety training prior to serving, and we adhere to a robust child protection policy in all of our children's ministries.
2. **Supporting parents by teaching children biblical truths at church.** We carefully select curriculum and materials that are rich in the gospel and saturated with biblical truth.
3. **Supporting parents by providing them with resources to use at home.** Whether through catechism questions, discussion sheets, or songs to sing at home, we want to encourage parents to provide biblical instruction throughout the week.

When fully-staffed, this is what our children's ministry looks like on a typical week:

SUNDAY MORNINGS

9:00am - 10:00am || Bible Study Cohorts

- Nursery, ages 1-3 years
- Jr. CrawfordKids, ages 4-5
- CrawfordKids, 1st-5th grade

10:30am - 12:00pm || Gathered Worship

- Nursery, ages 0-3 years
- Jr. CrawfordKids, ages 4-5

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

6:30pm - 8:00pm

- Nursery, ages 1-3 years
- Jr. CrawfordKids, ages 4-5
- CrawfordKids, 1st-5th grade

Parent Participation

We believe that children's ministry is not a product or a service that we receive, but is one way we serve one another as a church family and partner together to make disciples of our children. This means that we value the regular, active participation of parents as scheduled volunteers in children's ministry. In most circumstances, parents whose children participate in children's ministry are expected to serve in children's ministry.

Stewardship of Resources

We seek to care for the spiritual welfare of our volunteers and staff by identifying healthy limits and ministering within our means. This means that there will be seasons when our children's ministry will not be able to do all that we would like, and it means that we will not push our people to serve more frequently than is healthy.