



Welcome to Connection Kids!

As you and your child approach our check-in desk, you will be greeted by a member of our Kids Check-In Team. If you were not able to preregister prior to arrival, the team member will ask you to fill in a brief information card so that we can best serve your child.

You will receive a name tag for your child and a corresponding security tag for yourself. Please alert check-in personnel of any information that will help in caring for your child, such as allergies and special needs.

You will then take your child to their designated room that is printed on the child's name tag. Please note that parents are not allowed in the Highlands Kids auditoriums or Preschool halls without the corresponding security tag. All kids ministry team members have been through a screening and training process to ensure the safety of your child.

What to Expect in Nursery/Preschool

Your child's age-appropriate classroom name can be found on their name tag. As you walk your child to their classroom, a team member will meet you at the door to welcome your child, receive your child's diaper bag and any other necessary items you may have. Please inform nursery volunteers of any specific instructions you may have for your child.

After you have completed the check-in process and taken your child to his or her room, wave a quick good-bye and head into the worship service. As you know, it is common for little ones to cry when a parent leaves. This, typically, does not last long. Separation will become easier over time. Our leaders will immediately engage your child in a toy or activity and reassure your child that you will return soon. If your child cries for an extended period of time, we will text you using the number that corresponds to the one on your security tag. Please place your cell phone on vibrate but in an area that you will not miss a text should one be sent.

Nursery

Necessary Items

When packing a diaper bag for your child, please include the following items:

- Two or three disposable diapers
- An extra change of clothes
- A bottle of milk, formula, juice or water

Please label all personal items (including pacifiers and bottles/ sippy cups) with your child's first and last name before arriving at your child's class. This helps know which items belong to your child. Our team has temporary labels for bottles and cups, but permanent personalization is preferred.

Snacks

Snacks are provided for our crawlers and walkers. The food items consist of Gerber Graduate Puffs for children under two and whole grain snacks for children two and older. Again, please inform the check-in team of any allergies during the check-in process. Allergy alerts will be entered into our check-in system and displayed on your child's name tag.

Curriculum

We believe that even our littlest ones can learn about the love of Christ! Regular learning experiences are planned and lessons are reinforced with songs, Bible thoughts, and supervised activities designed with the ability of your child in mind.

Pick-up Procedure

When the time comes to pick up your child, please return to the appropriate room and present your security tag to the nursery volunteer at the door. The tag will be matched to your child's name tag before he/she will be released into your care. A child will not be able to leave the room with a parent, without the presentation of the security tag. In the event you lose your security tag, you will be asked to show proper identification before your child is returned to you. Children will not be released to anyone under the age of 14 even if the security tag is presented. Please make sure that you have all of your child's belongings before you leave.

Preschool

Opening Activities

Preschoolers are encouraged to participate in opening activities such as working a puzzle or reading a book. The teacher will use these activities to reinforce Biblical truths each week.

Gathering for Group Time

Each classroom will have fun with songs and games to help the preschoolers prepare for story time. Prayer is always a part of our group time.

Story Time

Utilizing Bible stories, videos, songs and games, children will learn basic Biblical truths that can be applied in their preschool realm, all while having fun! Bible verses, songs, and games are also used to emphasize the theme and focus of the lesson.

Snack

A snack will be provided for your preschooler. Snack consists of animal crackers, pretzels or whole grain goldfish and water. Please inform check-in personnel of any allergies during the check-in process. Allergy alerts will be entered into the check-in system and displayed on your child's name tag.

Heading Home

When you pick up your child from class, please be sure to take your child's take-home bag. This will have your child's belongings, color sheets, and take-home activity page. The teacher will check your security tag and your child's name tag for a match before placing the preschooler into your care. A child will not be able to leave the room without the presentation of the security tag. In the event you lose your security tag, you will be asked to show proper identification before your child may leave with you.

Family Time: "Take-Home Sheet"

Each child will receive an activity page that includes the week's Bible story, Bible verse, and a related activity. You can read the story and the Bible verse with your child to help them understand the lesson and the verse. Save the "Take-Home sheet" and use it during the week. This interaction with your child can be very rewarding for the both of you.

Opportunities for Parents

Child Dedication Service

Connection Church observes child dedication. This is a special time when parents thank God for a precious new life and pledge themselves to follow the Lord's leadership in the development of their child. For information regarding these special times or to register, please email us at connectionchurch757@gmail.com.

What to Expect in Connection Kids Elementary Service

Game Stations & Group Game

Upon entering the doors, your child will notice several game stations throughout the room. We are committed to making your child feel welcome, loved and at home while they are in Connection Kids. While your child is enjoying the game stations, a leader will be sure to connect with them to make sure they are engaged in the game, playing with the other children, and building relationships.

Worship Experience

Connection Kids has a mission to introduce elementary schoolers to the love and presence of Jesus, the truth of His Word, and the purpose He has for their lives. We accomplish this through strategic activities throughout the morning. Our team will lead worship songs, group prayer time, a high-energy Bible lesson, object lessons, videos, games and time for individual reflection and application. Our goal is to meet every child at their specific developmental level and ensure that they feel seen, loved and valued each time they come to Connection Kids.

Heading Home

When you come to pick up your child, please have your security tag visible. For the protection of your child, you will not be allowed inside the auditorium without it. When picking your child up, please be sure to keep your tag visible for the check-out line. The teacher will check your security tag and your child's name tag for a match before allowing you to leave with your child. A child will not be able to leave the room without the presentation of the security tag. In the event you lose your security tag, you will be asked to show proper identification before your child may leave with you. Children will not be released to anyone under the age of 14 even if the security tag is presented. Please make sure that you have all of your child's belongings before you leave.

Take-Home Devotional

Each child will receive a family devotional that includes the week's Bible story, Bible verse, and a related activity. You can read the story and the Bible verse with your child to help them understand the lesson and the verse. Save the "Take-Home Devotional" and use it during the week. This interaction with your child can be very rewarding for your family.

Following your visit

Our team loves meeting new families and seeing how we can best serve them. After your first visit, a team member will reach out via call or text to answer any questions you may have and see how Connection Church can support and care for your family. Team members will also ask how the Connection Team can

be praying for you. Please do not feel any pressure, we simply want to let you know that you and your family are seen, loved and valued.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out via phone (call or text): 757.525.3408 or email: connectionchurch757@gmail.com.