



Grace Baptist Church

Resuming Children's Ministry

Grace is working to resume weekly ministries in a way that honors God by; gathering frequently in worship, demonstrating love of neighbor to our community, keeping church members safe, preventing the spread of Coronavirus to our community, and respecting the requests of our health officials. As you can imagine, this is a challenging undertaking, and we're requesting your patience as we try to navigate these needs.

Our understanding is that church children's ministries fall under the "Healthy at Work: Requirements for Childcare Programs" guidelines, while our adult worship service operates under the "Houses of Worship" guidance. These guidelines are not always consistent, so we seek to do our best to operate with as much flexibility as we can within each set of guidelines. As we work to resume children's ministry during the weekly worship service, here is what children's ministry workers and parents should expect:

- 1) Starting Sunday June 21st, nursery will be provided for children who are 4 years and younger. Children's church will be provided for children who are 5 years through 3rd grade. Both groups will begin the service in their kids' ministry. When you check in at the front door, you will be directed to the childcare check in center in the foyer.
- 2) Childcare workers will ask some questions regarding symptoms and check the temperature of your child, and then assist your child in finding the appropriate classroom.
- 3) In accordance with state guidelines, Children will be divided into groups of 10. There will be 2 workers in the nursery at all times. Each Children's Church class of 10 will have a designated adult, with an additional worker who "floats" to monitor for safety and assists with restroom breaks.
- 4) Children's Church will use "The Gospel Project" Sunday School literature to teach your children to cherish the Gospel. This will ensure that we are ministering to your children through this time, and will provide a format that helps Children's Church workers to use the hour needed for service time.
- 5) Within children's groupings of 10, six foot social distancing is not required. Teachers are encouraged to do activities that allow for extra space when possible, but kids will be allowed to play together.
- 6) Sharing of toys will be discouraged. In the nursery, any toy that is placed in the mouth will be sanitized before allowing another child play with it.

- 7) Childcare workers will be asked to wear a mask while inside unless they cannot do so safely. Children under 5 should not wear a mask, and children older than 5 should follow their parent's requests. ("Adults must wear a face mask while inside a childcare program unless doing so would represent a serious risk to their health or safety or they are more than 6 feet away from any other individual."-Note Kentucky Childcare Guidelines, Section on PPE, point #1—)
- 8) Because Children's Church will last over an hour now, teachers may choose to take children outside for recreation time. (Teachers who desire to remove their mask are encouraged to spend time outside, where you are free to remove your mask.)
- 9) We have some teens who faithfully help in our children's ministry. We appreciate teens who would like to assist an adult in children's church and nursery. Teens should not serve more frequently than other adults in the rotation.