

Next Phase Plan for Nursery and Children's Church

Children's church plan (rain or shine)

- Beginning on September 13, children (age 4 to current 5th graders) will be dismissed before the sermon for Children's Church.
- Children's Church will be held in the lower fellowship hall beneath the sanctuary.
- The room will be arranged so that the children can be spaced 6 feet apart, and masks will not be required.
- Children's Church will be designed to keep the children distanced, and avoid sharing of materials.
- Each child who is able to read should bring their own Bible. If your reading child doesn't yet have their own children's Bible, notify Beth Lehman, and Salem will provide one.
- When the weather is nice, we may do a game or activity outside, but the Bible story, singing and other parts of the lesson will always be indoors.
- Please pick up your children from Children's Church promptly at the end of the service. We won't be dismissing the kids as a group to fellowship hall, to avoid unnecessary contact with others.

Nursery care for outdoor worship

- Children age 3 and under will continue to be cared for at the playground during the sermon.
- We suggest sending your child with a labeled water bottle, and clothing/shoes to fit with the weather.
- Please pick your child up from the playground promptly at the end of the worship service. Volunteers will need time to take toys and materials back into the building.

Nursery care for indoor worship

- Children age 3 and under can be dropped off in the nursery before the service.
- 2 & 3 year olds will be on the right side of the room, watching a Bible story video.
- 2 & 3 year olds should bring a blanket or beach towel to sit on during the video. This will help us to keep the kids distanced, by having them each stay on their own blanket or towel.
- Infants and 1 year olds will be on the left side of the nursery.
- Limited toys will be available. Toys that are difficult to sanitize will be temporarily stored elsewhere.
- Volunteers will wear masks, since they won't be able to maintain a 6 foot distance between themselves and the children.
- Please pick your child up from the nursery promptly at the end of the worship service. Volunteers will need time to clean and sanitize toys and surfaces.

General Guidelines for Children's Ministry

- Please do not bring your child to church if they are not feeling well, or if you know they've been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Volunteers will do their best to keep the children distanced, and we will also provide opportunities to wash and sanitize their hands.
- *Most importantly, we are so excited to spend time with the kids again, teaching them about God and His Word!*