



Children's Ministry (Nursery)

WELCOME! We welcome you and your child to this ministry of our church. . Our nursery is for children 3 months old to 3 years old. We join you in a vitally important task; the nurturing of your child's development. We want to provide your child with the physical care and spiritual training that will build within them the right concept about the church, God and Jesus Christ. Our goal is for each child to grow up in a Christian environment and for each of us to exhibit understanding and cooperation as we work together for the good of your child.

What to bring:

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

- Two or three disposable diapers (no cloth diapers , please)*
- A complete change of clothes*
- Bottle of milk, formula, juice or water

*The church will provide backup items if you find yourself without these items.

When you arrive at your child's room...

A nursery worker will meet you at the door to help you fill out the security label for your child. Please note on the security label any information that will help care for your child, such as feeding times, allergies and special needs. Please make sure to list your cell phone number; if you are needed the nursery will reach you by text (If you do not have a cell phone or text available, the nursery will contact Monica Rodriguez, 1042 Children's director to let you know that you are needed). One adhesive label will attach to your child's back, one label will attach to the diaper bag, and you will use the other security label to pick up your child. A child will not be released to a parent without a security label or proper identification. Once the security labels are complete the nursery worker will receive your child, diaper bag, and any other necessary items. After you have completed the check in process wave a quick good-bye and leave for worship service. As you know, it is normal for little ones to cry when a parent leaves. This does not last long, and separation becomes easier over time. Our leaders will immediately create interest in a toy, or activity and give assurance that you will return. If your child cries for an extended period of time (longer than 10 minutes), we will text you to come to the nursery. We will also text you if your child is nursing and appears hungry, your child appears sick, or an injury has occurred.

Leaders & Volunteers

All paid workers and volunteers go through an interview process, their references are checked, and they are subject to a criminal background check. They receive training on church policies and procedures, and paid workers receive CPR/First Aid training. Only workers, scheduled volunteers and nursing mothers are allowed in the nursery.

What we provide:

Snacks

Upon approval from YOU snacks are provided. The food items consist of water and goldfish crackers. Our Children's Ministry is "Nut FREE". If your child has an allergy please inform the leader when you arrive.

Curriculum

We believe that even our littlest ones can learn! Regular learning experiences are planned and lessons are reinforced with songs, Bible stories, activities, art projects, and prayer time.



Parent Tips

We seek to assist the parents in the spiritual growth of children. Take home pages will be given to parents that include the Bible story and Bible verse for the week. Parents can use this to review with their child throughout the week.

Pick-up Procedures

You are required to show your security label to pick up your child. Please make sure that all of your child's personal items have been returned to you before you leave the premises. Lost and found items will be retained for a short time.

Discipline Policy:

Physical discipline, such as spanking, is never permitted. Affirmation and encouragement are always preferred. If redirection doesn't solve the disciplinary problem we will use a time-out. (1 minute per child's age)

Health Policy

The Church is committed to keeping children healthy and happy. You can help by keeping your child at home if the child shows any of the following:

- Fever greater than 101.1 (children should be free of fever for 24 hours)
- Common cold: runny nose, sore throat
- Cough
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea
- Questionable rashes or skin infections
- Scarlet Fever
- Mumps
- Measles
- Whooping Cough
- Active Chicken Pox
- Pink Eye (Conjunctivitis)

Children treated with antibiotics should be on the antibiotic for at least 24 hours before coming to the Children's Ministry. Children's Ministry leaders are not allowed to give medication of any kind. If your child has symptoms related to non-contagious allergies, inform the room leader.

Opportunities for Parents:

Parent Commitment & Child Dedication Services

This is a special time when parents and the 1042 church family thank God for a precious life and pledge themselves to follow the Lord's leadership in the development of the child. You may contact our Lead Pastor at Justin@1042church.com for more information.

Volunteer Opportunities

We encourage parents to invest in the 1042 childcare through volunteering. Volunteers are needed on Saturdays from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Please contact Monica Rodriguez, Children's Director, at 214-470-0486 for a Volunteer Application or for more information.