



WHAT WE ARE ABOUT:

Leading the next generation to Live for Jesus Christ.

THE WAY WE DO IT:

It is our desire that every person is living for Jesus Christ, so we have an intentional plan from birth through graduation, to partner with parents, and place influential adults in the life of each child and student, to maximize the likelihood that this desire becomes a reality.

That integrated plan plays out both at home with parents and in the context of peer LifeGroups with influential adult leaders, as well as through events, parent seminars, serving opportunities, and mission opportunities.

PARENT PARTNERSHIP

Regardless of what we do as a church, we believe strongly that our efforts bear lasting fruit only if the parents are fulfilling their God-given role as spiritual leaders. Ways that we partner with and equip parents as spiritual leaders include:

- Coaching parents 1on1 on ways they can lead their specific family at home.
- Providing opportunities for family to be on mission together.
- Equipping our LifeGroup leaders to partner with you as the parent.
- Offering occasional equipping seminars for parents.
- Hosting events designed to strengthen the heart connect between parent and child.
- Conducting parent-child dedications. A special time when parents pledge themselves to follow the Lord's leadership in the development of their child, while the church in turn pledges to support the parent on that journey.

121 FAMILIES STAFF INFORMATION

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SPIRITUAL FORMATION BY AGE GROUP

Please familiarize yourself with the spiritual formation plans on the following pages.



WHAT WE ARE ABOUT:

Leading young children to live for Jesus Christ

Our desire is in the formative years (Birth-K), every child would:

- Experience the love of Christ through the loving influence of our volunteer teachers and caretakers
- Grow to understand:
 - God is the one and only true God.
 - He reveals Himself to us through the Bible, and it is 100% accurate.
 - The Gospel: Jesus is God, Sin separates, Cross and death, resurrection, return, kingdom
 - God wants a relationship with each of us & offers us His free gift of salvation. (“God made me, God loves me, Jesus wants to be my friend forever”)

WHAT WE DO:

Our CreationLand ministry provides a safe, nurturing, Christ-centered environment, where God’s love is demonstrated and His truth is taught, all in partnership with parents to build a spiritual foundation for the child’s future salvation and life of service to God.

Honor God In Worship

We believe children are wired to worship! Each week we include a worship segment with suggested music to encourage them to openly express their love for who God is and to praise Him for all He has created.

Grow Together in Community

Babies through kindergartners experience quality time in age-appropriate small group environments each Sunday where they are loved on and taught by caring adults and students who have a desire to share the love of Jesus with our children. Our approach is to focus on one key truth all month long, engage all five senses in the learning process, and provide follow-up materials to parents— such as our ‘Small Talk Placemats.’

Reach People on Mission

Children begin to grasp the concept of serving and helping others during their years in CreationLand. Twice each year we introduce a mission focus that will help them learn about other children both locally and globally. Our children and their parents are encouraged to collect items needed by children in other parts of the metroplex, country, or world, and to make this a family project.



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WHAT WE ARE ABOUT:

Leading kids to live for Jesus Christ.

Our desire is that over the five years spent in 121KIDS, every child would:

- Be presented with opportunities to trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior through the Gospel: Jesus is God, Sin separates, Cross and death, resurrection, return, kingdom
- Know God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – the Trinity
- Understand the big picture of the Bible and how it fits together
- Know, value, and apply God's wisdom in their daily lives and key decisions
- Develop a serving lifestyle while treating others the way they want to be treated
- Know how to tell others about God
- Spend time at the Table for Two (develop a personal devotional life)

WHAT WE DO:

Honor God In Worship

121KIDS: At our Sunday morning worship experience just for kids, children participate in worship through singing, drama, and creative Bible storytelling. All of which encourages them to trust in Christ, rely on God, and treat others the way they want to be treated.

Grow Together in Community

LifeGroups are a focused time for kids to learn biblical truths taught by qualified volunteers who are committed to the spiritual development of each child. LifeGroups aim to:

- Create an atmosphere that encourages spiritual discussion.
- Encourage healthy friendships by connecting kids in small groups.
- Provide an opportunity to share needs and pray for each other.
- Equip children to develop an ongoing devotion life.
- Challenge children to demonstrate the fruit of the spirit to others.

We also provide a variety of connect points throughout the year (camp, events, etc.) designed to deep community among kids while strengthening their faith.

Reach People on Mission

We feel it is important for kids to learn about and get involved in the Mission of God both locally and globally. We provide numerous opportunities to:

- Partner with short-term and long-term missionaries
- Be involved in mission by raising money and sending gifts
- Participate in short-term mission trips



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WHAT WE ARE ABOUT:

Leading students to live for Jesus Christ, who love God, love each other and engage the lost.

Our desire is that over the six years ending with high school graduation students would:

- Be in an authentic relationship with Christ and continue to grow.
- Understand the big picture of the Bible & process decisions through a biblical lens.
- Be equipped to wrestle with hard questions and challenges to their faith.
- Have a strong heart-connection with their parents.
- Have healthy friendships with other believers.
- Be on mission, by serving others and sharing the Gospel.
- Spend time at the Table for Two (develop a personal devotional life)
- Remain actively involved in the local church as they enter college or the workforce.

WHAT WE DO:

Honor God In Worship

We have two large group worship experiences on Wednesday nights, The Middle Ground (6th-8th grades) and The Wooden Door (9th-12th grades). Both are designed around sound teaching, worshipful music, and community building recreation and activities. Aspects of Wednesday night are designed to engage students who are at differing points in their spiritual journey. For example, we provide leadership opportunities for committed students, while tailoring other elements to engage those who are still exploring what it means to have a relationship with Christ.

Grow Together in Community

In addition to the community building afforded by our Wednesday night student gathering, we provide a variety of connect points throughout the year. (camp, events, etc.)

The closest relationships are developed in student LifeGroups. These LifeGroups meet on Sunday mornings (6th-8th grades) and throughout the week in homes (9th-12th grades). Student LifeGroups are designed to:

- Provide mentorship from adult leaders.
- Provide a safe place to process life decisions through a Biblical lens.
- Encourage healthy friendships by connecting students at a deeper level.
- Mobilize students on God's mission to reach the lost.
- Provide an opportunity to share needs and pray for each other.

Reach People on Mission

We embed mission in all aspects of student ministry at 121, with some examples including:

- Serving on a ministry team on Sunday mornings.
- Outreach events for our students to bring their lost friends to hear the Gospel.
- Ministry projects and mission trips (local, national and international)



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