



Grow in the grace and  
knowledge of our Lord



KING OF GLORY  
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Parent Handbook  
2024 - 2025

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# Get ready for a fun and exciting year at KOG!

Register for Children's Ministry Sunday

School at **kingofglory.com**

- Preschool Sunday School (Preschool and Kindergarten)
- Younger Elementary Sunday School (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Older Elementary Sunday School (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>)

*We strive to offer developmentally appropriate learning for all of our preschool classes. Generally speaking, children attend the class for the age they are on Sept. 1. Sometimes parents know in advance that their child will not be attending Kindergarten the year they are 5 on Sept. 1. In this case, we recommend that children be placed with the class with which they will enter Kindergarten.*

## **Photo Permission Information**

In House: Children's Ministry takes photos to use for bulletin boards, class projects and our weekly newsletter.

Social Media: On occasion, we post photos on our King of Glory Family Ministry Facebook page. We will not print your child's name or tag any photos.

Please be sure to register and let us know if you do NOT want your child's photo taken.

## **Food Allergies**

We strive to create an inclusive environment for all children. If your child has food allergies, we will work with you to find a comparable alternative during special snacks. All Children's Ministry programs and areas are NUT FREE. All snacks must be pre-approved by Rainey Smith. Please ask before bringing snacks to share. Register your child and provide your child's food allergy information.

## **Would a little extra support help your child fully participate?**

Because children learn differently and have different needs, all of our preschool and elementary classrooms include:

- "Fidgets" for children who need something to do with their hands in order to self-calm or to help with focus
- Visual schedules with pictures of the day's activities
- Sensory cushions provide active seating for wigglers while improving focus.

If there is something more we can do to support your child, please include that information on your child's registration form or contact Rainey Smith.

# Sunday Morning for Children

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8:45 – 11:30 am	Nursery available for ages birth – Kindergarten
9:00 – 10:00 am	Sunday School for Preschool Children, age 2 - Kindergarten
9:00 – 9:15 am	Children's Choir for children, 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade
9:15 – 10:00 am	Sunday School for children, 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade

Children are always welcome in worship. If parents prefer the nursery, it is open during the worship service and Sunday School classes for infants through Kindergarten. The nursery is also available during most special congregational events. **Contact Rainey Smith, Children's Ministry Coordinator, for details at [rsmith@kingofglory.com](mailto:rsmith@kingofglory.com).**

- It is important that we know if your child has food allergies or special needs. Please let the Nursery Coordinator know because we offer children a snack during their visit.
- If your child is potty training, please bring an extra set of clothes.
- Labeled sippy cups are helpful if your child cannot drink from a Dixie cup.
- We do play outside if the weather is nice except when children are wearing special occasion clothing.

| Nursery: Rm 142 | Children's Choir Rm 211 |

## Preschool

For children age 2 by September 1 through Kindergarten

Age-appropriate activities teaching the Bible through games, art, Bible stories and more.

- Children in the nursery can be taken to their classroom by Nursery Staff for you. Sign them into both Nursery and on their Sunday School attendance sheet. Be sure to let the nursery staff know too!
- Please visit the restroom with your child before class.

Preschool: **Rm 143**

## Elementary

1st — 5th Grade

Children will explore the weekly Bible story. The children are in groups depending on their grade level.

- Sunday School children will explore the Bible story through art, drama, movement, brain challenges, science, and music.
- Children 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> will be dismissed unless otherwise noted on the attendance sheet stating your child will be picked-up by an adult and not dismissed on their own.

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Rm 111** | 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>: **Rm 113**

*For the comfort and safety of your children, it is important for parents to remain in the building while their children are in Sunday School and the nursery. If you should be needed, it is a great help to be able to contact you immediately.*

# Worship

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## Preschool and Elementary @ Worship

Children sometimes find it difficult to sit through the entire worship service without wiggling, fidgeting and losing interest. In order to help children and parents make the most of the worship experience, Children's Ministry offers these resources:

- Nursery - for children through kindergarten age during worship.
- Sensory Room - an extension of our sanctuary for members and guests to retreat to when participating in a group setting becomes overwhelming. This room is for our disabled community only.
- Cry Room - located in the Nursery Hallway in **Rm 140**. Worship is streamed live on a large screen for families with sad infants and/or enthusiastic toddlers.
- Fidgets - These are not intended as toys for every child but are provided for children who need a little something extra to do with their hands during worship. Please return "fidgets" at the end of worship.
- Children's Bibles – Children's Bibles ranging from easy to older readers are available for Children to borrow during worship. Located on a table in the Narthex. Please return Bibles at the end of worship.
- Spark Activity pages for Pre-Reader and Reader are available in the Narthex along with a clipboard and pencil. Please return the clipboard and pencil at the end of worship.

# Children's Choir

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## Children's Choir

1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade children will meet after Sunday School in Room 211.

Choir is from 10:00 – 10:30. The children will join the children's sermon at 10:30 in Room 115 and everyone returns to the Sanctuary together when the children's sermon is over.

They will have the opportunity to perform for the congregation.

### Reformation (October)

### Lessons and Carols (December)

### Palm Sunday (March)

### Music Appreciation Day (May)

*Allison Becker, Children's Choir Director*

*Email: [allisonkobibeck@gmail.com](mailto:allisonkobibeck@gmail.com)*

## Time with Dr. Zy!

This engaging monthly activity will provide a fun and enriching environment for children and youth to grow in their knowledge of sacred music and musicianship. Led by Dr. Zy (Zvony, our Director of Music and Worship) alongside Allie (our Children's Choir Director), **Time with Dr. Zy** will offer:

- **Additional Choir Rehearsal:** Children's choir members will benefit from dedicated rehearsal time while other children and youth can enjoy the musical fun.
- **Exploration of Sacred Music:** Learn about different genres and styles of sacred music, fostering a deeper appreciation for this rich tradition.
- **Musicianship Development:** Interactive music education activities will help children develop their musical skills in a positive and supportive environment.

### Schedule:

- Every first Sunday of the month, October through December, and February through April (excluding January)
- Time: 11:45 AM - 12:30 PM
- Location: Choir Room

**For more information about Time with Dr. Zy, contact Dr. Zy at [znagy@kingofglory.com](mailto:znagy@kingofglory.com)**

# Faith Stepping Stones

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These are times when your child “steps” from one developmental stage to the next. As they step forward physically, mentally, emotionally and educationally, our goal is that they step forward spiritually as well.

## Each Faith Stepping Stone includes four elements:

**Naming:** *We identify and recognize the event to give it holy significance.*

**Equipping:** *Adults and children (as they are able) learn stories, skills and habits that encourage growth in faith appropriate to the event.*

**Celebrating:** *In worship, community and at home through liturgy and time together, the congregation recognizes the new faith stage.*

**Gifting:** *The child receives a tangible symbol of the event as a reminder of its holy significance.*

- **Into God's Family**  
Baptism Orientation for parents.  
Contact KOG Main Office to schedule.
- **Into Education**  
2 year olds, beginning Sunday School, will receive a Beginner's Bible to take home and read together with their family.
- **Into Worship - August**  
Children entering 1st grade will meet with Miss Rainey to explore worship from an age appropriate perspective. The children will receive an Into Worship Lanyard and be recognized during worship.
- **Into Communion - January**  
Communion Education is for second graders and older. Children will decorate a white stole keepsake.
- **Into the Bible - September**  
2 workshops for 3rd graders and older on how to navigate through the Bible. Children are presented with a Children's Bible and decorate a Bible cover.
- **Into Confirmation - September**  
Youth entering 6th Grade will begin confirmation classes. Youth will receive a Lutheran Study Bible at their preferred worship service.
- **Out in Faith - October**  
Youth will celebrate their Confirmation on Reformation Sunday.
- **Into the World - May**  
On Mother's Day, graduating High School Seniors participate with their families in a Flanket Ceremony.

# Faith Stepping Stones (cont.)

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## 2024–2025 Stepping Stones Details and Dates

### Into the Bible – September

*Bible Education: 3rd grade and older*

Children will receive a children's Bible during worship. During their Stepping Stone Sunday School Workshops, children will personalize those Bibles, explore the different parts, learn how to find specific passages, and to use the "helps" that are provided. The goal of the workshops is for children to feel comfortable using their Bibles and be encouraged to use them regularly.

**September 15<sup>th</sup>:** Presentation of Bibles during worship.

**Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Into the Bible Workshops during the Sunday School hour in **Rm 213**.

### Into Communion – January/February

*Communion Education & First Communion: 2nd grade and older*

At King of Glory, the age at which children begin communion is a family decision. We acknowledge that children mature at different ages and that some parents have strong preferences as to the appropriate age for children to begin. Each year we offer a multi-week Communion Education class for children in second grade and above whose parents have determined that their child is ready. This year, the Communion Education series will be offered on Sundays in January. Children will explore communion as instituted by Jesus at the Last Supper and the meaning of communion from a Lutheran perspective.

- January 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup>: Communion Education Classes during the Sunday School hour.
- February 9<sup>th</sup>: Celebration Breakfast during the Sunday School hour followed by First Communion Celebration during worship.



# Time with Miss Rainey

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Fellowship is always fun. During the year, look for opportunities to grow and play together in a safe Christian environment with Miss Rainey. Each event will provide an opportunity for children to meet new friends and deepen existing friendships. Lunch is provided. Friends are always welcome. For more information contact Rainey Smith

[rsmith@kingofglory.com](mailto:rsmith@kingofglory.com)

## **October**

Halloween Party

## **January**

Board Games

## **February**

Movie and Popcorn (During the Annual Ministry Celebration)

## **March**

Messy Art

Look for other opportunities for service and fellowship during the year.

August	Frog Pond
November	KoG Serves
December	Lessons and Carols
April	Old Fashioned Easter Egg Hunt
May	Congregational Picnic
June	VBS and Triumph Sports Camp

# More Events for Children

**August:** Frog Pond! Come beat the heat! KoG rents the Farmer's Branch Frog Pond for fun and fellowship.

## Children's Advent and Lent Events

### **Advent: Christmas Around the World**

Children will learn how other countries celebrate Christmas. Activities include a game, a cookie, and a craft from a specific country.

**Lent:** During Lent, Children will learn about Jesus' Walk from Palm Sunday to His resurrection while playing, baking and making Easter memories.

**November:** During the Sunday School hour, our focus will be on KoG Serves project.

**December 15th: Lessons and Carols** – children will have the opportunity to perform during worship. Reception following worship.

### **December 24<sup>th</sup>: Family-Friendly Christmas Eve Worship**

Everyone is welcome (this includes babies and toddlers) to this service of joyful celebration. The Pastor will deliver the Children's Sermon at the altar. A gift will be presented to the children! The nursery will be closed during this service.

### **April: Old Fashioned Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 am-Noon**

Families and friends are invited to come for an old-fashioned Easter Egg Hunt. In addition to egg hunting, join us for Family Stations of the Cross, crafts, face painting, Easter tattoos, bounce houses, and much more!

## **Vacation Bible School**

***Summer 2025, 9:00 am to Noon***

For children ages 2 (by Sept. 1, 2024) through 5th Grade.



### **ROAD TRIP**

*The LORD your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9*

**On the Go with God!**



## **Triumph Sports Camp**

*A Christian-centered sports camp for children ages 5-12. After VBS, children can stay to learn, and play surrounded in Christ's love. This organization is not connected to King of Glory. They have their own registration and cost.*

# Illness Policies and Procedures

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## **What you can do:**

Stay home if you or your child is not feeling well or has any of the following symptoms:

- Fever (temperature 100.4 °F or higher)
- Sore throat
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for a child with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, see if there is a change from their usual cough)
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or stomachache
- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever

# Inquiring minds want to know...

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Where can I get the **latest information** about Children's Ministry **programs and events**?

**Answer:**



*The weekly Family Ministry email arrives Thursdays.*

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*The KOG weekly update email with highlights of coming Sunday and special events arrives Fridays.*

## **How to subscribe:**

Visit [www.kingofglory.com](http://www.kingofglory.com) and click on the **sign up for weekly updates**. Find the "I would like to subscribe to emails" and select the church email subscriptions you would like to receive.

### **Rainey Smith**

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### **No Sunday School on the following dates:**

**December 1, 2024**  
**December 15, 2024**  
**December 22, 2024**  
**December 29, 2023**  
**April 20, 2025**