



Grow in the grace and
knowledge of our Lord



KING OF GLORY
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES
Parent Handbook
2025-2026

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

Register for Children's Ministry Sunday School at kingofglory.com.
Look for the Children's Ministry page and click on Sunday School.

A link to volunteer during Sunday School is available. Please consider sharing your time and love of Jesus with our KoG children.

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 social media pages. 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, our classroom includes:

- "Fidgets" for children who need something to do with their hands in order to self-calm or to help with focus
- 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

8:45 – 11:30 am	Nursery available for ages birth – Kindergarten
9:00 – 10:00 am	Sunday School for Children, Kindergarten – 5 th grade
10:00 – 10:30	Children's Choir for children, Kindergarten – 5 th grade

Nursery

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.**

- 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: Suite 117, Room B

Please note: After the Children's Ministry area renovations have been completed, we will be changing rooms. Completion is scheduled for mid-September 2025.

Elementary

Kindergarten — 5th Grade

Sunday School children will explore the weekly Bible story through art, drama, movement, brainchallenges, science, and music.

- Children 3rd – 5th will be dismissed, on their own, unless otherwise noted on the attendance sheet stating your child will be picked-up by an adult and not dismissed on their own.

Suite 117, Room A

Please note: After the Children's Ministry area renovations have been completed, we will be changing rooms. Completion is scheduled for mid-September 2025.

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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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 116**. 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

Children's Choir

Kindergarten – 5th 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.

Children's Choir serves as a vital component of church life by nurturing faith, developing musical and personal skills in our children, and enriching the worship experience and community for our King of Glory members.

Allison Becker, Children's Choir Director
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Children's Choir Rm 111

Faith Stepping Stones

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 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.)

2025–2026 Stepping Stones Details and Dates

Into the Bible – September

Bible Education: 3rd grade and older

Children will be presented a children's Bible during worship. During their Stepping Stone SundaySchool 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 14th: Presentation of Bibles during worship.

Sept. 14th & 21st: 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/February. Children will explore communion as instituted by Jesus at the Last Supper and the meaning of communion from a Lutheran perspective.

- **January 25th, February 1st and 8th:** Communion Education Classes is after worship.
- **February 15th:** Celebration Breakfast during the Sunday School hour. First Communion Recognition during worship.

Faith Stepping Stone Suite 117, Room D

Time with Miss Rainey



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)

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 End of Summer Event

November KoG Serves

December Lessons and Carols

April Easter Carnival

June VBS and Triumph Sports Camp

Time with Miss Rainey Suite 117, Room C

More Events for Children

August: Children will get together for an End of Summer event before the school year begins. Past years have included Frog Pond and Altitude Trampoline Park.

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 9th: During Sunday School hour, the focus will be on a service project.

December 14th: Lessons and Carols – Reception following worship.

December 24th: 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.

March 28th: Easter Carnival 10:00 am-1:00 pm

KoG families and community friends are invited to come for an Easter Carnival. Petting zoo, trackless train, crafts, face painting, Easter tattoos, and more!



Summer 2026, 9:00 am to Noon

For children ages 2 (by Sept. 1, 2025) through 5th Grade.

SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

Challenge Accepted-With God,
I Am Strong!

I can do all things through him who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)

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

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...

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

Answer:



*The Children's Ministry weekly
newsletter arrives Thursdays.*

**KING OF
GLORY
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*The KOG weekly email arrives
Fridays.*

How to subscribe:

Visit 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.

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No Sunday School on the following dates:

November 30, 2025
December 14, 2025
December 21, 2025
December 28, 2025
January 4, 2026
April 5, 2026