



The Oasis

A Sensory Breakout Room for Kids

The Oasis includes two spaces designed to meet different needs:

The smaller room

has a quiet, cozy, cave-like feel, with pillows and books for children who need a calm space.

The larger room

offers a variety of sensory and movement experiences, including a sensory light, liquid floor tiles, a crash pad and more.

Purpose of The Oasis

The Oasis is not a classroom or an additional playroom. It is a breakout space for children who would benefit from a break, a place to move and explore, or a quieter environment outside the classroom.

The Oasis may be especially helpful when a child:

- Is becoming dysregulated and needs a place to calm and reset.
- Needs a break from the activity or stimulation of the classroom.
- Would benefit from movement or sensory input before returning to the classroom.

Hands and Feet Buddies may regularly use The Oasis with the children they support, but a child does not need to have a buddy or a diagnosis to benefit from this space. Shepherds, Assistant Shepherds, Hallway Support, Junior Shepherds and Kids Ministry staff members may also accompany a child to The Oasis when needed.



Safety and Use Guidelines

- 1 A child may not use The Oasis alone and must be accompanied by a Shepherd, Assistant Shepherd, Hallway Support, Hands and Feet Buddy, Junior Shepherd or Kids Ministry staff member.
- 2 Before taking a child to The Oasis, let another Shepherd or Hallway Support know where you are going.
- 3 Remain with the child, supervise attentively and do not leave the child alone.
- 4 Security cameras are located in both rooms, and each door has a window to provide visibility and accountability.
- 5 The Oasis does not have a scheduled rotation for use. If someone is already using the space, check with the Kids Ministry team member accompanying that child before entering. Be thoughtful about whether sharing the space will meet the needs of all the children involved.
- 6 Help children use the equipment safely and for its intended purpose.
- 7 Remain attentive to the child's needs and help the child return to the classroom when ready.
- 8 Before leaving, help the child put away any books or materials used and leave the room ready for others.
- 9 If a child needs more support than you can provide, contact Hallway Support or a Kids Ministry staff member.

Bathroom and Changing Table

- A bathroom is available within The Oasis for children to use.
- If a child needs assistance in the bathroom, leave the door ajar for visibility and accountability while also respecting the child's privacy.
- The changing table is for parents and caregivers to use with their children. Kids Ministry team members should not change a child in The Oasis. If a child needs to be changed, contact the child's parent or caregiver.

