

Children are a heritage from the
Lord, they are a reward from Him.
Psalm 127:3



ELC Wonder Kidz Parent Guide

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Note from ELC Wonder Kidz

Hello Parents,

We want you to know what a great blessing it is for us to serve you. We love children! We have a biblical responsibility to evangelize our children, encourage families, and edify our servants; we take this seriously.

If you have any questions, comment, or concerns, please call (850) 785-3676 or email to wonderkidz@elevationlifechurch.com.

In Christ,
Ms. Pam and the Wonder Kidz Team

Nursing Mothers

You are welcome to nurse your baby in Wonder Babez 'n Totz. We want you and your baby to feel comfortable. Please do not bring your stroller into the room unless the Team Leader made space for you. Our space is limited.

Promotion to Wonder Kidz

Four year olds are promoted to Wonder Kidz at regular intervals throughout the year. We would prefer they be potty trained! Our Wonder Babez 'n Totz team handle all diapers and pull-up changes that are needed during service time.

Parent Dedication

This is an opportunity for parents to commit themselves to raising their children according to biblical principles. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Please contact Pastor Matt for more details or if you are interested in participating.

Our Purpose

Our nursery exists to serve parents and children. We serve parents by providing excellent childcare during church services so that parents can devote their entire attention to worship and hearing God's word.

We serve children by providing a safe, engaging, and enjoyable environment where Christ and His word are exalted.

Please let us know how we may better serve you and your child during his/her stay in ELC Wonder Kidz.

Saying Goodbye

After your child/grandchild has been checked into his/her room, simply wave a quick goodbye and leave for the worship service.

It is normal for little ones to cry when a parent leaves. This does not usually last long, and separation becomes easier as you develop regular attendance routines. Our leaders will immediately try to create interest in a toy or activity and give assurance that you will return after the worship service. If we are not able to console your child after an extended period of time (no more than 10 minutes of non-stop crying), we will contact you.

Behavior / Discipline

Behavior issues will be handled with gentleness and grace. We will not punish (physically, verbally, emotionally) children for disobedience. Correction will only be given to maintain classroom safety and order. If we are unable to control your child, or his/her actions are threatening the safety of other children and leaders, we will contact you during the service.

Security Tags

When you check your child(ren) in at the Check-In Kiosk, you will receive a security tag. You must present the security tag when you return to your child's classroom after the service. A Wonder Kidz team member verifies that the security code on the child's name tag matches your security tag, we will return your child to you. You are free to give your security tag to another person (16 or older) to pick up your child, if needed. If there's another adult that you trust to pick up your child, please have the Check-In Team member add their name to your Trusted List. We are very careful to release a child only to the person with the correct security tag. You are responsible for who has your child(ren)'s security tag!

Please make sure that you have all your child's personal items before you leave the classroom. Lost and Found items will be kept with the Wonder Kidz items. Please contact Ms. Pam for additional help.

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Please consider those volunteering in the nursery and pick up your child within 15 minutes after the close of the service.

It is imperative that you don't leave the church campus while your child(ren) are in Wonder Kidz. You need to be readily available in the event of an emergency.

What to Expect

Our Nursery at Elevation Life Church is called Wonder Babez n' Tots. It is a safe and loving environment for your child from infancy through three years of age.

Our Pre-K program is called Wonder Kidz. We serve children from four years of age through Kindergarten.

Our Mission is simple:

To serve you and your family so that Christ is glorified and you are encouraged. All of our volunteers go through a background check. Your child will receive excellent care during his/her stay in Wonder Kidz.

Each Sunday our Wonder Kidz team prepares age-appropriate Bible lessons, songs, prayer, hand-on activities, and snacks for your child. Our rooms are well-stocked with age-appropriate toys and furniture.

To help us serve you better, we've also adopted the following policies.

No food will be given to children with identified allergies (unless otherwise instructed).

A medical release must be on file for every child using an Epi-pen.

We will make every effort to engage an unhappy child through activities and attention. If a child is inconsolable (10 minutes of non-stop crying), we will contact his/her parents.

We have a zero-tolerance policy for inappropriate contact of any kind.

The following additional policies apply for men and women serving in Wonder Kidz:

Men will not carry a child around the nursery for extended periods, but just long enough to provide comfort for those who are crying before putting them down. Exceptions will be made for infants.

Men will not allow to sit on their laps, but will have children sit next to them on the floor while they play or read to them.

Men and Women will not provide piggyback rides, place children on their shoulders, or be involved in wrestling and roughhousing.

Snacks

Please note that Wonder Kidz strive to be a peanut and chocolate free zone. Goldfish are served to all children unless otherwise requested. A list of ingredients can be found in each room. If your child has a food allergy, please inform the Check-In team when checking your child in and also notify the Wonder Kidz Leader when you drop him/her off. If you would rather your child not partake of our snacks, please notify the Team Leader and provide an alternate snack (finger food). We will be happy to feed your child the snack you provide.

Snacks are provided for children 12 months and older. If you choose to bring your child(ren) a snack, please avoid nuts and chocolate. If you would not like your child to have a snack, simply inform the Team Leader of your desire.

Nursey Check-In and Pick-Up

You will check your child(ren) in at the Check-In kiosk before dropping him/her off in the Nursery. Once checked in, please put one of the identification tags on your child in a visible location. Another tag may be used to label any personal items. Please label all of your child's belongings. Once you arrive at classroom, the Wonder Kidz Leader and team will greet you. They will receive your diaper bag and any other personal items. The name tag and bag tag you receive at the Check-In kiosk all contain vital information for caring for your child. If there is any additional information that will help (e.g.; feeding times, sleeping times, potty trained, etc.) please write it down on the "Notes" section of the Wonder Kidz Notes. If your child needs you during the service, you will be notified via text message. Please keep your phone on vibrate during the service. If you do not have a phone, we will notify the ELC Security Team to notify you.

Your Child's Health

We desire to provide the safest possible environment for your child. Therefore, we operate a well-baby nursery. For the protection of all the children in our ministry, we ask that you keep your child(ren) out of the Wonder Kidz department if he/she displays any of the following symptoms.

Runny nose, Cold (symptoms in last 24 hours), Fever, Rash, Persistent cough, Sore Throat, Nausea, Vomiting, Diarrhea, Pink Eye (conjunctivitis), Communicable Diseases (i.e. chicken pox), Any other signs of illness

Thank you in advance for helping keep Wonder Kidz a healthy environment for all.

At times, children will become ill suddenly. Should your child exhibit any signs of illness, will isolate him/her from the other children and contact you immediately.

Severe Allergies

If your child has allergies or use an Epi-pen, please notify Ms. Pam or the Lead Teacher in his/her classroom. They will inform you of our severe allergy policy and procedure.

Accident/Injury Procedure

01 Isolate child

02 Text Parents

03 Complete incident report

The health and well-being of your child is very important to us. That is why we strive to make Wonder Kidz's rooms the cleanest rooms in the church. Listed below are the steps we take to ensure the cleanliness of the nursery. If you see something that needs attention, please let us know.

- All hand toys are cleaned with disinfectant weekly and after every event.
- Crib sheets are changed after every use.
- All spills are cleaned up immediately
- Volunteers use disinfectant to sanitize their hands after each diaper change or wiping a nose.
- Non-latex gloves are provided for Nursery volunteers' use.
- All Wonder Kidz rooms are cleaned weekly.

Classroom Evacuation

It is imperative that parents stay on the church campus while their child is in the Wonder Kidz department. Parents need to be readily available in the event of an emergency.

Should an emergency occur and an evacuation be necessary, all children will be escorted by Wonder Kidz volunteers to the northeast corner of the Teacher's Parking Lot outside of Building 01. In the event of an evacuation, parents may go to the northeast corner of the parking lot to pick up their child(ren).

In an effort to protect the children, please keep in mind that normal checkout procedures will apply. Please be patient as we work for the safety and security of the children.

What to Bring

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

1. Two or three diapers and wipes
2. Pacifier or Blanket, should your child need it for comfort. Please include a pacifier attachment so that the pacifier can not be easily shared.
3. A complete change of clothes
4. A Bottle of milk, formula, or water. Please mark all personal items with your child's name before coming into Wonder Kidz.