

Suggestions for Young Children in Worship

- ❖ Discuss Worship before the service to help prepare your child. If your child is 4 years old – Kindergarten they may attend our Children’s Worship program. Make sure they know when they will be leaving the service and where they will be going. If they are in Kindergarten they will return to the service, talk about the elements of worship that will be happening when they return (offering, communion, etc.). Please sit near the outer aisles so your child can return to their seat by the outer aisles.
- ❖ Review the scripture lesson and church season at home. (can be found in the newsletter)
- ❖ Bring a children’s Bible story book or stop by the tiered bookshelf in the narthex, or the Children’s Library (room 210).
- ❖ Bring colored pencils or crayons for drawing in the Children’s Bulletin, it follows the lectionary scriptures.
- ❖ Those children that read should be helped to follow the Order of Worship in the regular bulletin.
- ❖ Mark the hymns and follow along with your finger. Even if a non-reader, let your child stand and stretch during the hymns and prayers.
- ❖ Sit near the front to provide a better view of chancel.
- ❖ Bring coins to put in the Centsability envelopes that are in the pews or bring their own tithe envelope which can be obtained from the church office.
- ❖ Give cues as to what is about to happen in worship. Answer questions that need an answer right away in a quiet whisper.
- ❖ Express your gladness at having children in worship.
- ❖ Help your child Pass the Peace to all those around them.
- ❖ Help your child memorize The Reading of the Law and The Lord’s Prayer.
- ❖ Encourage your child to respond with “And also with you”, “Hear our prayer” and “It is right to give our thanks and praise”.
- ❖ If your child is unhappy and/or needs a break from the worship service we encourage you to utilize the Adult Library or Narthex where you can continue to worship using the sanctuary audio that is piped into both areas.
- ❖ Talk about the service after it is over. Use your lunch time to talk about ideas shared in worship and give children the opportunity to reflect their experience.

Children’s Worship – Room 210 – Coordinator: Rhonda Moyers (mikeandrhonda@bellsouth.net)
8:30 and 11:00 services

Nursery (downstairs, Room 111 and 112)

A nursery for infants through 3 year olds is available downstairs in rooms 111 and 112. We have a dedicated staff of nursery attendants along with volunteer assistants to provide a loving and safe environment. Put your cell number on the sign in sheet (just keep on vibrate!) We encourage children of all ages to participate with us in worship. If your child is unhappy and/or needs a break from the worship service we encourage you to utilize the Adult Library or Narthex where you can continue to worship using the sanctuary audio that is piped into both areas. The nursery is available during all our services and special events. Our ushers can help if you need assistance.

Nursery Coordinators:

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