



Welcome to SONrise Children's Ministry!

Our mission is to partner with families as we create a safe, engaging place where kids develop an authentic, personal faith in Jesus. Our desire is to partner with you in discipling your child. Sunday mornings are just one opportunity to plant seeds of faith in the heart of a child. When you bring your child/children on a Sunday morning, you can expect that they will be welcomed, loved, kept safe, and taught Truth from God's word thru play, song, videos, and small group lessons. Once you check your child in at one of our stations, they will go to the following locations:

SONbabes (0-1 years): We welcome all babies through toddlers! Our teachers love on them and play with them. They are also exposed to the same lesson as the SONsmallz. There are quiet spaces available for sleepy or over-stimulated babies.

SONsmallz (2 years - Kindergarten): As kids develop, they become an active part of our SONsmallz with more structured lessons, songs, Bible lesson videos, play and crafts that go with their lesson.

SONkidz (1st-5th grade): Kids are split into age-based classrooms for small group activities after they complete a large group story and worship time. Our small groups seek to develop authentic relationships with your kids as we dig deep into the lesson that was taught during large group time.

Thank you for the privilege of teaching your children and partnering with you in raising the next generation of Jesus followers! If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Megan Parker
Children's Ministry Coordinator

RESOURCES

Parent Newsletter - Look for our quarterly newsletter with current information for parents. These are also available on our SONkidz page of the SONrise Church website.

Weekly/Monthly Take Home Papers - Each month, be sure to grab a family calendar to help spur conversations within your home. We would love it if you took the time to check out what is on there and review it with your child. Often, your child will also bring home papers from their weekly lesson.

Text Messages - On occasion, we will send out short messages through our call system. These are meant to give you a quick suggestion of an activity to do with your child.

"At Home" Link - Check out the material for taking conversations from Sunday into your home. Links are available thru our website. Visit the "connect - SONkidz" page.

Sunday Morning

CHECK-IN:

8:30AM Service

"SONkidz-lite" (infant-kinder) classrooms open at 8:15am.

10:30am Service

"SONkidz-full" (5th grade & under) classrooms open at 10:15am allowing teachers to prepare in advance so they may welcome your children when they arrive without being distracted or ill-prepared.

Infants - Age 3 are in classroom A2 which is the room furthest south in the building. 4-K enter room B1 upon check in. 1st-5th graders are dismissed from the main service for their large and small group lessons.

Check-Out:

Check out your children directly from their classrooms. Take your "parent, security tag," received at check in, and show it at the door to the classroom. We will gather all kids and bring them out to you as quickly and safely as possible.

GO! Curriculum

Kindergarten and younger kids get to explore their Bible stories with the help of Topher the gopher. Stories are simplified in a way they can understand and zero in on one important Biblical truth that is reinforced thru review activities, questions, crafts, and games.



Brite Curriculum

Elementary students utilize Brite Curriculum by AWANA. In every lesson, the Bible is read, heard, and connected to Jesus in ways kids can understand in their own lives. We teach through the Bible every year with different stories emphasized based on a three year rotation.

Students should bring their Bible each week so they can be taking notes, highlighting, and learning to dig in on their own. If your child needs a Bible, please tell one of the SONkidz teachers and we will be sure to get one in their hands.

SONkidz Mission Offering

Every weekend, we take an offering during SONkidz classes for a Compassion International child we support. Ask your child to tell you a bit about Emanuel and take time as a family to pray for him! If your child would like to write him a letter, bring it in to Megan and she will send it off for you!

Sick Policy

If your child is displaying any of the following symptoms, either now or in the past 24 hours, please keep your child with you and have them sit out of Children's Ministry until they are well:

- Fever over 100.4°
- Vomiting
- Runny Nose
- Sore Throat &/or Cough
- Pink Eye
- Rash - unexplained &/or contagious
- Lice

If your child exhibits or develops any of the above symptoms while in our care, we will notify you so you may tend to the child's needs.

Communion Weekends

First through 5th graders will watch the communion devotional in the classroom, then connect with parents in the Commons by our check in table. Children will then stay with parents through the last song. If your child does not take communion, you can check them out after the service.

Security

Parents can be assured we have measures in place to keep their kids safe. The following are some of the ways we make that happen:

1. Every teacher over the age of 18 must clear a background check before helping in our classrooms.
2. Every teacher must complete a child safety training.
3. Teachers wear colorful lanyards so you can easily identify that they are supposed to be there.
4. Only individuals over the age of 18 are allowed to change diapers.
5. With young kids, teachers will stand with their back turned in the doorway in case the child needs assistance with using the restroom. Age 4 and up have a private restroom to use in our classroom.
6. Upon check-in, kids each receive a label and parents receive a security tag. This tag must be shown to pick up kids at the end of the service. The codes on the parent tags are one way we get the attention of a parent if there are any issues. These alphanumeric codes will be displayed on the screens at the front if we cannot physically locate you first.
7. Team members stay in communication with each other and the check-in helper so we can quickly find parents if a need arises.
8. There is a SONrise security team in place that assists with SONkidz as well. Team members are monitoring hallways and exits both during and after services. They ensure classrooms doors are locked and only those who are supposed to be in classrooms are entering or exiting.

Paging Parents

When you check your child in, be sure to hold on to your parent tag. The number you receive at check in is one way we will get your attention if a need arises with your child. This number will be displayed on the projector screens during the service. Other options we utilize for getting your attention include texting the phone number we have on file, or having our check-in leader physically come get you if it is feasible.

Baptisms/Child Dedications

Quarterly, we have a child dedication which acknowledges the parent's desire to raise their child to know Jesus as their Savior. It is an opportunity for parents to stand before their church family and ask for their support and help on this endeavor. Once kids have a personal faith, we also invite them to take part in our baptism celebrations. Visit with Megan Parker for more information.