

Palm City Presbyterian Church

ABIDE KIDS



Welcome Guide

Welcome!

We want you to know what a great blessing it is for us to serve you! The biblical responsibility of discipling children, empowering families, and sharing the good news is one we take seriously.

In Faithfulness,

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Our Mission

Sharing life together as Christ
transforms us by His Truth

Values



We put Jesus first.



We show up.



We know “it’s not about me.”



We stand on God’s word.

Purpose

Our children's programming exists to serve both parents and children.

We serve parents by coming alongside them in their effort to teach their children sound Biblical truth with the ultimate desire that the Lord will give them new life and a heart to serve Him.

We serve children by providing a safe and enjoyable environment where the Word of God is taught faithfully and Christ is exalted.



Our Routine

- Abide Kids occurs every Sunday morning.
- We serve children three years old through the seventh grade.
- Children are divided into separate classrooms: Preschool, Elementary, and Preteens.
- Abide Kids immediately follows Children's Church and runs synchronously to our 9:30 a.m. contemporary worship service.

9:30 AM

Arrival, snack, and free play

9:45 AM

Large group story

Small group response & activities

10:30 AM

Pick up



Snack:

We serve Little Bites, juice, & water. We offer some gluten free options. Any other snack that is offered must be approved by the director because of allergy and health concerns. Once a month, a special snack will be provided to celebrate our children with birthdays-usually cupcakes or doughnuts.

Please note that Abide Kids strives to be a nut-free zone. If you choose to bring your child a snack, please avoid nuts.

If you would not like your child to have a snack, simply inform the director.

Bathroom:

Children under age 5 are escorted to the restroom when needed.



Please note that it is very important for younger children to visit the bathroom before they are dropped off.

Also children must be potty trained.



Music:

We work to incorporate music designed to exalt the person and work of God through scripture-saturated lyrics, age-appropriate instrumentation, and engaging hand motions.



Large Group / Small Group

We teach the main lesson together, then kids break into small groups for discussion and activities to apply what they've learned.



Playtime:

For younger children, there is time set aside to play. This allows the children's energy to be channeled in a proper way and helps make the rest of the classroom time more productive.

Child Safety

The elders, staff, and volunteers of Palm City Presbyterian Church take safety seriously and desire to have a safe and God-honoring environment where children can learn the truth of God.

To that end, we have developed the following policies to help prevent safety or security issues. These policies are for the protection of the children in our ministry, as well as our employees, volunteers, and entire church family.



Name tags

All church employees and volunteers who work with children are required to wear an Abide Kids ID badge whenever they are supervising children.



Child Check-In

To register scan the QR code below and complete the Abide Kids registration form. Please allow one week for the information to process and be integrated into the system.

Upon arriving at church, if we are already upstairs in the classrooms, please use the iPad at our kiosk to check in your child before dropping them off.

Pick up a pager and write the pager number on your child's name badge.



If your child needs you during the service, you will be paged through our pager system.

Child Pick Up

Please enjoy some fellowship during our Linger Longer and pick up your child before the 11 am service begins.

REGISTER HERE





Behavior/Discipline

Behavior issues will be handled with gentleness and grace. We will not physically, verbally, or emotionally punish children for disobedience. Correction will only be given to maintain classroom safety and order. If we are unable to manage your child's behavior, or their actions are threatening the safety of other children, we will contact you during the service by sending a text message. Please have your phone available and on vibrate mode.



Severe Allergies

If your child has severe allergies, uses an Epi-pen or inhaler, please notify the director.



Sick Child

At times, children can become ill suddenly. Should your child exhibit any signs of illness, we will isolate them from other children and contact you immediately. If your child has had a fever within the last 24 hours, we ask you to keep them at home.

Classroom Evacuation



It is imperative that parents stay on the church campus while their child is attending Abide Kids. 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 next generation ministry volunteers to the **southeast corner of the parking lot** between the Sanctuary and Huizenga Family Life Center.

From there, parents will be contacted to pick up their child(ren).

Our Leaders

Jessica Waltersdorff

Director of Next Generation Ministry:

Oversees the administration, personnel, teaching, safety, and environment of the children's area.

Serves families by interacting with them regularly and addressing any questions or concerns.

Jennifer Osborne

Children's Ministry Specialist

Leads Abide Kids by preparing and implementing engaging, Bible-based lessons, coordinating volunteers, and creating a welcoming, safe environment where kids can grow in their faith.

Our Qualifications

The following general qualifications apply to every adult serving in next generation ministry. . .

- Staff or Member of Palm City Presbyterian Church
- Completed next generation ministry application & interview
- Passed background check
- Trained in First Aid & CPR
- Committed disciple of Jesus
- Committed to the ECO Essential Tenets
- Consistently demonstrates fellowship through Bible study
- Meets approval of next generation ministry director & senior pastor

Our Curriculum

Our preschool and elementary classes
use **GO!**

GO! offers a well-rounded approach to spiritual formation by helping kids to learn about God and His Word, reflect and respond to the love and saving grace He offers, and apply their faith in the real world.

Our preteen class uses curriculum from Deep Discipleship. A scope and sequence will be available each August for the upcoming year.

Pop Up Sunday

The first Sunday in August is a morning full of fun to recognize the growth and achievements of our children. Get ready to 'pop up' and celebrate with us!

- Bible presentations for 2nd graders
- Backpack blessings for all
- Promotion recognition

Come enjoy fellowship with our ministry partners, see an overview of upcoming lessons for the year, and enjoy interactive games for the family.





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