

ABOUT US

Our mission is to help kids love God, love people, and share Jesus with others.

We introduce children to Jesus by sharing the gospel through Bible-centered teaching and age-appropriate activities, teach them to love God and people through encouragement and discipleship, and equip them for ministry using their skills, talents, and gifts. We aim to raise up Christ followers who will introduce the next generation to Jesus.

NURSERY

Our nursery serves newborns up to toddlers approximately 18 months of age. Snacks may be provided to crawlers and walkers (Gerber Graduate Puffs). We will feed infants any prepared bottles you provide according to your instructions.

We have a nursing mom's area that is available in the infant space of the nursery. The nursery is equipped with a speaker so nursing mothers can listen to the service while they attend to their infants.

TODDLER/PRESCHOOL

Our toddler room serves 18 month olds through 3 year olds. We promote to the preschool class at approximately 4 years of age. The preschool class serves our 4 year olds and Kindergarteners.

The kids have fun with songs, an age-appropriate Bible lesson and a craft, game, or activity each week. Snacks are provided while the children listen to the Bible story.

Your child will receive an activity page that includes the week's Bible story, Bible verse and a related activity.

1st-5th GRADE

Our Elementary kids start with a large group time that includes fellowship, games, and a time of worship. After large group, the kids will break into small groups for an age-appropriate Bible lesson which may include videos, object lessons, games, and crafts. A snack may also be served during the lesson.

The kids will receive an activity page that includes the week's Bible story, Bible verse and a related activity.

CHECK-IN/PICK-UP

To ensure the safety of your children, all children that participate in Upwards Kids activities must be checked in at the check-in counter and checked out from their classroom.

Check-In/Registration

You will register and check your child in at the check-in counter. As you approach the counter, you will be greeted by a member of our team who will assist you. On your first visit, you will register your child on a registration form. Please ensure you include your contact information and any special needs or allergies that will help us care for your child. You will receive a name tag for your child and a corresponding security sticker for yourself. After your initial visit, your child will be checked in with our electronic check-in system, and a name tag and security sticker will be printed from the system.

Please label all personal items with your child's name.

Pick-up Procedures

When you are ready to pick up your child, please return to your child's class and have your security sticker visible. You will show your security sticker to check your child out of the classroom. If you lose your security sticker, we will verify your identity prior to releasing your child to you.

SAFETY POLICIES

Boundaries/Visibility

We have an open-door policy. All classrooms will have a clear line of sight into them with an open door or split door with the top portion open. Volunteers remain in open, visible spaces with kids.

Paging Parents

If we need to contact you during the service, we will text you using the contact number on your child's security sticker, or a volunteer will discretely come find you in the service. Reasons we may need to contact you include your child exhibiting symptoms of illness, crying inconsolably for more than 10 minutes, injury, or your child behaves in a manner where we are not able to calm the child safely.

Background Checks

Before any volunteer is permitted to serve in Upwards Kids, the volunteer is screened with a background check and trained on policies and procedures.

FOOD & DRINK POLICY

We may limit outside foods in the classrooms if there are known allergies in that class. We do not serve any food with nuts or peanut butter in the classrooms.

Please let the Kid's Ministry Coordinator or classroom teachers know if your child has a food allergy or restrictions.

When food and drink are used in our Upwards Kids classes, the volunteers will check kids' name tags to confirm any food allergies prior to providing food or drink.

WELLNESS POLICY

To ensure we have healthy classrooms for all kids and volunteers, we ask that children who have shown signs of a fever, vomiting, or any other contagious illnesses be symptom and fever free for 24 hours before participating in Upwards Kids activities and classes.

We are not able to administer medication of any kind, except in life threatening situations when medication is needed before a parent is able to give it. Please let us know if your child has a condition that fits this criterion, and we will work on a plan with you and ensure the volunteers are trained.

BATHROOM & DIAPER POLICY

Bathroom Procedures

If a preschool or toddler child needs to use the bathroom, a volunteer will walk the child to the bathroom. The volunteer will wait outside the bathroom or will stand in the doorway with the hall door open. If your child needs assistance, the volunteer will help your child with the door open. Elementary age children will be allowed to walk to the bathroom on their own with a volunteer monitoring from the hallway or classroom with a line of sight to the bathroom entry.

Diaper Procedures

We will check diapers during the service. If your child needs to be changed, we will use the supplies provided in your diaper bag. If changing supplies have not been provided, we will use nursery supplies to change diapers. We are not able to apply diaper ointment when changing diapers.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Upwards Kids has the privilege of serving God and the kids and families of our community!

We encourage parents to take part in serving in Upwards Kids to grow our partnership as we serve our families each week. There are opportunities to serve in a variety of ways, from serving weekly to filling in as a substitute or helping with events.

If you are interested in serving in Upwards Kids or would like more information on serving opportunities, please let an Upwards Kids team member know.

PARENT HANDBOOK

For additional information and procedures, please refer to the Parent Handbook available in each classroom or at the check-in counter.

GROW AT UPWARDS



Attend Sunday Services at one of our campus

locations, Jarrell & Leander, Texas. For more information, go to our website at <https://upwards.church/>

or use the QR Code.

Join a connect group at Upwards Church to study the Bible, grow your relationship with Christ and connect with others.



UPWARDS KIDS INFORMATION



PROVERBS 22:6

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**Train up a child in
THE WAY HE SHOULD GO;
even when he is old he
WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT**

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