

Childcare Policies

The children's ministry program at Christ Redeemer Church (CRC) has been structured to reflect our loving concern and care for children. Below you will find the summary points of our Childcare Policy for Sunday mornings.

Children's Church Check-In/Out:

All children (infants-2nd grade) must be checked in to their classes with a security sticker. Most caregivers will check children in upon arriving for the service. The receipt portion must be turned in to the MOD for a child to be released. Other family members or siblings at or above the age of 10 can use the receipt to pick up a child.

Never Alone:

- While serving in CRC's Children's Ministry, no volunteer or staff should ever be alone with a child that is not their own.
- Two volunteers will always be required to take a child to the restroom. While in the restroom, we expect volunteers to give children as much privacy and independence as possible.
- If you would prefer that someone comes to get you if your child needs to use the restroom or have their diaper changed, please let their teacher know when you drop them off.

Discipline:

Should there be a discipline issue, the child will be given a verbal warning. The second time he/she will be asked to sit quietly in a chair in the room. If the problem persists, the parents of the child will be notified. If the problem persists further, the child may be asked to leave the area with their parents. Physical discipline of children is never acceptable while present in CRC childcare.

Sickness:

Children who have had a fever, diarrhea, vomiting or (untreated) head lice within the past 24 hours or who have a contagious runny nose or cough within the past 5 days should not participate in childcare.
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Childcare Workers:

All childcare volunteers are members or regular attendees of CRC. All CRC staff and childcare volunteers are required to read, sign, and follow all childcare policies. A complete version of our childcare policies is available upon request. To request a copy, please email office@christredeemerchurch.org.

Photography:

CRC will not post photos of children without parent/guardian permission. Generally, photos should not be taken in children's ministry contexts.

Please help us keep our community faithfully above reproach by reporting all policy violations to a ministry coordinator or the Childcare Supervisor on duty.

Our Leaders

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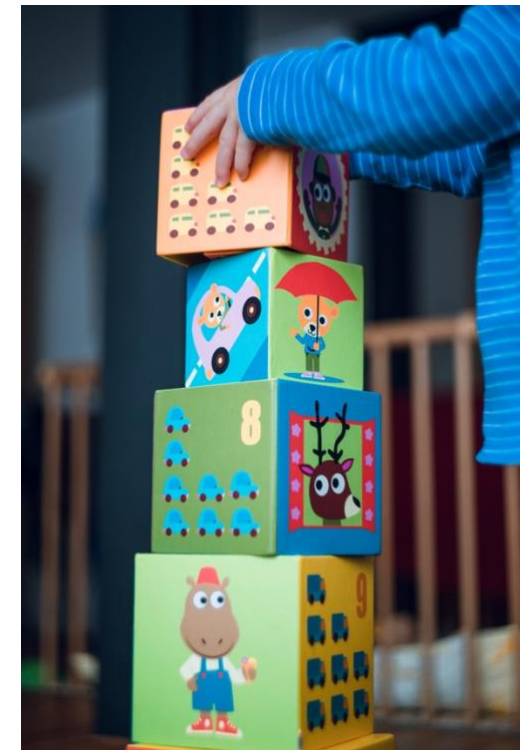
Questions?

If you have any questions, comments or need special assistance, please contact our Pastoral Resident, Joshua DePasacreta or the appropriate ministry coordinator in the list of our leaders.



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Children's Ministry



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Our Vision

CRC's Children's Ministry exists to see God honored as children and families are formed and renewed by the gospel through multigenerational life-on-life discipleship that transforms the Upper Valley community and, through the Upper Valley, the next generation of the world.

Our Mission

To nurture families and children in the "discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Eph 6:4) by teaching them the gospel from the Word of God through Children's Church, Sunday School, and other programs and opportunities in and through the church.

Children's Church

Classes for Infants to 2nd Graders During the Worship Service

CRC is committed to providing a Children's Church program for age-appropriate ministering of the gospel.

Nursery (ages 0-3) is available any time after 8:45 am (or 9:45 on non-Sunday School weeks).

Preschool Church (PreK) + Junior Church (K – 2nd) begin after the brief break during the worship service prior to the sermon. Parents should walk their children to their classes at that time.

Childcare Check-in: If possible, please visit the childcare check-in table when you arrive for the service to fill out your child's security sticker. If you are new, the Childcare Supervisor stationed at the check-in table will be able to walk you through the check-in process.

Children's classes consist of a variety of activities, a Bible lesson, and a snack. Classes are taught by trained adult volunteers who rotate each week.

During their lessons, children are hearing the stories of God's Word from *The Jesus Storybook Bible* or *The Gospel Story Bible* and doing activities that help reinforce the lesson. We work through the Bible stories systematically focusing on the Old Testament one year and the New Testament the next year so that children will go through the whole Bible every two years.

Children 3rd Grade and Above

Older children are encouraged to sit with their families for the entire worship service. Recognizing that learning to sit through the service is a discipline that even many adults struggle with ☺, we provide a children's bulletin for our younger worshippers. For a list of suggestions for helping children engage with the service, see below.

Suggestions for Helping Children During the Worship Service

- Have your child use the restroom, get a drink, etc. before church begins so they are comfortable during the service.
- Children with short attention spans could do quiet activities such as drawing, reading, children's worship bulletin, etc.
- Encourage children to try to get the main point of the sermon by listening and writing down key words that are repeated throughout the message.
- Outside of the worship time, spend time dialoguing with your child about expectations of respectfulness for a public time of worship.

Sunday School

CRC offers Sunday School classes throughout the Fall and Spring for children, youth, and adults.

Classes meet from 9:00 am to 9:45 am.

Sunday School Lead Teachers and Assistant Teachers commit for at least a term. If you're interested in serving, please contact the Sunday School Coordinators!

PreK – K

Children are exposed and introduced to the Bible in concrete ways as a meaningful story that reveals who God is, how we need him, and how to relate to Him.

1st – 3rd Grade

Children will engage the stories of the Bible and begin to apply biblical principles that guide us to know and love God and love others.

4th – 5th Grade

Children will be encouraged to take God and His Word personally and live out what they're learning on a daily basis.

Middle School

Children will be challenged to think deeply about the intersection of their own faith, the Bible, and doctrine with their everyday lives through Old and New Testament Survey and a Survey of Christian Doctrine.

High School

We want to see children mature into adult disciples who fall in love with God and His Word and share it with others as they study it more thoroughly.

Adults

Adult Sunday School covers a variety of topics and is generally divided into a fall and spring term.