



Welcome

As your family approaches our check-in areas, you will be greeted by a member of our Public Kids Team. You will receive a name tag for your child and a corresponding security tag for yourself at our computerized check-in location. Please alert check-in personnel of any information that will help in caring for your child, such as allergies and special needs. You will, then, take your child to their designated room that is printed on the child's name tag. Please note that parents are not allowed in the Public Kids areas without the corresponding security tag. All Public Teammates have been through a screening process to ensure the safety of your child.

What to Expect in Public Kids - Preschool

What is Public Kids - Preschool?

Our Public Kids ministry serves families by providing safe and fun environments for our children from birth- four years old. Our Team engages kids through age-appropriate worship, Bible teaching, and activities to reinforce the lesson.

A Public Kids teammate will be at the security checkpoint ready to receive your child and take them to the appropriate classroom. If you would like more information on our classrooms please contact the Public Kids Director.

After you have completed the check-in process, wave a quick good-bye and head into the worship gathering. As you know, it is common for little ones to cry when a parent leaves. This, typically, does not last long. Separation will become easier over time. Our leaders will immediately engage your child in a toy or activity and ensure your child that you will return soon. If your child cries for an extended period of time, we will text you using the number that corresponds to the one on your security tag.

Babies

Necessary Items

When packing a diaper bag for your child, please include the following items:

- Two or three disposable diapers
- An extra change of clothes
- A bottle of milk, formula, juice or water

Please label all personal items (including pacifiers and bottles/ sippy cups) with your child's first and last name before arriving at your child's class. This helps know which items belong to your child.

Snacks

Snacks are provided for our crawlers and walkers. The food items consist of Gerber Graduate Puffs. Again, please inform the check-in team of any allergies during the check-in process. Allergy alerts will be entered into our check-in system and displayed on your child's name tag.

Curriculum

We believe that even our littlest ones can learn about the love of Christ! Regular learning experiences are planned and lessons are reinforced with songs, Bible thoughts, and supervised activities designed with the ability of your child in mind.

Pick-up Procedure

When the time comes to pick up your child, please return to the appropriate room and present your security tag to the teammate at the door. The tag will be matched to your child's name tag before he/she will be released into your care. A child will not be able to leave the room with a parent, without the presentation of the security tag. In the event you lose your security tag, you will be asked to show proper identification before your child is returned to you. Please make sure that you have all of your child's belongings with you before you leave.

Family Covenant

We want to support and equip parents as they live out their God-given role as the primary disciple-maker of their children. We publicly affirm this through our Family Covenant opportunity. This is a special time when parents thank God for a precious new life and pledge themselves to follow the Lord's leadership in the development of their child. For information regarding these special times, please email us at publickids@publicchurch.com.

Toddlers & Preschoolers

Opening Activities

Toddlers/Preschoolers are encouraged to participate in opening activities such as building with blocks or reading a book. The teacher will use these activities to reinforce Biblical truths each week.

The Gospel Project

Each classroom will have fun with songs and object lessons to help the preschoolers prepare for story time.

The Gospel Project is a curriculum we use to teach your preschooler Bible stories in a clear and meaningful way walking through scripture from Genesis to Revelation. They will learn basic Biblical truths that can be applied in their toddler/preschool realm, all while having fun! Bible verses, songs, and games are also used to emphasize the theme and focus of the month.

Snack

A snack will be provided for your preschooler. The snack consists of animal crackers and water. Please inform check-in personnel of any allergies during the check-in process.

Allergy alerts will be entered into the check-in system and displayed on your child's name tag.

Heading Home

When you pick up your child from class, our teammates will check your security tag and your child's name tag for a match before placing the preschooler into your care. A child will not be able to leave the room without the presentation of the security tag. In the event you lose your security tag, you will be asked to show proper identification before your child may leave with you.

Family Time: Big Picture Card

Each child will receive an activity page that includes the week's Bible story, Bible verse, and a card with a related activity. You can read the story and the Bible verse with your child to help them understand the lesson and the verse. Save the Activity Sheet and Card and use it during the week. This interaction with your child can be very rewarding for the both of you.

What to Expect in Public Kids - Elementary

What is Public Kids - Elementary?

Our elementary kids ministry serves families by providing safe and fun environments for our children from 5 years old - 5th grade. Our Teachers engage kids through worship, Bible teaching, intentional games, crafts, and other activities to reinforce the lesson.

5-year-olds to Kindergarten

We created a unique experience just for your 5 year olds and Kindergarteners! This class is formatted to cater to the transition from pre-k to kindergarten.

The Gospel Project

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Snack

A snack will be provided for your pre-k through kindergartener. The snack consists of animal crackers and water. Please inform check-in personnel of any allergies during the check-in process.

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1st grade - 5th grade

Check-in Time

Upon entering the doors, your child will notice several game stations throughout the room. It is our responsibility to make your child feel welcome, loved and at home while they are in their class. While your child is enjoying the game stations, a leader will be sure to connect with them to make sure they are engaged in the game, playing with the other children, and building relationships.

Core Values & Memory Verse

In Public Kids - Elementary, there are three core values that mirror the beliefs of Public Church. Below are the values we communicate to the children every Sunday:

1. **Love God.** We love God because God is love and He first loved us. Luke 10:27, John 3:16
2. **Love People.** We love people because God loves ALL people! 1 John 4:19, John 13:34-35
3. **Serve with a Happy Heart.** 1 Corinthians 13:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:58

Curriculum & Jesus Connection

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Small Groups

Once the lesson time/ prayer is complete, children divide into small groups. During small group, we focus on an activity to reinforce the lesson and questions. Prayer is one of the big wins for the small group time! Small group questions will be gone over to talk more about the Bible story they learned. At this point we are purposefully working on developing a relationship with your child.

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