



**WELCOME TO
CHRISTLAND KIDS!**



Dear Parents,

We're glad that you're interested in the Christland's Kids Program. With excellent volunteers and a bunch of great kids, we think you'll find our children's program an exciting adventure!

We have designed the program to help your children profoundly encounter Jesus through teaching, prayer, worship, and relationships with volunteers and other children. Because we believe that family is most important in the development and discipleship of every child, your consistent investment with your child is crucial. Please take the time to read this booklet carefully, and let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you for being with us!



HOW DO I GET MY CHILD STARTED?

Register your child at our check-in desk in the kids' lobby through the double doors before he or she attends class for the first time. Escort your child to his or her classroom. This will allow time for you to get comfortable with the kids' program, meet the teachers within your child's classroom, and help your child to learn his or her way around our program. Ask the classroom volunteers any questions you may have and tell the volunteers about the specific needs of your child.

Our teachers will be ready to welcome your children 15 minutes prior to the beginning of each service.

CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT POLICY



If this is your first time attending, please come to the check-in desk so that we may take some information to create a security card for you to check your child in and out of the program. Retain the security card for future visits.

Please pick up your child immediately after the service concludes. ***Remember to keep your security card with you so that you can show your card to the volunteer.***

IF YOUR CHILD NEEDS YOUR ASSISTANCE

If you see your child's number on the screen during the service, please come to your child's room. Our well-trained teachers make every effort to help children adjust quickly to their new surroundings, but sometimes it takes some time. You may nurse your baby in our nursery or cry rooms as we have rocking chairs and couches available.

CLASSROOM INFORMATION

There are four classrooms at Christland Church. Baby Buckaroos is our nursery which is designed for infants through 1-year-olds. When your child turns 1, he or she can move up to our next classroom. The Lil' Wranglers room is for 1 to 3-year-olds. The Rangers room is for 3-year-olds to Pre-K. Finally, the Aggies classroom is for Kindergartners-6th graders. Each week we train the kids as we open the bible and show them how to apply the lessons given by God to our everyday lives. We follow a curriculum developed and written by The Gospel Project. Feel free to ask any of our volunteers about our current topic!



SICK POLICY

Young children are very susceptible to colds, flu, and other diseases. We realize that a child's illness can be a difficult time for a parent, and it is often frustrating to rearrange your schedules to provide care for a sick child at home. We want to help eliminate these concerns to the best of our ability. This requires that our classrooms have the healthiest environment possible. The best way to prevent illnesses is to prevent exposure. **Please keep your child at home if any of the following is true:**

1. Your child has a fever or has had a fever in the past 24 hours; your child has vomited or had diarrhea in the past 24 hours.
2. We also want to avoid having children in the program who are experiencing frequent coughing, and/or runny nose.
3. If your child is being treated with an antibiotic, he or she should have received treatment for at least 24 hours before coming to the classroom.

For your child's protection, we ask our teachers to follow these same guidelines.



CLASSROOM WORKER PROCEDURES

All of our teachers and assistants abide by the following procedures:

- **Two-worker rule:** At least two workers must be present with children at all times.
- **Children** being escorted to the restroom must be assisted by female teachers only.
- **Diaper changing** will be done by female workers in designated areas and in the presence of other workers.

DISCIPLINE POLICY

The discipline policy is based on the principles of Matthew 18. Our teachers will never require the children to engage in humiliating behavior and never administer any corporal punishment. If the child does not respond to our carefully laid out discipline procedure, we will simply call for the Children's Program Director who will seek your assistance in helping the child resolve the issue. In order to ensure the comfort and safety of all the children in our care, our discipline policy allows the teacher the option to page a parent for consultation.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

One of the goals of the Christland Kids' Program is to provide a safe, secure, loving environment in which children can participate and you, the parent, can feel comfortable leaving your child. Our policy is designed to prevent child abuse and to intervene in an abusive situation should we become aware of one. Child abuse prevention begins in our selection of our Christland kids' volunteers. Christland kids' volunteers are typically the recommendation of another Christland leader (pastor, small group leader, children's leader, etc.). Before placement, volunteers complete an application, interview, and training process. Our Christland kids' volunteers are strictly required to adhere to all Christland kids' policies. Policies are available in our training manual upon request via emailing Jessi at jgrant@christland.org.

GRADUATION FROM GRADE SCHOOL

Once your child has completed the 6th grade he or she will 'graduate' into our youth program called Revolution, which includes 7th through 12th graders. Please speak to any of your children's teachers when the time approaches if you have any questions.

I hope this booklet has helped you feel comfortable in leaving your child in our care during your Sunday service with us. We thank you for your assistance as a parent in making Christland Kids a safe and fun place where children can learn, grow, and experience Jesus. We love your kids and feel privileged that we are helping your children grow in their Christian faith. If you have any additional needs or questions, please contact Jessi at jgrant@christland.org or Sandor at spaul@christland.org.

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