

MESSIAH NURSERY GUIDELINES -

"And He took the children in His arms and blessed them." Mark 10:16

The nursery will be for the use of infants through 5 year olds.

Children of all ages are welcome in the sanctuary during service. The foyer of the church is available for rocking, diaper changes and feeding.

Nursery Staff:

- Our nursery shall be staffed by a child-care professional or an approved adult substitute.
- With the help of volunteers, there may be two people overseeing (including professional) the nursery.
- The second (volunteer) must be 16 years of age or older.
- Staff/Volunteer shall accompany children to the restroom, while other person staffs the room. This is contingent upon available volunteer.
- Staff is not permitted to administer medications.
- Staff may provide at least one engaging activity for the children during their stay. Coloring, painting, sing-a-long, etc.

Parents:

- Must sign in children on sign up sheet provided by child-care professional.
- Parent must take a beeper in the event they must retrieve their child.
- Children will not be allowed to cry for more than 10 minutes before parents are paged.
- Parents should leave a diaper bag with bottles and diapers. Staff will tag bag with child's name.
- Parents who request a certain snack for their child must provide that snack, otherwise
- children may be served a small snack of the staff's discretion.
- ONLY a parent or an adult can signout/pickup children. No siblings or other children will be allowed
- to signout children. Children must be signed out.
- If returning to the sanctuary after retrieving your child, please respect other worshipers
- and assist your children in entering quietly while walking.

Children:

- Must be well. (If you know your child is ill, contagious or has visible bodily fluids please do not bring child to the nursery.)
- Should follow orders; should not present physical harm to staff or other children. If so, parents will be paged immediately.
- Parents of upset or unruly children will be asked to return for their children.
- Shoes shall remain on at all times due to health hazards and time restraints. Children will be asked to participate in clean-up ritual.

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