

PARENT HANDBOOK



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THE MISSION

OF FIRST WOODWAY'S
KINGDOM KIDS MINISTRY
IS TO SHARE GOD'S WORD
SO THAT CHILDREN HAVE
THE GREATEST OPPORTUNITY
TO KNOW, LOVE AND SERVE GOD
AND TO EQUIP PARENTS
AS THEY DISCIPLE AND RAISE
THEIR CHILDREN IN CHRIST

OVERVIEW OF CHILD PROTECTION

Because we desire to protect children involved in our ministry, the Kingdom Kids Ministry @ First Woodway requires all paid workers and volunteers working with children to complete FOUR SAFETY STEPS before ministry work or volunteer work can begin. As parents, we want you to be aware of these four steps.

1. Application & Interview

All paid workers and volunteers must complete an application prior to serving. This application process includes an interview and checking of references.

2. Background Check

Upon completion of step one, the applicant will complete a background check authorization form. The background check includes a National Criminal Database Search, a National Sex Offender Registry, and a Social Security number verification search.

3. Child Protection Training

To equip Kingdom Kids paid workers and volunteers with information necessary to recognize abuser characteristics and grooming behavior, all paid workers and volunteers are required to complete Child Safety Training for Abuse Prevention prior to serving.

4. Policies and Procedures

All paid workers and volunteers are required to review the policies contained in the Policies and Procedures handbook and sign it, indicating that he or she has read and understands the material and agrees to comply with it.

We are so excited – and cannot wait – to see you again on September 13. We are working hard to minimize the risk of spreading COVID, while ensuring that every child feels loved, encounters God, and has a blast at church.

Because we put high priority on the health and safety of your children as well as our workers, please read the following closely.

REGISTRATION

Initially as we re-open, we are asking you to reserve a spot for your children. We ask this of you so that we can safely – and with appropriate physical distancing – welcome your children. Due to protocols, we have limited capacity in each room, but we have multiple classes of the same age. As a result, we have "wiggle room" to move children around in order to maintain proper distancing. In order for us to plan appropriately, we ask you to register each week. You will be notified if one of your children has been moved to a different class that Sunday. The link to reserve a spot for your children will come via email each Monday and will also be in the First Woodway weekly email. You will need to re-register each week.

WHAT CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE?

8:30am – Blended Worship (orchestra & choir)

- Classes for babies pre-k
- If registered for SS, we will make sure to transfer your child to the correct classroom
- If not registered for SS, please pick up no later than 9:35am

9:45am – Blended Worship (orchestra & choir)

- SS for babies 6th Grade
- If registered for 11:15am service, we will make sure to transfer your child to the correct classroom
- If not registered for 11:15am service, please pick up no later than 10:50am

11:15am – Contemporary Worship (band)

- Classes for babies pre-k
- Please pick up by 12:20pm

CAN I SIGN UP FOR ALL THREE?

No. You may sign your baby through pre-k child up for one Worship service and Sunday School. Kindergarten and up can only be registered for the 9:45am Sunday School hour. Kindergarten and up are WELCOME to continue attending big church with you!

WELLNESS

If you, your child, or anyone in your house is experiencing any symptoms of sickness (fever, chills, cough, shortness or breath, difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of smell or taste, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea) in the last 24 hours, we ask that you please remain home and join us for our livestream.

If you have been in significant contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID, we ask that you and your family not attend in person until 14 days after that encounter.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING & MASKS

To keep your child(ren) and classrooms healthy, all staff and volunteers will be wearing masks and/or face shields on Sunday mornings. 4th grade and up will be required to wear masks. While not required, masks for 3rd grade and under are encouraged.

While we will do our best, it is not possible to physical distance all children. We are; however, limiting class size so we can have more "elbow" room and to limit exposure. Classes will stay together as a group as best as possible.

WHAT TO EXPECT ON SUNDAY MORNING

- 1. First of all, you can expect to be greeted with "smiling eyes" and a warm "air" high-five. We have missed you and your children.
- 2. Please use hand sanitizer upon arrival. Automatic dispensers are at each entrance.
- 3. If you reserved a spot for your children and received a confirmation email, you may either check your child in on your cell phone or a Welcome Team member will help you at the kiosks.
- 4. At the secure doors, your child's temperature will be checked. If your child's temp registers 99.9 or greater, we will ask you to return home and Worship with us online.
- 5. Once in the classroom, your child's hands will be washed/sanitized.
- 6. Only ONE PARENT will be allowed down the halls to drop off children. This is to help us practice physical distancing. That parent will need to <u>WEAR</u> the Parent Pick-Up Tag on their shirt/dress (it should not be placed in a pocket or purse). The SAME PARENT will need to pick up the child at the end of class.
- 7. If you have multiple children, each parent can drop off/pick up different children. One Parent Pick-Up Tag will print for each child.
- 8. Parents must wear masks at drop off and pick up.

- 9. Older children will not be allowed down the halls with parents to pick up younger children. They are welcome to wait in the Atrium with a parent.
- 10. PLEASE PICK UP YOUR CHILD(REN) QUICKLY FOLLOWING EACH OF THE THREE HOURS AS WE NEED TIME TO ADEQUATELY CLEAN AND DISINFECT EACH ROOM. You are welcome to take your children outside to continue visiting with friends, but we kindly ask you to pick up on time!

WE ASK THAT ALL PARENTS FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES PRIOR TO BRINGING CHILDREN:

- 1. Be proactive and check your child's temperature before coming to church.
- 2. Only allow your children to come to their classrooms if they are completely well (i.e., they have no cough, runny nose, cold, or fever, etc. <u>EVEN IF</u> you think it is "just allergies").
- 3. Stay at home if you or your children have been exposed to COVID in the last two weeks, even if none of you exhibit symptoms.
- 4. If anyone in your family is not feeling well, please keep everyone home.
- 5. Please consider not bringing a diaper bag... you may place diapers and a change of clothes in a labeled gallon-sized baggie. If you choose to bring a diaper bag, **PLEASE** take time to completely clean the bag out and wash it. Only put in the bag what will be needed during your child's time in the building.
- 6. Label everything with your child's name.
- 7. Have your child go to the bathroom before leaving the house.

TO PROMOTE A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT, WE ARE MAKING THE FOLLOWING ACCOMMODATIONS:

- 1. The children's rooms will be cleaned and sanitized before and after church.
- 2. Each classroom will have hand sanitizer, disinfectant spray & wipes, alcohol wipes, Wet Ones, and baby wipes.
- 3. The number of toys, books, and other manipulatives in each room will be limited. As is our normal procedure, no personal toys, etc., from home will be allowed.
- 4. Please understand that it will not be possible for workers to keep babies or toddlers six feet part from each other, but every effort will be made to maintain as much distance from one another as possible.

NOTIFICATION

For everyone's safety, if you or your child tests positive for COVID within 14 days of attending Kingdom Kids, please let us know as soon as possible. You can email bsmith@firstwoodway.org.

If we learn that a child or volunteer has tested positive for COVID within 14 days of attending Kingdom Kids, we will alert the families of the children that child or leader was in close contact with. We will not give out the name of the child or adult that tested positive. If you have been exposed, we ask that you not return to in-person Kingdom Kids for 14 days.

FINALLY

We know that some parents in our church are extremely glad that their children are able to resume going to class. We also know that some parents do not yet feel comfortable with that. Whether you choose to keep your children at home, in the Worship Center with you, or let them go to their classes, we respect your decision as a parent to do what you feel is best for your family!

We look so forward to seeing you again soon!

Barbra Smith
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SICK CHILD POLICY

While we welcome the opportunity to play with, pray with, and teach your child about Jesus, we respectfully request that you do NOT bring your child to Kingdom Kids when he/she:

- has a temperature of 99.9 or greater (children must be fever-free for 24 hours **without the use of fever-reducing medicine** before being allowed into the classroom)
- has vomited in the past 12 hours
- has had diarrhea in the past 12 hours
- has nasal drainage that is not clear
- is excessively coughing/hacking or sneezing
- has an infection and has not been on an antibiotic for 24 hours
- has any contagious disease (mumps, chicken pox, etc.)
- has lice or nits
- has a rash or skin infection
- is lethargic and not feeling well, or seems to be coming down with something.

You will be called to pick your child up if the Kingdom Kids staff feels your child is sick. Thanks for helping us keep all of our children healthy!

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL POLICY

Our goal for your children is for them to have a safe and meaningful time learning about God's love for them each time they enter the church building. To help us reach that goal, we ask that all children either be in their classroom or under parental supervision at all times. We will direct any unattended child to their class or to their parent.

SUNDAY MORNING

8:30 Worship Hour—Babies through Pre-K

8:25am	Teachers will be ready to receive your children in their designated classrooms.
9:35am	If the child is staying for Sunday School, we will move them to the correct room as needed. If the child is not staying for Sunday School, parents must pick up by 9:35am. Parents must wear the Parent Pick Up Tag to be allowed down the hall to pick up their children.

9:45 Sunday School Hour—Babies through 6th Grade

9:40am	Teachers will be ready to receive your children in their Sunday School rooms.
10:50am	Babies through Pre-K: If the child is <i>not</i> staying for the second Worship hour, parents must pick up at 10:50am.
	Kinder through 4th Grade: Parents must pick up their children to attend worship or go home. Parents must wear the Parent Pick Up Tag to be allowed down the hall to pick up their children.
	5th & 6th Graders: Self-released to find their parents for Worship or to go home.
11:00am	Pre-K Teachers will escort the children to Pre-K Praise.

11:15 Worship Hour—Babies through Pre-K

11:10am	Teachers will be ready to receive your children in their designated classrooms.
	Children must be picked up as soon as Worship ends. Parents must wear the Parent Pick Up Tag to be allowed down the hall to pick up their children.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Sunday Morning Programs

Sunday Mornings @ 8:30am (Infants through Pre-K)

Our infants through early 4-year-old children will hear a Bible story and have fun activities to help them remember the key points.

Our pre-k children will have their own special Worship time called Pre-K Praise, where they will learn how to stand for Christ.

At this time (Fall 2020) Kindergarten – Grade 4 will attend Worship with their parents at 8:30am.

Sunday School @ 9:45am (Infants through Grade 6)

The first steps in spiritual learning begin in Bible study. Children learn about God's Word through singing, hands-on activities, and amazing and true Bible stories. The Bible will come alive and become relevant during Sunday School. The older our children are, the more we stress application; meaning, "What does this Bible story mean to me and how should I live my life at school because of it?" Sunday School is firmly planted on, and in, the Word of God!

Sunday Mornings @ 11:15am (Infants through Pre-K)

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Our pre-k children will have their own special Worship time called Pre-K Praise, where they will learn how to stand for Christ.

At this time (Fall 2020) Kindergarten – Grade 4 will attend Worship with their parents at 11:15am.

Please see the "Arrival and Dismissal Policy" to know when to pick your children up from these different hours.

Weekday Programs

Mother's Day Out (4 months - pre-k) Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00am - 2:00pm Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) every-other Wednesdays, 9:00am - 11:30am Woodway Christian School (3-year-old preschool through grade 8)

D6 CURRICULUM

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D6 is based on the principles of Deuteronomy 6:5-9:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates."

In other words – love God, love His Word, and teach your children to do the same.

D6 EveryDay Curriculum aligns our Children's Ministry so that we are all studying the same theme at the same time. The cool thing is that it doesn't stop at church. This discipleship curriculum goes beyond the church experience and helps parents reconnect with their child through the use of devotional study guides, Splink, take-home Parent Pages, and additional resources that will help equip you as you disciple your children at home.

Parent Pages will be sent home each Sunday. Be looking for them with your child's papers!

Devotional Guides for each age group will be available at the first floor Children's Building Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings. A guide covers the entire quarter.

While we have Bibles in each classroom, we encourage each child to bring his/her own Bible to church. It will be a perfect place to keep the Parent Pages, but more importantly, we will be IN the Bible each week, learning where books are located, looking up verses, and reading it! How much better to use their own Bible so they are familiar with it at home, as well.

See the next page for the Fall Scope & Sequence.

D6 EVERY DAY SCOPE and SEQUENCE | FALL 2020

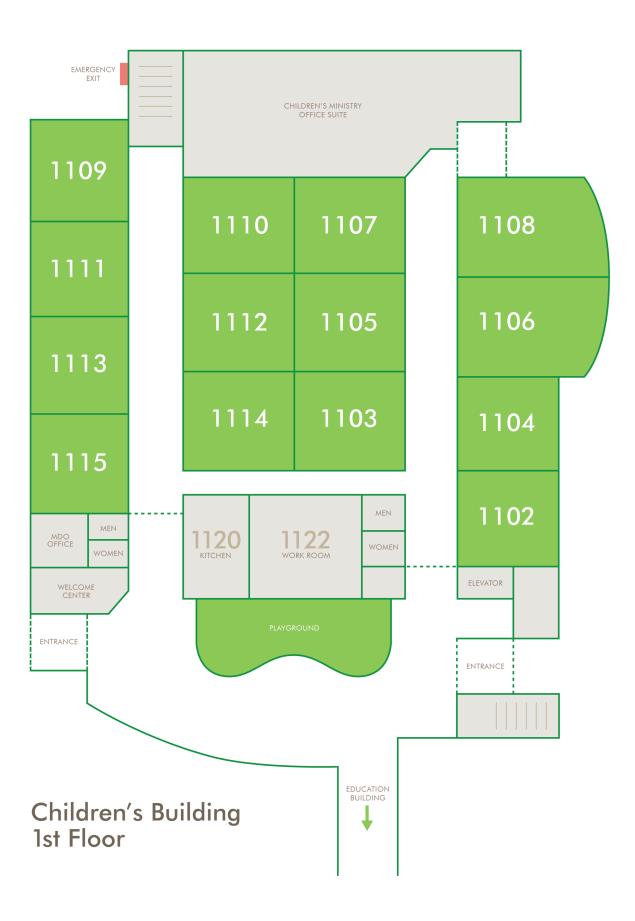
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GOD'S DESIGN	September 13, 2020	God Made Everything / Creation Application Verse: Genesis 1:1	God Created Everything Text: Genesis 1:1-2:3
THEME	September 20, 2020	God Made Everything / Creation Application Verse: Genesis 1:1	How Do We Know God Exists? Text: Genesis 1:1; Romans 1:19-20; 2:12-
SEPTEMBER	September 27, 2020	God Made Everything / Creation Application Verse: Genesis 1:1	15; Psalm 19:1; Hebrews 10:16 God's Design for Men & Women Text: Genesis 1:26-28; 2:18-24; Matthew 19:3-6

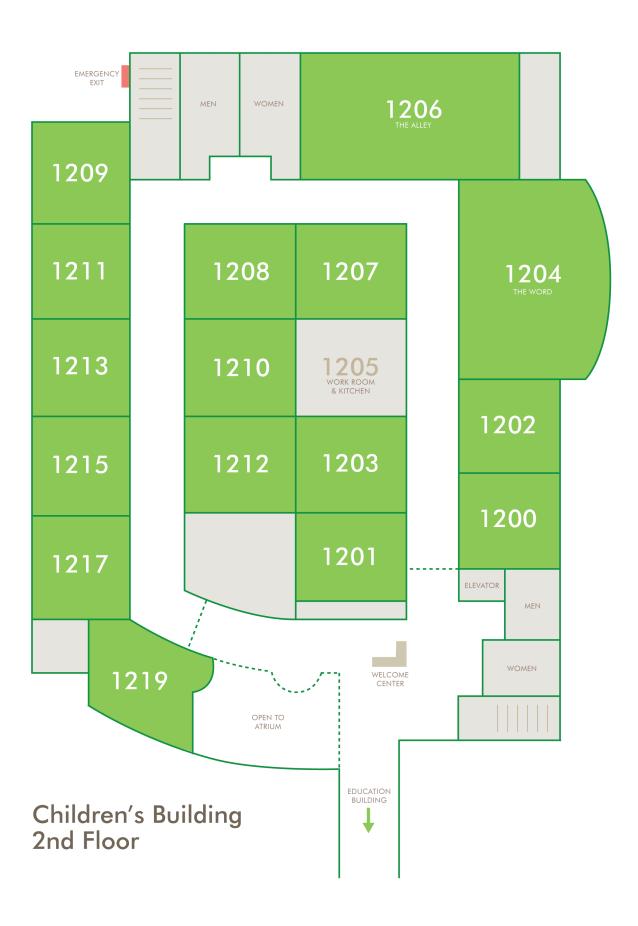
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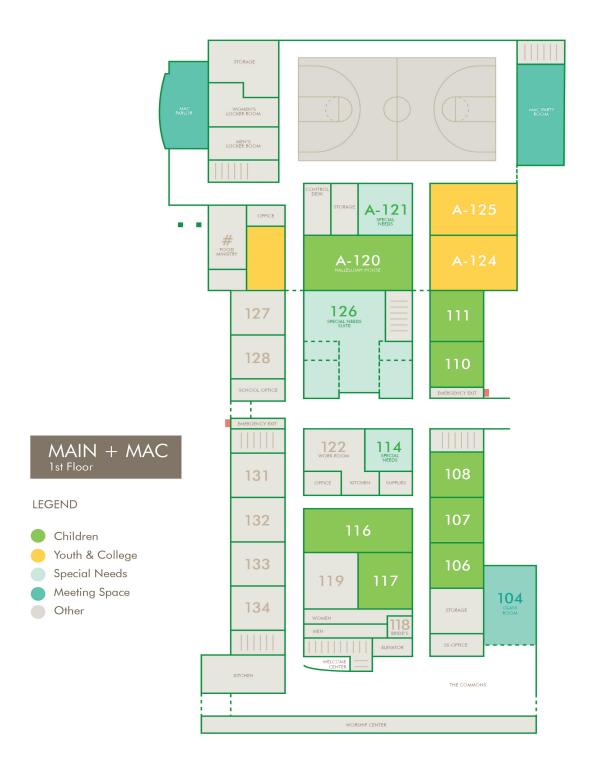
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October 4, 2020	God Takes Care of Us / Sin & Flood	Sin Entered the World
	Application Verse: Joshua 1:9c	Text: Genesis 3:1-13
October 11, 2020	God Takes Care of Us / Sin & Flood	Grace Extended in Judgment
	Application Verse: Joshua 1:9c	Text: Genesis 6:1-7:5
October 18, 2020	God Has Many Names / Names of God	Jesus is God
	Application Verse: Psalm 20:7b	Text: John 1:1-19
October 25, 2020	God Has Many Names / Names of God	Jesus Offers New Life
	Application Verse: Psalm 20:7b	Text: John 3:1-21

NOVEMBER THEME: COMPASSION	
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DATE	ONES - PRE-K	KINDER - 6TH GRADE
November 1, 2020	Jesus is Amazing / Miracles of Jesus	Jesus Meets Our Deepest Needs
	Application Verse: Deuteronomy 10:17	Text: John 4:1-42
November 8, 2020	Jesus is Amazing / Miracles of Jesus	Jesus Works Miracles
	Application Verse: Deuteronomy 10:17	Text: John 8:1-14; Matthew 14:13-21
November 15, 2020	Jesus is Amazing / Miracles of Jesus	Jesus Has Power Over Death
	Application Verse: Deuteronomy 10:17	Text: John 11:1-44
November 22, 2020	God is Always with Us / Job	Faith is Tested by Trials
	Application Verse: Isaiah 8:10	Text: Job 1:1-2:3
November 29, 2020	God is Always with Us / Job	Why Does God Allow Suffering?
	Application Verse: Isaiah 8:10	Text: Job 2:11-13; Hebrews 4:15; Genesis 1:31; Philippians 2:5-8; Romans 5:3-5











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