

We have a special gift for your family! We know your kids aren't used to being in "big service" at Bridgeway, so we've prepared a reusable tote bag for each family to help your kids engage in the service. Feel free to pack it with some favorites from home as well. We suggest you use the items in this bag for Sunday service only. This way the items are special to this time and they will look forward to using them.

We've also provided some useful tips for preparing your children to join in our time of corporate worship.

Big Kids (K–4th grade)

In your bag we've included wiki sticks, a sensory fidget, a special pencil, a box of crayons, notebook paper, and an activity booklet. These are not to distract your child, but to aid him or her while listening to the sermon. We'll hand out a new activity booklet each week and it will contain scriptures to color and a place to take notes for older kids as well as one of our big truths that highlights something about the sermon. You may choose to bring a snack or water.

- Talk with your children about how to use the items in the bag, taking notes, and sharing between siblings.
 - Discuss the order of service, what we do in service and why.
 - Have your children bring their Bible to look up the scripture reading and follow along.
 - Pray as a family on your way to church. Ask the Holy Spirit to help everyone engage, worship, and open the eyes of your hearts to hear his voice and understand the teaching.
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Little Kids (Birth–Pre-K)

Depending on the age of your child, you will receive either a soft, squeezable block, a color wow book, or a sticker pack, wiki sticks, a notebook, and small set of crayons. Here are some tips for preparing your little one for our family worship time.

Before Sunday Morning

- Practice service at home. Start with 3-5 minutes then repeat, increasing the amount of time.
- Practice quiet voices at home. You can play "telephone" as practice.
- Practice listening to each other's prayers.
- Practice worship at home. Give them a defined space they can move around in but need to stay in that area.

On Sunday Morning

- Consider bringing snacks or water.
- Have your children follow along with you during the scripture reading or in the notes.
- During worship, move around with your children.

0-1 year olds

- Bounce the block with your child during worship.
- Show them how to trace the different pictures on each side.
- Roll it back and forth on the floor or seats.

2-3 year olds

- During the sermon, let your child color the water wow or bring paper to draw.

4 year old and Pre-K

- Spread out when you give the child the sticker pages. Consider doing one page a week.
 - Use Wiki Sticks or the crayons to create pictures.
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But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14