

Hello Families!

Welcome to Discovery Kids! The time and space we create on Sunday mornings is a collaborative effort tailored to provide fun and memorable experiences for our children. We do this through fostering **relationships** between children and caring volunteers, creating a community of faith witnessing to the Love of God through one another; sharing scripture **stories**; and engaging activities (**rituals and practices**) to carry out the message through play and creativity.

We keep the heart of Jesus at the center of what we do and embrace the children of our Discovery family by incorporating them into our worship gatherings during music, and family Sundays (the 4th Sunday of each month).

After almost two years off, we know in new ways the importance of family as the central unit of **formation** in the lives of our kids, the power of in-person (embodied) relationships, and the desire for our kids to discover the good news of Jesus for themselves!

We are stoked about this holistic approach to spiritual formation for kids in the ways of Jesus, and we hope you are too!

Grace and Peace, Steve, Lisa, Alex, Jennifer, Danielle, and Gabby



Logistics and FAQS:

- 1. We do everything in our power to provide a **safe**, **clean**, **sanitary** space for our kids to be together. We are asking you **not** to bring your children if they are sick or exhibiting any symptoms of Covid, colds, flus, etc.
- 2. We offer programming during the **first 3 weeks of each month**. Week 4 will be a "Family Worship" Sunday with activities for the kids to do during the Gathering as we all worship together. (5th Sundays are usually "Serve Sundays" at Discovery).
- 3. We have two "classes": Pre-School (ages 2-5), and Elementary (ages 6-10). However, we spend most of our time in one larger group. If your child feels more comfortable with a sibling and they are in a different class we can accommodate that! We know that kids have different developmental and social needs, so please inform our supervisors of any of your family's needs.
- 4. **Drop off for kid's programming will open at 9:50 am** (remember: our Gatherings start at 10 am), and then we will be bringing the kids into the theater (to a designated spot) for the closing communion/worship time. Pickup will happen at the back of the theater.

Last, but definitely not least, we are asking for your help! Parents and guardians: we are asking you to volunteer once a quarter (once every three months) to serve with us in the kids program (if you want to do more, that's great too). We will help you in this process (i.e. you will not be thrown into a room with 20 kids and no plan=), but we value family participation and doing this together.

Serving involves signing up (verbally with one of our team leaders or through email/the Discovery App), taking a look at the materials/plan for the week ahead of your Sunday serve, and then being engaged and present from 9 am through the end of the Gathering (~11:15 am). You will need to complete a background check to participate and you can start that process with Carrie Palmer (carrie@discoverydayis.org).

Thank you! Our conviction is that we are #BetterTogether and that children grow in their faith and understanding of God when their families are in it together. We are looking forward to serving our kids **with** you!