



Welcoming your Family to Children's Ministry

OUR MISSION

Grace Fellowship exists to make and teach disciples by the power of the Holy Spirit. We worship the one true God and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to the neighborhood and the nations.

MINISTRY FOCUS

Grace Fellowship desires to encourage and equip families on Sunday morning and throughout the week. We believe that parents are primarily responsible for educating their children in the ways of the Lord (Dt. 6:6-7) and our desire is to supplement—not compete with—that objective.

Our Children's Ministry Team hopes to serve both the **parents** and the **child** by:

- Allowing parents to worship without distraction, so they may be filled, refueled and better equipped to spiritually lead their family.
- Demonstrating the Good News of Jesus Christ to children while caring for them and teaching.

We are proud to use the Gospel Project Curriculum which is a Christ-centered and chronological Bible study for children, students and adults.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Sundays

On Sunday mornings, families will join in singing, praying, reading Scripture together. After the singing portion concludes, the younger children (ages 1-5 recommended) will be dismissed and escorted to an age appropriate classroom during the sermon. Once in the classroom, children can expect to have a snack, learn the Bible with a gospel focus, sing songs, play and go out to the playground (weather permitting). Children will receive a take home worksheet that parents can use to reinforce the lesson. **Children will be checked in by adult dropping them off to the classroom and need to be signed out by an adult at the conclusion of service**

Wednesday Evenings

On Wednesdays, families gather for dinner and bible study. After dinner concludes, the younger children (ages 1-5 recommended) will be dismissed to an age appropriate classroom during the study. Once in the classroom, children can expect to have a snack, learn a mini-Bible story, sing songs, watch Christian entertainment, play and go out to the playground (weather permitting). **Children will be checked in by adult dropping them off to the classroom and need to be signed out by an adult at the conclusion of service.**

MINISTRY CONTACTS

If you are attending our services regularly and know in advance that your child(ren) will be absent, please text the Ministry Leader so we can adjust our staffing. This is especially helpful for families with multiple children.

- Ministry Leader:
 - Ranwa "Nin" Iamaio, children@gfsanford.com
- Elders:
 - Pastor Tim Iamaio, tim@gfsanford.com
 - Pastor Jesse Allen, jesse@gfsanford.com

CHILDREN EXPECTATIONS

- Helpful classroom rules with scripture references:
 - Love God and Others (Deuteronomy 6:5 and John 15:17)
 - Listen & Obey (Proverbs 16:20)
 - Use Kind Words (Proverbs 15:1)
 - Be honest and loyal (Zechariah 8:16)
 - Have a servants heart (Philippians 2:14)
 - Seek and Ask for Forgiveness (Ephesians 4:32)
 - Try your Best (Colossians 3:23)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY GUIDELINES

CHILD SAFETY

The purpose of child safety procedures is two-fold:

1. To protect children from physical and emotional harm while in our care.
2. To protect the adult caregiver from inappropriate allegations or unintentional neglect while caring for children.

- While working with children, there should always be **2 adults present**. Teachers/Helpers are never to be one-on-one with a child.
- All adult Teachers/Helpers have background checks completed and approved before having contact with children.
- Non-members may serve under the direct supervision of a Church Member.
- Teachers/Helpers will remain with children in classroom or on playground until children have been signed out by a parent or legal guardian. They do not take children to parents or sign them out to siblings.

DIAPER CHANGING

- Teachers/Helpers are encouraged to serve the parent by changing wet/soiled diapers on a need be basis.
- If this is something parents are not comfortable with, they will text a parent for assistance.

RESTROOMS

- Please take children to the bathroom before coming to the classroom.
- If a child needs to use the restroom while in our care, a Teacher/Helper will stand in hall so that they can supervise children in restroom AND be seen by the adult in the classroom. Should children require assistance in the restroom, another adult should be present in the hallway so that child/adult are always visible.

FEEDING CHILDREN

- The Child Information Sheet is how we make our Teachers/Helpers aware of children's food allergies.
- If there is a special snack you would like to share, please communicate with Ministry Leader in advance so we can check food allergies and properly notify parents.

CRYING CHILDREN

- If a child cries without ceasing for 15 minutes, Teacher will contact the parent via text.

WELL-CHILD GUIDELINE

At this time, we will not administer any medication of any kind.

The following guidelines can help you make an informed decision when determining if you should bring your child to childcare. Parents should adhere to these guidelines for the protection of all our children and Teachers/Helpers.

A well child has:

- No fever over 99.6, currently or for the last twenty-four hours
- No vomiting or diarrhea, currently or for the last twenty-four hours
- No yellow or green runny nose
- No repetitive coughing
- No unexplained rashes
- No skin infections, impetigo, boils, ringworm or any open sores
- No eye infection (conjunctivitis/pink eye)
- No childhood diseases such as chicken pox, mumps, measles, rubella, pertussis, scarlet fever, fifth disease, etc.



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Child Information Form

Date completed: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Cell Number: _____

Email Address: _____

For children in diapers: Do you give permission for Teachers/Helpers to change diapers on a need be basis?

Yes No *If no, parent will be texted if a diaper change is needed.*

Child's Name: _____ Birthday: _____ Age: _____

Preferred Name: _____ Gender: _____

Allergies: _____

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