

KINGDOM KIDS JR



parent handbook
things you need to know



vision

LHCC Vision

"Church to Call Home"

KKJ Vision

"A Church for little kids to Call Home"

At this age, these children thrive when things are repetitive and familiar. In KKJ, we try to achieve this by having consistent staffing every Sunday, have the same structure and order of Service, and we even sing the same praise songs EVERY SUNDAY. We do this so our little ones can feel "at home" at Living Hope Community Church.

mission

LHCC Mission

"Challenging a new generation to become committed followers of Jesus Christ."

KKJ Mission

"Nurturing a new generation to become committed followers of Jesus Christ."

values

Our Sunday Services are driven by LHCC values.

WORSHIP within an age-appropriate setting

RECEIVE relevant biblical truth

CONNECT to God through KKJ staff and each other

IMPACT the world around you

GO to be missional-minded

RAISE a godly family - partner with families

philosophy

KKJ serves God by blessing children aged 0-5 years. The first five years are not just the cutest years of a child's life, but most critical in how we can nurture their worldview about God, themselves, and the world around them.

We, the KKJ staff, like to think of ourselves as "impression-ers". This means we take seriously and urgently matters at hand anything and everything that impresses something on a young child. This takes patience, faith, hope, and love. Nurturing a child to become a committed follower of Jesus involves many things like having clean and safe rooms, well-trained & caring staff, gospel-centered teaching in age-appropriate ways, and of course, making them feel like every child is "at home" just like the Living Hope's vision. Everything we do - big or small - is about making an impression about Jesus!

How will you accomplish your mission?

1. Partner with Parents

"Nurturing a new generation"

Part of our mission is to partner with parents and walk alongside them to help raise children to become committed followers of Jesus Christ. The way in which we can partner with parents is two-fold:

1. To honor God by providing a place for your child to know the good news of Jesus Christ with age-appropriate methods of instruction and interaction that is creative & gospel-centered.
2. To provide an undistracted time of worship for parents during 2nd & 3rd Service.

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Our ultimate hope and prayer is for every child to become a committed follower of Jesus Christ. We have a sense of urgency in our hearts to teach 0-5 yr olds about God's Grand Story of Salvation for us through Jesus.

Our objective every Sunday is to impress upon them these truths:

- **NEED** Jesus
- **ONLY** Jesus is Savior
- **LOVED** by Jesus
- **LIVE** for Jesus

KKJ.0-1 (newborn-23 mths)

1 yr olds need love and a familiar routine. On Sundays, 0-1 yr olds will:

- participate in praising God through song
- learn Bible Memory Verses each month
- be blessed & prayed over with scripture (Memory Verses) by KKJ Staff
- connect to KKJ staff and peers through play



KKJ.2 (24 mths - 35 mths) & KKJ.3 (36 mths - 47 mths)

2 yr olds need encouragement and boundaries. On Sundays, 2 yr olds will:

- learn Bible doctrines and stories through the sermon, puppet, and sticker worksheets in large/small group settings
- participate in praising God through song & body motion
- learn Bible Memory Verse during snack time
- have offering time for 3 yr olds
- connect with KKJ staff and peers through play

KKJ.4-5 (48 mths - PreK)

4-5 yr olds need connection, positive relationships, and communication. On Sundays, 4-5 yr olds will:

- learn Bible doctrines and stories through the sermon, puppet, and craft in large/small group settings
- learn to journal and apply God's Word
- participate in praising God through song & body motion
- learn Bible Memory Verse during snack time
- have offering time
- connect to KKJ staff and peers through play

What does a Sunday look like for 2-5 yr olds?

- Our service starts ON TIME for our little ones.
- All 2-5 yr olds go to the KKJ.4-5 Room for joint worship (praise, puppet, message, offering)
- KKJ.4-5 will have 3 stations in their own room: Craft, Journal, Snack/Memory Verse. - - KKJ.2 & KKJ.3 will have 2 stations. The KKJ.2 Room will be used for Bible Station and the KKJ.3 Room will be used for Snack/Memory Verse Station. Both age groups will go to each room but return to their own check-in room towards the end of the program. Parents will check out their child from the SAME ROOM they checked in their child. The 2 and 3 yr olds do move around a lot from room to room. This works well with their short attention spans and setting different expectations and routines in different rooms.



Policies & Procedures

Check In/ Check Out

- Every child is required to have a **CHECK-IN STICKER** for entry into our ministry rooms.
- Please go to the Welcome Center to register your child to receive a Check In sticker if you are a new family. You will receive 2 stickers. One for your child, and one for the parent. Please keep the parent sticker as it is required for checking out your child. Please show your parent sticker to a KKJ staff when checking out your child.
- Please note any allergies (allergy information is printed on the Check In sticker).

Entering a KKJ Room & Saying Goodbye

- Make sure your child has a Check In sticker
- Please take your child to the restroom before checking him or her in.
- Doors open 15 minutes prior to service. Please pick up your child promptly after the worship service.
- Please bring necessary supplies (e.g. diaper bags, bottles) all labeled.
- Please do not bring toys from home.
- Parents must remain at church.

For KKJ.0-1 Room

We hope you understand our intentions when we encourage you to leave your infant with us and have you attend service. However, we realize every baby/mom is different and we are willing to work with you through the early stages of dropping off your little one. All parents are welcome to use diaper changing stations and gliders even when not dropping off a child.

We generally use a 10-minute crying policy. If your infant has not settled down within that period, you will be notified via text.

Sickness Policy

- If your child is sick, please respect others by keeping him or her with you.
- If your child shows signs of sickness (including, but not limited to, high fever, vomiting, diarrhea, severe coughing, colored nasal drainage, pink eye, head lice, undiagnosed rash, open skin lesions, and any infectious disease), we reserve the right to ask you to remove him or her from the room.



Policies & Procedures

Food Policy

Children love snack time in our rooms. We take allergies seriously and aim to provide a healthy snack each Sunday.

- KKJ.0-1 children are given puffs, cheerios, and water. They can be given other drinks when parents provide these items with instructions.
- KKJ.2, KKJ.3, & KKJ.4-5 children are given a wide range of snacks (e.g. Goldfish, Nimal crackers, Ritz, Graham crackers) with water or juice. We do our best to provide nut-free snacks.
- Please let the director/coordinator in charge of the room know if your child has any health concerns.

Restroom & Diaper Policy

- Only female staff escort children to the restroom and wait outside the restroom
- No staff will help your child in any way (e.g. pull down/up pants, help them onto the seats)
- Only female staff change diapers. No adult is alone in the room with an infant when changing a diaper

Boo Boo Report

Each KKJ room has copies of Boo Boo Reports. Although we highly prioritize being safe and clean, accidents can happen. If in the case of an accident concerning your child you will receive a written report of the details.

KKJ Staff

- KKJ Staff is a LHCC member (or has verbally committed to becoming one in the next Membership Class)
- KKJ Staff have undergone and cleared a Background Check process.
- KKJ Staff receive training which covers our philosophy of ministry, policies and procedures, guidelines for age-appropriate interaction and teaching.
- All KKJ rooms are staffed by a team of two or more.
- KKJ.2, KKJ.3, & KKJ.4-5 rooms may have youth volunteers helping out KKJ Staff. Youth volunteers will not be left alone without the presence of a KKJ Staff.

