

Redeemer Community Church

Nursery Parent Guide

Introduction

It is such a joy to serve you and your little ones. Your children will enjoy a safe, clean and fun environment where they can play and learn with our dedicated caregivers. Our goal is to provide a nurturing environment for your children so that you will be able to focus on what church is all about: the worship of our great God!

General Guidelines

Redeemer Community Church requires that all nursery workers submit to a background check before participating in the nursery ministry. Redeemer covers all costs involved.

In accordance with our goals for safety and comfort for both parents and children we ask that no one enter the nursery at any time except for the following:

- Nursery Directors
- Scheduled Workers
- Mothers administering specific care or needs to their child including nursing/feeding, laying a child down for a nap, changing a diaper, and medical attention.

Check-In

All parents must sign-in their children with a nursery worker. Parents must provide instructions for the child on the check-in sheet.

Note: Instructions must include details on feeding, activities, or schedule. Please ensure all diaper bags, cups, pacifiers and other belongings are labeled.

All visiting children should have a name sticker on their back. The nursery workers will give their parents the sticker stub to present at check-out time.

Check-Out

In order to pick up a child from the nursery, visiting parents must bring the parent portion of the child's sign-in label and provide it to the nursery worker stationed at the gate.

If a parent cannot provide the identification slip, the nursery worker will ask for a valid drivers license in order to match the name of the individual requesting to pick up the child with the name on the child's sign-in label. If a parent cannot provide either the identification slip or a valid drivers license, or if the name of the individual requesting to pick up the child does not match the name on the child's sign-in label, the nursery worker will not be able to release the child to the individual. An elder or deacon must be summoned in order to release the child in these situations.

Snacks

The nursery is stocked with cheerios for a snack. Parents and nursery workers should discuss whether or not this is an appropriate snack for the child or if there is a different snack for their child. Children should be seated while eating to avoid choking. No other snack item will be provided to a child without parental consent.

Diaper Changing

In an effort to keep diaper changing sanitary, workers must wear disposable gloves, disinfect the changing area after each diaper change and sanitize their hands before continuing with other nursery responsibilities.

Naps

Portable cribs with clean linens are available for nap time. Parents must make their nap requests to the nursery workers. Nursery workers will do their best to accommodate all nap requests.

Play

If needed, a gate will be set up to separate the infants from the toddlers. Age appropriate toys are available for both infants and toddlers. Nursery toys are sanitized on a regular basis.

First Aid/Injuries

There is a first aid kit located in the nursery bins. Parents and an elder/deacon will be notified immediately if any injury occurs.

Sick Children

We ask that sick children not be brought to the nursery where infection can be spread to others. If a child has any signs of illness, the parent will be contacted so that the child can be removed from the nursery. Symptoms of illness may include:

- Unusual fatigue or irritability
- Fever, vomiting or diarrhea
- Reddened eyes, hacking cough, congestion or nasal discharge not due to allergy, asthma or teething
- Inflamed mouth or throat
- Antibiotic or fever for less than 24 hours

A Word from the Leadership

As a community of God's people, we want to be careful to treasure what God treasures. Caring for children is a wonderful way to demonstrate that we treasure what our God treasures. Psalm 127:3 says, "Children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward." Children are a treasure from God and we must work to diligently prize them as such.

Deeply imbedded in the vision of RCC is the desire that all who would serve would demonstrate a loving and caring, indeed godly, spirit toward all the children of our covenant community as well as those who would join with us for worship on any occasion.

We ask you now to take a few moments to read through the following information and acquaint yourself with our ministry. We trust that you will see in our body a covenant community that desires to encourage one another to delight in the glory of God through treasuring Jesus Christ. We are excited about what God is doing in our midst and cannot wait to see what God will do with His church in the days ahead.