



Family Packet

The Mission

MissioKids exists to glorify God by presenting the Gospel to every child, while partnering with and equipping parents/guardians to fulfill their Biblical responsibility to be the primary spiritual leaders in the lives of their children.

Who We Are

The volunteers of MissioKids have the special privilege of partnering with the parents/guardians of Missio Church to lay a firm foundation of Truth in the lives of the children that we serve. We provide an environment that is safe, happy, and nurturing, while presenting children with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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MissioKids First (Special Needs)

We recognize that all people are created in the image of God. Though some children have special needs, all are kids first and foremost. Children with special needs are welcomed and included in all of our classrooms. We realize that some children with special needs may be exceptions to our typical age and grade based classrooms. Please contact your Congregational Point Person to discuss how we can best meet your child's needs.

Safety

The safety of the children in MissioKids is our utmost priority. These steps are taken to ensure safety:

- We promise that every adult volunteer in MissioKids has been background checked.
- We ask that every person who remains in the building during service—volunteers and children—complete computer check-in upon arrival and wear a nametag sticker throughout the duration of the service. A team member is available to assist with check-in.
- Classroom volunteers take attendance, recording children's names and sticker numbers.
- No siblings/youth under the age of 14 may check children out of classrooms.
- Volunteers may ask to check parent/guardian stickers upon pick-up. We will not release children to anyone without verifying the relationship between the child and the person picking-up.
- We ask that **NO PICTURES** or **VIDEOS** are taken in/of MissioKids.

Health and Wellness

To maintain the health and wellness of all of our children, families, and volunteers we kindly ask that you do not bring sick children to MissioKids. The following are guidelines for when children should be kept home.

- Fever—if child registers a temperature higher than normal (98.6-99.4 being normal range).
- Vomiting or Diarrhea—child must be symptom free for 24-48 hours.
- Respiratory Illness—significant symptoms of respiratory illness such as thick, colored mucus from eyes or nose, serious or persistent cough, runny or crusty eyes, significantly sore throat, or flu-like symptoms.
- Rash—any undiagnosed or contagious skin rash.
- Head Lice—may return when hair is nit free. PLEASE NOTIFY US if your child has head lice.
- Pink Eye—eyes are clear or child has been on prescription medication for at least 24 hours.
- Infection requiring doctor's prescription—child should be on antibiotics for at least 24 hours prior to MissioKids. (We ask at least 36 hours for Strep Throat.)
- Any time child's behavior indicates that he/she is not feeling well enough to attend.

Programming

General Information

- Please wait at the door of the classrooms upon pick-up. This helps to ensure a calm classroom, prevent injuries, and create smooth transitions at our youngest age levels.
- **NAMETAG SYSTEM:** At check-in, nametag stickers are printed for each child with a number code and the parents/guardians contact numbers listed. A parent/guardian sticker is also printed with each child's name and the corresponding number code. If a parent/guardian is needed, the primary parent/guardian will receive a text asking them to return to the kids area. If a parent/guardian doesn't respond, the child's number code will appear on the information screens in the sanctuary. We ask that you keep your phone and parent/guardian sticker in an easily accessible place during service and report directly to MissioKids if texted or your child's number is posted.
- Please label all of your child's belongings so that nothing gets lost.
- MissioKids has diapering, potty-training, and toileting policies in place to ensure proper care of our young children. **IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD'S DIAPER CHANGED OR YOUR CHILD TAKEN TO THE RESTROOM BY ANYONE OTHER THAN A PARENT/GUARDIAN, PLEASE LET THE TEACHER KNOW.**
- **SNACKS & ALLERGY CONCERNS** – Snacks and water are provided for children. Unless otherwise noted, our snack options will be goldfish and/or cheerios. Snacks from home will only be served if your child has allergies or a medical reason. Please alert the Coordinator or someone on the Leadership Team (so that information is printed on the child's name sticker) **AND** alert classroom volunteers if your child has allergies or medical reason for other snacks.
- Please pick up your children immediately following service. It can be difficult for young children to be the last to be picked up. Additionally, our volunteers stay after service to clean-up. Thank you for being considerate.

Curriculum

We utilize The Gospel Project for Kids® as our curriculum. It is a Christ-centered Bible study resource that follows a chronological timeline of Bible events. Through The Gospel Project for Kids®, children will understand the Bible is not just a collection of stories, but one unified story—God’s story of redemption. Each week at MissioKids, the Bible lesson comes to life through video, music, activities, and more.

Resources

- TAKE-HOME ITEMS: We realize that these can get easily tossed aside or lost at the end of a service. However, the take-home items (coloring pages, worksheets) have information for parents/guardians on what your child learns each week. These items contain more than your child’s artwork. Take-home items include: Family Discussion Starters, Main Point, Big Picture Question, Key Bible Passage, Christ Connection, and more!
- Our desire is to resource parents/guardians with tools in order to help them engage with their children about the weekly lesson. The curriculum we use has an easy to use, digital component called *The Gospel Project At Home*. This resource complements the curriculum we use on Sunday mornings and we want to encourage all parents/guardians to check it out. Each week, you will be provided with a lesson overview, suggestions for Family Worship, Family Prayer, and a Family Activity. To access, please visit missiochurch.org/at-home