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PARENTS OF LITTLE ONES

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."- Matthew 19:14

WELCOME

Relax! God put the wiggles in children, so do not feel that you need to suppress those wiggles in God's house.

JOYFUL NOISE

When your children are here, the church is filled with a joyful noise.

WE ARE A FAMILY

When your children are here, the whole church family is fully present.

LONG TERM

When your children are here, they are growing with the church in worship and fellowship. The regular invitation to join "big" worship encourages them to continue to fill these pews long after adolescence.

THEY ARE LEARNING

Right now, they are learning how and why we worship, and that worship is important. They won't be perfect at it and that's okay!

THANK YOU

It is not always easy bringing your little ones to church. Thank you for your efforts and love. We WANT them here and more importantly, Jesus does too!

WHAT TO DO

- Worship! Children learn how to worship by watching you!
- Do not hesitate to whisper to your children during the service, explaining what is happening and what is being said.
- Encourage your children to stand and sing with us, fold their hands and close their eyes we pray, and draw what they see and hear.

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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

**I have no greater joy than to hear that my
children are walking in the truth.**

3 John 4

WHAT IS IT

Children's Worship is a time and place where children are taught what is worship, why we worship, and how to worship our GREAT God! We listen, watch, sing, dance, and play to honor and glorify Jesus!

PURPOSE

The main goal of Children's Worship is to help prepare your child to be lifelong worshippers with the whole church family. If your child is ready to stay with you for the duration of the service, they have graduated from Children's Worship!

HOW IT WORKS

- Children will begin the worship service in the sanctuary with you. They will typically be dismissed to Children's Worship right at the end of the scripture reading . They will gather in the back of the sanctuary and will retreat to the Fellowship Hall which is located directly under the sanctuary. The children will return during the final song of the service.
- Children's Worship is best suited for ages 3 years (and potty-trained) to Kindergarten. You know your child best. If you feel your first or second grader would benefit from attending on occasion, they are certainly welcome. We suggest that you attend Children's Worship with your child until they are comfortable with this new routine.
- There is no Children's Worship on the 1st and 5th Sundays.
 - The first Sunday of the month is when we celebrate the Lord's Supper. We find it incredibly important for our children to witness this sacrament even though they cannot partake of it yet.
 - The fifth Sunday of the month is when we set aside a specific time for our next generation to serve in the worship service. Giving opportunities for our children to serve shows them what it is to be a part of the body of Christ and exemplifies that they belong!

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