# CREATOR'S KIDS PARENT'S GUIDE



# WELCOME TO THE ROCK CHURCH!

We are delighted that you and your children have joined us. While you're here, our goal is to provide a safe, engaging, and fun environment where kids connect with the truths of God and His Word. To do this, Creator's Kids is a special time for kids — not babysitting — but rather a well structured opportunity for both parents and other adults to teach and inspire the next generation to love Jesus.

# A LITTLE BIT ABOUT CREATOR'S KIDS:

The Rock Church uses the Rotation Model for Sunday School (in our classrooms), beginning at the Pre-K level and going up through the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade.

In the Rotation Model, children focus on one major Bible story for four weeks in a row, each week being a different creative workshop and teacher. This deepens the student's understanding and memory of the lesson, while adding a sense of anticipation and freshness each week.

Teachers "stay put" in the workshop of their strength during the story rotation, while a "Shepherd" (helper) rotates each week with the kids. This allows the teacher to adjust and improve their lesson for the different ages they teach, and dramatically cuts down on their weekly prep time.

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# **OUR CLASSROOMS:**

# Nursery (0-2 years)

The Nursery is for children ages Newborn to 24 months old. Our goal for the Nursery is to provide a safe and fun atmosphere for children, while enabling their parents to be fully engaged with the worship and teaching in the sanctuary. Children can be dropped off 15 minutes before the beginning of the service.

Note: For the protection of your children and our workers, it is our policy to not change diapers. If a diaper change is needed, the child's number will be put up on the pager screen to notify the parent.

## Toddlers (2 - 3 years old)

The Toddler class is for children between the ages of 2 and 3 years old. Children will take part in a structured class time, which includes: songs, games, story time, crafts, snacks and free play. Children can be dropped off 15 minutes before the beginning of the service.

Note: For the protection of your children and our workers, it is our policy to not assist children in using the restroom. If your Toddler needs help to use the restroom, the child's number will be put up to notify the parent.

## Pre-K (4 years old — not yet in Kindergarten)

The Pre-K room is for children who are four years old or older but have not yet entered Kindergarten. Children listen to Bible stories, sing songs, complete crafts and play games. Children in this class are expected to be able to remain in their seats and follow direction for the duration of the service. Children are released during the church service to attend this class after Announcements are given.

# **OUR WORKSHOPS:**

#### Adventureland

Adventureland is a "Games and Movement" based workshop. While learning the lesson, children play a variety of games that require both individual and team efforts.

### **Creator's Studio**

The Creator's Studio is an "Arts" based workshop. These lessons are based around an art concept that helps the students internalize the lesson with a truly "hands on" approach.

### Garden of Eatin'

The Garden of Eatin' is a "Foods" based workshop. Yummy lessons create an appetite for Biblical truths and help the kids sink their teeth into the story. Children prepare food related to the Bible lesson and learn to digest God's word.

#### HolyWord Theater

Always a popular workshop! Dim the lights and pass the popcorn as we watch a movie about our favorite Biblical character. In the HolyWord Theater, we watch movies about Bible heroes, character qualities, and God's Word.

We've used this Rotation Model for more than seven years, and have found it to be the best Sunday School Program around! We're confident that both you and your family will agree.

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# **OTHER NOTES:**

Because we love and value your children, and want to protect them, we have installed a brand new computerized Check-In System. Parents are REQUIRED to check their children into our Sunday School Program so that no one can "claim" your children but you! For more information, please visit the Check-In Desk in the Sunday School hallway. Children from Nursery to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be kept in their classroom until they are picked up by a parent. Grades 3 through 6 are released at the end of the service to go and meet their parents.

For the safety of both the children and workers in all classrooms, all regular workers are fingerprinted and must pass a background check. Additionally, we maintain a minimum of two workers in every classroom at all times.

If you have any questions about our Children's Ministry, feel free to contact Phil Hahn, our Children's Director, at 801-703-8739 or phil@experiencetherock.com.