

Remember

It's OK if your child wiggles a bit! She doesn't have to be perfectly quiet and if he becomes uncomfortable it's fine to take him out of the sanctuary to the narthex where he can move, get a drink and use the restroom. Come back during the offering, prayers and songs and finish worshipping.

Always remember that the way we welcome children in worship directly impacts the way in which they respond to God, the church, and their faith journey. Let them know they are welcome in this time of praise and thanksgiving! We are delighted to have children worship with us. We are a true family of God with all generations present.

For more information on the Childrens' programs check LifeTIMES, our news magazine, our website at lordoflife.org or contact Biz Behrens or elizabethb@lordoflife.org.



Childcare during worship

Noah's Ark Nursery is available during all worship services for children ages birth through 3 years old.

The nursery is located on the main floor near the restrooms.

Questions and concerns regarding the nursery can be directed toward Pauline Eidsvoog at 763.420.5015 x124 or email daycare@lordoflife.org.



Worshipping with Young Children



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*Encouraging all to seek, live & share
an active faith in Jesus Christ*

Welcome to worship!



Children are always welcome in worship. We welcome children into the entire life of our congregation.

Children are

created by God and are a gift from God. They are a very important part of our church family and we value them for their unique contributions.

In the Bible, Jesus says in Mark 9:37, *"Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not only me, but also my Father who sent me."*

May we suggest

- Talk with your child about the worship service before you enter the sanctuary. What will happen? What are your expectations as far as behavior? What are the consequences of poor behavior?

- Be positive about the worship experience. Talk about the things that you enjoy.
- Where will you sit? Parents with young children often prefer the back row! Think about the height of your child and what they will be able to see when choosing a seat. If you had their view of the service, what would you see? Try the front pews where little ones can see everything that is happening. Sit near musicians. Watch how the fingers of the pianist move or how quickly the drummer plays.
- During communion you may bring your child forward with you for a special blessing.
- Don't forget the offering. Putting the envelope in the plate allows children to participate. And let them pass the plate (with help, of course).
- Learning the Lord's Prayer (and the Apostles' Creed) at home gives children another way to participate in the worship experience.
- Make sure you have a pencil handy. There are Children's Worship Bulletins available at most services. If possible, bring a notepad for doodling. Try to avoid

crayons, markers, noisy toys and messy foods.

- Bring your child's Beginner Bible or other Bible storybook with you to worship. Or pick up a children's Bible on the cart in the narthex before worship.
- Talk with your child after the service. Which pastor led the liturgy? Gave the sermon? Led the prayers?



- Shake hands with the pastor as you leave the sanctuary. Young children can feel very special performing this 'adult' act.
- The names of our pastors are:
Peter Geisendorfer-Lindgren
Karen Geisendorfer-Lindgren
Phil Dell
David Lippitt
Todd Buegler