

Thank you for the honor of caring for your baby while at First Baptist Church Allen. We recognize children are a gift from God and want to partner with parents as you seek Christ as your child grows and develops. During the preschool years, one learns more than 50% of the information he will learn his entire life. Our Preschool Ministry strives to purposely lay foundations of faith in the lives of our precious preschoolers.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please contact:

Alyson Walker,
Minister to Preschool Families

972-727-8241

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Parental Involvement:

TAG TEAM — 10:30 a.m. Sundays

Tag Team is a fun, interactive learning time for preschoolers ages 2-4. Parent volunteer teams serve once every 8-10 weeks to lead preschoolers through a rotation of music, play time, Bible story and a craft activity. All class activities and supplies are prepared and provided for the volunteers. Tag Team is a great way to be part of our Preschool Ministry and get to know other preschool families.



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Helpful Information

for Parents of Babies at
First Baptist Church Allen

First Steps
Preschool Ministry
growing like Jesus



Jesus grew. Luke 2:52

Safety and Security:

We seek to provide a safe and secure environment:

- Toys and equipment are sanitized and disinfected after each teaching session with a hospital grade sanitizer.
- In the first three rooms, babies are divided by newborns, crawlers and walkers. Then, classes are determined by birthdate. A coordinator will inform you when your child will be promoted.
- Anyone who works with preschoolers completes a nationwide criminal background check.
- Silent, vibrating pagers are available upon request.
- Age appropriate activities are planned for each age.
- Emergency Evacuation Plan is in place and posted in each room.

Suggested Items to bring

(please label all items):

- Plastic bottles
- Disposable diapers
- Pacifier
- Bib
- Something special that may comfort your child (a blanket).

Wellness Policy:

In order to provide the safest and healthiest environment for all children and teachers, please keep your child at home if he shows any symptoms or signs of illness. If he becomes ill while at church, he will be cared for in an isolated area. If a child has any of the following symptoms, a parent will be contacted to pick up the child. The Committee for Control of Infectious Diseases of the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that a child should not leave home when any of the following symptoms are present:

- Fever
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Any symptoms of childhood diseases such as scarlet fever, mumps, chicken pox or whooping cough
- Common cold-from onset through one week
- Sore throat
- Croup
- Any unexplained rash
- Any skin infections-boils, ringworm or impetigo
- Pink eye or other eye infections
- Green or yellow discharge from the nose
- Any communicable diseases
- Lice

If a child contracts a childhood illness following a session in a preschool department, parents should notify Alyson Walker, Minister to Preschool Families so that other parents and teachers may be informed if necessary.

We ask you to follow these guidelines and that a child be free of fever for 24 hours before coming to church.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Checking In and Picking Up Your Preschooler:

Check-in kiosks are used in the preschool area in order to provide a more secure and efficient check-in process.

To register with our check-in system, please visit the Preschool Welcome Desk.

A member of the Preschool Leadership Team will guide you through the registration process. The initial set-up process takes approximately 2 minutes per person (each preschool parent and guardian are encouraged to register.) After this initial registration process, it only takes a few seconds each time you check in your preschooler.

The Preschool Leadership Team will also guide you through the pick-up process. For security purposes, only the authorized parent or guardian (over 18) will be able to pick him up.

Feeding:

A nursing mother's room is provided next to the infant classroom. Infants are also fed formula, milk, water or juice when provided by the parent or guardian in plastic bottles or drinking cups. Time and circumstances do not allow for spoon-feeding. To avoid mixing errors, formula and juice should already be prepared by the parent. Parents may include bottles of water with pre-measured formula to be added by the teacher.