

EMBARC 2021

REMOTE GUIDELINES

For the Embarc 2021 year all recitation will be moved off church campus into a remote recitation program. The main goal of the Embarc program is to encourage the children of our church to memorize God's word. Moving to a remote program will allow for more flexibility in regards to location for participants, parents, and listeners during the pandemic, as well as maintaining the traditional integrity of the program and allowing children to continue advancing in the program. Below are some simple guidelines on how the Embarc program will transition to a remote program.

Registration: Registration will now be online through the church's planning center. Each participant will need to register with all required information. Registration opens November 8, 2020 and ends December 6, 2020.

Flexible Location: Each participant will be able to recite verses by phone, zoom/facetime, or in person at participant's or listener's home. During the registration process you will be asked your preference. You may change the location as desired or needed. Each participant will need to contact their listener to figure out a standard location. The church building may not be used for Embarc recitation.

Time: Each participant will be able to schedule their own set time that works for them and the listener during the week. Embarc weeks begin Sunday morning and runs through Saturday night. Each participant will still only have 1 week to make up any missed recitations. Embarc weeks may not be pushed back unless prior approval by the coordinator. Due to the flexibility of location, we do not foresee a incimate weather cancellation needed. (In person participants may need to shift to phone recitation during bad weather, sickness, or quarantine.)

Listeners: Listeners will hold the packets for participants and score the point sheets each week, making sure the participant remains on schedule and adheres to all rules. If possible, households with multiple participants will be given only one listener for all children. Parents may not listen to their own children.

Request Listener: This year we are allowing participants to request a particular listener as a *suggestion*. This is important for those participants who would like to continue the program in person and will be traveling to someone's home. You may want to suggest a listener who lives close to you, someone you see often, or two families may desire to listen to each other's children at the same time. These requests are only suggestions and are not guaranteed. Requests may be made during the registration process or emailed to Yvonne Herb. All listener requests are due by December 6, 2020.

Time & Location Submission: All participants must submit to the coordinator the time and location they have set with their listener for their weekly recitation. Participants must contact their listener and figure out a set time & location before January 3, 2021 and submit the info by email to the coordinator. Participant's location is flexible as needed, but they must establish a set time at the beginning of the program.

Substitute Listener Needed: If a substitute listener is needed, please contact the coordinator.

Contact: Providing an email address is essential! Contact for the program will be done through email. Throughout the program, the coordinator may provide updates or check-ins through email. It is highly encouraged to exchange email and phone numbers between participants and listeners.

All other rules of the Embarc program are still in effect.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or need clarification. We are trying to give flexibility to families, yet keep the integrity of the program.

Thank you,

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