

Parkside Kids

Mission Statement

Partners

Parkside Kids partners with parents to launch their children into a lifelong journey with Jesus Christ that impacts the world.

Know Jesus

Parkside Kids top priority is to help lead children into making a decision to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, and to go on to serve Him with their whole hearts. After experiencing the saving grace that only He offers, Parkside Kids aims to help children seek God for the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

Know Love

Parkside Kids aspires for all children served to know that Jesus loves them, and that the Church loves them. We aspire to see each child so filled with the love of Jesus Christ that they are driven to share the Good News with the lost and show compassion to those in need.

Know Mission

Parkside Kids teaches each child who has made a decision to follow Jesus Christ that they are members of the Church body, and that as members, they are each included in the mission that the Church is on to reach the lost. Parkside Kids seeks to empower our kids to be willing and ready to share the Gospel wherever they are - at school, birthday parties, camping trips, home, etc.

Volunteer Expectations

- ☒ Agree to a background check. If you haven't had one, please notify the Children's Director as soon as possible. The background check is used solely for the safety of our children, to assure that those who are taking care of our precious kiddos are allowed to do so.
- ☒ Please be in your classroom and ready to receive children 20 minutes before service starts.
- ☒ Please wear a nametag while in the classroom. This enables parents to know your name and know that they are dropping their child off to someone recognized as a teacher in the Church.
- ☒ Greet each child warmly when he/she arrives, being openly and sincerely glad he/she has come. Make sure each child feels welcomed and loved because we want them to have fond memories of Church as they get older.
- ☒ Act the same outside of your classroom as you do in the classroom. If you see one of your kids outside of the classroom, speak to them as if they were in your room, and show them you really care.
 - It's been said, "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care," and this is true for your kiddos too.
- ☒ If you are going to be absent, please inform the Children's Director as soon as possible and try to find a substitute.
- ☒ Personal Growth is important, and we ask that volunteers be committed to each of the following in their personal life:
 - Having a personal relationship with Jesus
 - Developing regular prayer and study habits
 - Attending church regularly
 - Being loyal to the Church body
 - Being quick to forgive

Calling For a Parent

- ☒ If you should need to contact a parent at any time during the church service, please send a text message to the number that is provided on the child's nametag OR inform the Children's Director. If the parent has not come within a reasonable amount of time, inform the Children's Director who will then go and find the parent.
- ☒ If a child has been crying consistently for 10 minutes, please send a text message to the number on the child's nametag notifying the parent OR inform the Children's Director.

Proper Touching

- ☒ Extended hugging, tickling, or prolonged physical contact of any kind is not appropriate.
- ☒ Lap sitting is only appropriate for children under two years old. If a child is insistent on sitting in your lap, move them to sit next to you or sit on your knees so they are not able to sit in your lap.
- ☒ Many children who are sad or upset can be comforted best by being held. Holding children is only appropriate with children 2-years-old or younger.
- ☒ Never kiss a child or coax a child to kiss you.
- ☒ Never touch a child in an inappropriate way or allow a child to do the same to you.

Bathrooms and Diapers

- ☒ Only allow one child in the bathroom at a time.
- ☒ If a child cannot use the bathroom on their own, please call for the parent or inform the Children's Director. Teachers are never allowed to "help" a child use the bathroom.
- ☒ If a child 5-years-old or younger needs to use the bathroom, stand outside the door and listen for them in case they call for help. If a young child needs

help with zippers or snaps, help them in the open doorway of the bathroom.

- ☒ If the Child is older than 5-years-old and in Children's Church, please walk them to the bathroom and stand outside in the hallway until the child is done. Never enter the bathroom with a child at any time, and if there is an issue, please inform the Children's Director.
- ☒ Never change a diaper. Please send a text message to the parent or notify the Children's Director if a child needs their diaper changed. After the diaper has been changed, please notify the Children's Director so it can be taken to an outside trash and not left in the garbage can overnight.

Sickness

- ☒ Please instruct all children to wash their hands after using the restroom and after wiping their nose.
- ☒ Children who are not feeling well should not be allowed to be in the classroom for the safety of the other kids.
- ☒ Please inform the Children's Director if a child is exhibiting any of the following symptoms:
 - Any degree of fever
 - Vomiting
 - Diarrhea
 - Skin Rash
 - Sore Throat
 - Chronic Cough
 - Pink Eye
 - Eye/Ear Infections
 - Runny Nose (yellow/green discharge)
 - Lice

Check-In/Out Tags

- ☒ Teachers must check the parent's security tag and match it to the child's tag number before the child is allowed to leave the classroom.
 - If a parent has lost his or her tag, contact the Children's Director and DO NOT release the child until the parent has been identified by the Children's Director.
 - **If anyone ever pushes their way into the classroom at any time, refuses to leave when asked by the teacher, or attempts to take a child without permission, call for help immediately (yell loudly to get people's attention).**

Accidents

- ☒ In the case of an accident, regardless if it's a child or a teacher, inform the Children's Director right away.
 - First aid kits are located in all classrooms.

Miscellaneous

- ☒ In a classroom, male volunteers or other adults are never allowed to be alone with children who are 5-years-old or younger.
- ☒ We allow parents into the room to check on their children, but they are not encouraged to linger. If there is an issue with a parent being in the room, please notify the Children's Director.
- ☒ Never let unauthorized adults who have no children checked-in to your classroom be in the classroom.
- ☒ Volunteers may not bring un-approved friends to volunteer with them.

We value your constructive feedback and please notify the Children's Director with ideas or thoughts on ways to improve Parkside Kids.

