



Who else is excited to tiptoe back into Children's Ministry? We have missed this ministry and are so excited to spend time sharing the Gospel with your kids again. Below is the general overview of what to expect.

**What does reopening in-person children's Ministry look like?**

We will be taking things slowly as we navigate our new normal of still social distancing and wearing masks, and learning together how we can best love our children, families, and volunteers while joyfully sharing and resting in the Gospel.

Our classroom will be cleaned Sunday morning before you arrive.

In the first 4-6 weeks we will have one classroom with two paid workers, Ms. Nori and Ms. Nikki, and the Children's Ministry Coordinator, Ms. Shannon. **We will have room for 5 toddler/preschool age children** and they will be sectioned off in the back of our classroom with Ms. Nikki as their caretaker. They will have centers (crafts and other activities from the curriculum) and will be kept in their family group to play.

**Toddler Schedule:**

9:45-10:00am Check in

10:00am free play with toys

10:20am come to tables where we will have a video by the Gospel Project as well as curriculum with activities and crafts

10:45am free play with toys

11:00am start Check out

We will sanitize all toys/supplies at the end of service and each child or family group will have their own bin of toys with which to play. They will also have their own bin of supplies that will be labeled by family.

**We will have room for 10 Elementary age kids** and they will be at tables by family unit. We have a curriculum that will be engaging and provide activities and crafts to keep things fresh as they will have to be seated most of the hour.

**10:30am all children's hands will be sanitized.**

**Here is my shameless plug:** I would like to have two separate classrooms by April so we can up our numbers as needed. In order to accomplish that I will need 3 volunteers each Sunday, a

total of 12 a month. One person to do check-in, one person to lead the lesson for the preschool/toddler class, and one person to lead the lesson for the Elementary class. Please prayerfully consider stepping into one of these roles if you are a family who is utilizing Children's Ministry.

### **Registration:**

We will need each family to pre-register each week for their spot in the Children's Ministry. Please only sign up if you are sure you will be there on Sunday. If something comes up and you will not be attending, email [shansel@christchurchintown.org](mailto:shansel@christchurchintown.org) so we can open those spaces back up.

**Note:** We will still be offering clipboards for those who will remain in service.

### **Check-in**

Check in will be under the crosswalk between the CRM building and the Chapel by the stairwell. We ask that you stand 6 feet apart between households while awaiting to check your child(ren) in. We will conduct a brief verbal COVID health screen before checking in. One parent may walk their children down the hall to the "Zoom Room" located by the bathrooms and elevator. We will have the children sanitize their hands before going into the classroom. They will also be required to wear masks. The only exception being children who are 2 years old. We have child size disposable masks if needed.

### **Check-out**

If you would like to check your children out early so they can join you for communion, you may do so. Whenever you do check out your kids you will present the sticker you received at check-in and the Children's Ministry Director will initial it in order for your child to be released to you. We want to make sure your children are safe and only return to a parent/guardian. Older children/siblings or other family members are **not permitted** to check out children.

**Please keep in mind** that we will be minimally staffed. If one of our childcare workers calls out or has exposure of COVID, we may not be able to offer class for the week. If this is the case, we will communicate the change to you as soon as possible. As stated above, we will always have clipboards available for children who remain in the chapel.

Okay **enough with the rules and procedures**. I am looking forward to seeing those bright eyes on Sunday while I gasp at how much growth has happened since I last saw your kids up close, laughing (and maybe rolling my eyes a little) at all the jokes I have missed over this year. While we still have many parameters around how we gather, we are working hard to make sure we develop a community amongst our littles where we learn more about the Gospel and who Jesus is.