

Drop Off & Pick Up



We open our doors 15 minutes prior to service starting. You and your children will be greeted by a friendly volunteer who will check in your child

and give them a nametag with a security number. Parents will receive a security card with the same number printed on it. If we should need you for any reason during service, this number will appear on the screen in the sanctuary.

Please pick your child up immediately after service. We understand that you want to fellowship after church, and we encourage you to do so, but please first pick up your child, so our volunteers can go to service on time.

For the safety of your child, only an adult may pick up your child. The person picking up your child must present the numbered security card to the volunteer at the check-out table. After the numbers on your child's tag and your security card have been verified, your child and his or her belongings will be returned to you. Double check to make sure you have all of your child's belongings before leaving!

Parent of the Week!



Each child in the ministry deserves a chance to receive quality care and biblically sound teaching. With children, it is not only *what*

you teach, but *how* you teach it. We are always focusing on training up new Bible teachers who specialize in teaching kids, however, finding volunteers to serve in Children's Ministry (or any ministry for that matter) can prove to be challenging at times.

Since "the harvest is plentiful and the workers are few," we now require that at least one

parent from each family participate in our "Parent of the Week" program. This is an opportunity for you to care for the tiniest members of our congregation so that we can continue to provide quality teaching to our Toddler, Preschool & Elementary children.

Each quarter, parents will receive a schedule with an assigned week & service time. The entire team of Children's Ministry Volunteers would like to thank you in advance for helping with this. As a small church, we are often stretched in many directions. Our hope is that serving in the Nursery once every 6-8 weeks will not be a burden for you but rather an opportunity for you to partner with us as we care for all of the children and families here at Rancho del Rey.

During the Week

There are several things that we believe every kid needs before they graduate high school. The most important is *nosey parents* who know where their kids are spiritually! We know that what happens at home is more important than what happens at church. So, we want to equip parents with tools to build faith and character in their kids. Each week, your child will come home with a "Refrigerator Door card" and a "God Card" to help reinforce what they've learned on Sunday during the week. We highly encourage using these tools during the week as more than just a bookmark in your Bible or another piece of garbage on the floor of the car. ☺



Elementary

1st-5th Graders

"And Jesus grew in *wisdom* and *stature* and in favor with God and men." Luke 2:52

We welcome your input.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please let us know. We will prayerfully consider each suggestion.

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Welcome!



It is our goal to provide a ministry where children are growing up learning to depend on Jesus, meeting the challenges of their generation, and becoming leaders who pass their faith on to the next generation! Our dedicated volunteers are devoted to ensuring that Children's Ministry is a place where children have so much fun learning about how awesome God is that they don't want to miss a single week. Each child in our Elementary program will be encouraged to nurture a character that is constantly growing in wisdom, faith and friendship with one another.

Who's Caring for My Kid?

Your children are loved unconditionally by the volunteers in Children's Ministry! And although they love the Lord and love bringing the Word to life in a real way for your kids, we believe that today, that is simply not enough.

Every volunteer working with kids is required to go through an application process that includes a full background check, personal interview, and hands-on training with a Department Leader. We want you to feel assured knowing that this ministry is a place where your kids can come and feel **safe** – emotionally, physically and spiritually. To be sure of that, our "Never Alone with a Child" policy is in place from the moment you drop off your child to the moment you pick them up.



If there is ever a concern regarding the safety of your children, please bring it to the attention of the Children's Ministry Director immediately.

What should we bring?

We encourage each child to bring their own Bible to class on Sunday. If you have never purchased a Bible for your child and need some help deciding, we suggest The *NLT Young Believer Bible*. It is a great Bible for children who can read as it closely resembles an adult Bible, yet has many kid-friendly qualities, such as a "Say What?" section defining Bible terms, a "Who's Who?" character profile index, "Can You Believe It?" explanations of hard-to-believe Bible events, and a "That's a Fact!" section featuring Bible traditions and facts. This Bible focuses on teaching young believers the basic beliefs of Christianity and answering their most frequently asked questions about the Bible. Please be sure that your child's name is printed in their Bible.



And to avoid conflicts and to ensure focus, please do not allow your child to bring personal toys or other items to class.

What are they learning?

All kids in 1st-5th grade are invited to join us for a church service designed just for them. "252 Basics" is a curriculum designed for Elementary aged children who are ready for a challenge in their own lives.

Kids who participate on Sundays will learn to "...grow in wisdom, faith and friendship" while receiving practical ways to apply the Bible truths to their everyday lives. These kids will be challenged with 3 basic truths throughout the year:

1. I need to make the **WISE** choice!
2. I can **TRUST** God, no matter what!
3. I should treat **OTHERS** the way I want to be treated!

Through a Large Group/Small Group model, each Sunday we will encourage your kids to cultivate a personal relationship with Jesus that is real to them everyday. We believe that if certain truths really have life-changing potential then we need to be intentional about how we communicate these truths to your kids. Our volunteers are intentional in everything they present to the kids. As a ministry we would like to come alongside of you as a support system for the spiritual growth of your children.

Youth Helpers Program (a.k.a. Discipleship)

As ministers to children, we strongly believe that in an environment where kids have had an opportunity to be raised as Christians, there is **no reason to restrict them** from serving Jesus! By the time they are in 4th grade we want to provide an opportunity for them to begin discovering the gifts and talents that God has given them!

Through a weekly discipleship meeting (on Sundays), the children who are interested will be guided through areas of service and growing deeper in the knowledge and grace of the Lord.

This is a new ministry within Children's Ministry and we will continue to develop this program as the interest arrives. If you think that your child is ready for a challenge, and a "hands-on" experience in service and discipleship, please let us know!

What an amazing opportunity for your child to be able to discover their potential in Living Jesus!