

## Picking Up Your Child



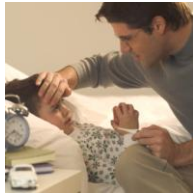
Please pick your child up immediately after service. We understand that you want to fellowship after church, and we encourage you to do so, but please

first pick up your child, so our caregivers can go to service on time.

For the safety of your child, only an adult or sibling 16 or older may pick up your child. The person picking up your child must present the numbered security card and/or pager to the caregiver at the check-out table. After the numbers on your child's tag and your security sticker 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!

## Wellness Policy

Babies and toddlers are very susceptible to colds, flu, and other diseases. The best way to prevent illness is to prevent exposure. Please keep your child at home if you observe any of the following symptoms 24 hours prior to service time:



- Fever
- Excessive coughing
- Runny nose (not clear)
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Rash

If your child is being treated with an antibiotic, he or she should have received treatment for at least 24 hours before coming to the nursery.

For the protection of all the children, our caregivers and teachers follow these same guidelines. If your child becomes ill during service, you will be notified immediately.

## Food & Allergies



Be sure to notify the teachers if your child has a food allergy or a special need related to food such as a specific feeding time, food that has been provided, etc. Note: In our Toddler rooms, children are served animal crackers, Cheerios and water for snack.

For the safety of your children and our workers, we will only mix formula if it is pre-measured and if the liquid is provided.



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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# Infants thru Toddlers

*"Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me*

*but Him who sent Me."*

Mark 9:37

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## Welcome!



It is our goal to provide a safe, nurturing environment in which God's love and miracles

are introduced into the lives of His children. Our dedicated staff is devoted to caring for your baby or early toddler. Each caregiver has a heart for showing God's love to the babies and children.

## Adult to Child Ratios

In order to provide the best care possible, we may sometimes ask parents to stay in the room if we get close to our desired adult to child ratio of 2:1 in the Nursery and 3:1 in the Toddler rooms. If you wish to help in one of our Nursery or Toddler rooms on a regular basis, you can pick up an application to serve, which is available on the registration table near the Nursery.

## Item Checklist



Please label the following items before dropping off your child:

- Diaper bag
- Bottle
- Extra diaper(s)
- Cup
- Pacifier
- Change of clothes

You may print your child's name on a label and attach it to his or her belonging(s).

To avoid conflicts with other babies, please do not allow your child to bring personal toys or other items unless it is a "security" item (pacifier, blanket, stuffed animal, etc.).



## Check-In

Our caregivers arrive in the classrooms 15 minutes before each service. Please do not come earlier to check your child in. To ensure that we provide a safe environment for all babies and toddlers, you may be asked to take your child into the sanctuary with you if we have exceeded the room capacity or the desired adult to child ratio.

For your convenience, there is a Cry Room off the sanctuary for babies and toddlers who get cranky or noisy during the service.

We encourage you to stay in the Nursery as long as necessary to help your child feel comfortable with his or her experience. Consistency is the best way to help your child adapt to this new place.

After your child has come three times in a 90-day period, you will be asked to help us maintain our desired adult to child ratios by volunteering one service per quarter.

You will be given a numbered Security card and/or pager when you check your baby or toddler in. If your child needs your



attention, you will be notified and/or paged. Please return to the Nursery or Toddler room immediately if you do get paged. Remember to take the Security card with you. You will need to present it to our nursery workers in order for your child to be released to you.

Please notify us of any medical problems or special/specific needs your child may have.

## Crying

We understand and expect that some children will cry when being left by their parents. Our caregivers and teachers are



prepared to handle crying babies and toddlers. Let us know if there are any special methods that may aid in calming your child. We want you to feel comfortable leaving your child with us even if he or

she is going to cry. We will not allow a baby to cry more than 15 minutes without calling the parent. However, if you prefer to be called within a different specified amount of time if the crying episode continues, let us know and we will be happy to page you.