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Welcome to B4Kids!

Becoming a disciple who knows, loves and serves Jesus is an adventure that lasts a lifetime! Our desire is for kids to experience their initial steps of this journey in a safe and loving faith community that continually draws them into a closer relationship with Jesus. The B4Kids staff, along with our well-trained and screened volunteer ministry teams, are committed to joining parents in this eternally impacting journey, viewing our roles as partners who support you—your child's primary faith trainer.

Getting Started

This brochure is designed to provide a snapshot of B4Kids, the Children's Ministry at B4 Church, and outline our partnership with you in your child's spiritual growth. We'd also love to personally connect with you! You'll find contact information for each age-level leader by visiting b4church.org or inside the B4 Church app.

When Does Your Child Attend B4Kids?

We offer B4Kids during the three Sunday morning services: 7:45a (Birth - Kindergarten only), 9:30a and 11:15a.

Check-in is available up to 25 minutes before service begins (15 minutes prior to the 7:45a service). Pick-up is available up to 15 minutes after service closes.

By respecting these check-in and pick-up times, you help us care for the children we serve and our volunteers. You also help us manage the flow of multiple services. Presently, we are unable to accommodate early arrivals or late pick-up beyond these time frames.

Your Child's Primary Faith Trainer

An hour of church per week is not enough to help kids nurture a vibrant relationship with Jesus. The Bible teaches that parents are the primary faith trainers of the next generation (Deuteronomy 6 and Psalm 78), and the home is where that influence has the greatest impact. Even though many of you may not have had faith training modeled during your childhood, you will still be the primary influencers of your children when it comes to praying, reading the Bible or talking about faith.

That's why B4Kids is committed to partnering with parents to help children establish a faith that lasts. We do this by providing resources, encouragement and equipping events, while aligning Sunday morning ministry to reinforce your commitment at home.

Information For Your First Visit

REGISTRATION AND CHECK-IN

On your first visit, we encourage you to park in our Visitor Parking Lot where we can guide you to Waypoint, our new family welcome center. We'll ask for some basic information that allows us to utilize our secure check-in process.

CHECK-IN PROCESS:

**Family
Information
Registered
into B4Kids**

**Child
Receives
Security
Name Tag**

**Parent
Receives
Matching
Security Tag**

**Parent
Provides
Security Tag
for Child
Pick-Up**

- Your information is entered and your child receives a printed name tag with a randomized security code.
- Parents receive a tag with the matching security code.
- All children, birth through 5th grade, are picked up in their age level areas by the parent or adult (over 18) holding the security tag. This tag is required for releasing your child.
- If we need to connect with you during the service, we'll display your child's security code on the Sanctuary screens. If you will be in a location other than the main service, please inform our check-in team for ease of locating you should the need arise.

Equipping You for Faith at Home

HOMEFRONT WEEKLY

Taking time to pray together, read the Bible and talk about God at strategic points in your family's day invites an awareness of God's presence. It doesn't need to be long or complicated, fancy or time-consuming.

We support you by providing HomeFront Weekly each Sunday, beginning when your child turns four. It allows you to introduce Sunday's upcoming Big God Story to your child, using five simple actions: Share, Read, Talk, Pray, Bless. We call these the Faith 5. You can access the HomeFront Weekly by visiting b4church.org or the B4 Church app. Additional Faith 5 resources and examples can be found at Faith5.org.

HOMEFRONT MONTHLY

This is a free monthly resource equipping you to reinforce ten spiritual environments that support strong faith formation in your home. It's available free online and you can get your copy through the B4 Church app, at homefrontmag.com, or in the Family Discipleship Center.

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP CENTER

Check out this inviting space, dedicated to providing you with a wide range of print, audio and video resources to support your family's faith journey. Hosts can help you locate resources and support with a listening ear.

Sunday hours are 9:00a - 1:30p.

Tuesday hours are 9:00a - 3:30p.

LIFEPOINTS

Lifepoints equip you in discipling your child and celebrating spiritual decisions in their faith journey. Held for most age levels, birth through sixth grade, they provide timely insight, allowing you to cooperate with the Holy Spirit's work in your child's heart. You can pick up Lifepoint packets and check out suggested resources in the Family Discipleship Center.

For more information, including dates, check the B4 Church app or pick-up a Lifepoints brochure in your child's age level area.

Birth
Baby
Dedication

2 Year Olds
The
Blessing

3 Year Olds
Coming
Under
Authority

4 Year Olds
The
Faith 5

Lifepoints

Kindergarteners
My First
Bible

1st/2nd Graders
Faith
Commitment

3rd-5th Graders
Preparing for
Adolescence

6th Graders
Connecting
with Your
Teen

Child Experience in B4Kids

The B4Kids team has implemented TRU, a dynamic, spiritually forming and family-empowered ministry philosophy. It offers a vibrant weekend curriculum as well as powerful family resources. TRU is uniquely created to inspire, equip and support parents and church leaders in ministering to children.

TRU supports spiritual growth within a creative, nurturing and relational environment. At every service, we provide times of worship and response, allowing kids to encounter God's presence as they sing, reflect and pray. Leaders are equipped to engage kids in meaningful, age-appropriate study of God's redemptive story. Through creative, relational activities, we challenge kids to live out the truths shared in the lesson, while experiencing community in God's family.

For 3 Year Olds, we use TRU Blessings.

For 4 Year Olds through Kindergarten, we use TRU Wonder.

For 1st through 5th Grade, we use TRU Story.

To discover what happens at specific age levels, please visit b4church.org.

What Do We Focus On?

KNOWING GOD AND HIS STORY

The Bible tells God's Story. He's the main character. All the other characters and their stories point us to God, helping us discover who He is and how He interacts with people. Knowing His story opens our hearts to respond with love, giving us a desire to obey and serve. Like you, we want kids to love, respect and navigate God's written Word, growing in their love for God. You can support this by reading the Bible regularly with your child, using the Faith 5. Also, please encourage your child to bring their Bible to church each week.

EXPLORING THE BIBLE

Beginning at age four, we use the *I Will Follow Jesus* Bible storybook. For elementary kids, we use the New Living Translation and have found the *Kids Hands-On Bible* from Group Publishing to be an age-appropriate choice. If your child doesn't have a Bible, both are available for purchase at the Family Discipleship Center.

GROWING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

When God wanted us to better understand His love, He sent a person: Jesus. Similarly, kids better understand God's love when they experience it through godly role models. That's why we assign children, beginning at age four, to a specific small group leader. In this small group environment, your child has the opportunity to grow faith-shaping connections with peers and adults.

We encourage you when picking up your child to take a few moments to get to know your child's small group leader, as well as the parents of other children in the group. It's a great point of connection and potential friendship for you and your child. You can support your child's spiritual and relational growth by making it a priority to attend the same service on a weekly basis so they can be with this consistent leader and group of children.

Do We Welcome All Kids?

We welcome all children to attend an appropriate age level that meets their needs. If you have a child who experiences disability, we can best serve your child by having a conversation prior to your arrival, allowing us to prepare our volunteer staff to serve you with excellence. We encourage you to call B4Kids at 503-644-2801 and look forward to connecting with you.

How Do We Keep Kids Safe?

KNOWING WHO IS WITH YOUR CHILD

Our volunteers are required to have a criminal background check and screening interview prior to serving in any capacity. They receive instruction in Foursquare's child safety policies and training for working with their respective age group.

ESTABLISHING EFFECTIVE EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In the event of an emergency, we have procedures in place to protect the children. If the B4Kids buildings need to be evacuated, leaders will move children to designated secure spaces. Parents will receive direction from the pastor leading the adult service as well as safety team leaders for connecting with their child for secured check-out.

ENSURING FOOD SAFETY

We occasionally serve snacks, so it is important that we know of any food allergies. We do not knowingly serve nuts or foods containing nut products. Please note that we cannot guarantee all food served are nut free. Please record any allergies on the B4Kids registration card. If your child has a life-threatening allergy, please alert our check-in team each time you check in.

KEEPING OUR ENVIRONMENT HEALTHY

We strive to maintain the healthiest environment, with systems that ensure toys and equipment are cleaned and volunteers carefully follow wellness guidelines.

To ensure everyone's good health, children with colds, fevers, rashes or other symptoms of illness are not permitted to check-in to B4Kids. Exceptions are made for teething babies and children with allergies. If your child is being treated with an antibiotic, they should receive treatment for at least 24 hours before coming to church.

Getting Connected and Involved

The best way to get connected is through serving! You'll experience many benefits as you choose to invest your valuable time. Here's just a few:

- It's the fastest way to connect with families in your life stage.
- It provides one of the most effective ways to grow spiritually.
- It helps you gain confidence as your child's spiritual leader.
- It offers you the opportunity to invest your available time and God-given talents with eternal impact.

Best of all, you can become a disciple-maker who models the full lifestyle of a disciple to your children.

Serving kids not only benefits a new generation of Christ followers, it encourages your growth as a disciple. We have opportunities available before, during and after Sunday services and throughout the week. If you enjoy acting, organizing stuff, helping kids grow in their love for Jesus, or interior decorating, we have opportunities!

We hope you get the idea. No matter what your passion or gifting, we likely have ways you can serve kids!

For more information, please connect with an age level leader before or after service or email or call us. We look forward to exploring opportunities with you to join a vibrant team of 300+ volunteers who experience the joy, blessing and wonder of serving kids.

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