

New Life Kingdom Kids

2013-2014



The mission of Kingdom Kids, the Children's Ministry program of New Life Church, is to partner with parents to connect kids to God and others through a personal relationship Christ.

Dear Parent,

Welcome to a new year in Kingdom Kids! We are thankful that you are willing to share your child with us and we look forward to partnering with you this year. We are excited to partner with you to help your children grow in their understanding of how much they are loved by God and help them find ways to live out of a love for Him. We are looking forward to the opportunity to support you in your role as your child's main teacher. Please contact us anytime with your thoughts, questions, and concerns. We are here to be a resource for you and to provide your child with opportunities to grow in Jesus!

A New Year: Beginning September 8, Kids will be placed in their new classrooms. Preschoolers - 5th grade will remain in those classrooms for this school year. Children up to age three will continue to be promoted on their birthdays. When you check in, please take a moment to double check the information printed on your child's tag to ensure accuracy. If your child has an allergy, please be sure it is noted on the tag. If anything is incorrect or missing, please inform the attendant at the Welcome Table and we will be sure to update our records.

Staying Connected: Please check the Kingdom Kids section on the New Life website (www.newlifewlenox.org) to stay up to date with what is happening weekly in Kingdom Kids. There you will find updates, schedules, and information about upcoming events and activities. You will also be able to print out a copy of the week's devotional activity so you and your child can spend some time together learning about God, even if the sheet doesn't make it home from class each week! You can also become a friend of *New Life Church Kingdom Kids* on Facebook to see pictures and stories and receive reminders about what is going on inside the classrooms!

Parent Involvement: Parents are a vital part of Kids' growth both inside and outside of our classes. Our nurseries and classrooms are staffed by volunteers. If your children are involved in nursery or Kingdom Kids, we ask that you volunteer once a month if possible. There's lots of different ways to be a part of what is happening and no special skills are required for most! We'll make sure you're prepared and ready to learn and grow with children. We especially need volunteers in our preschool and elementary classes, but you are welcome to serve in whatever area you feel most comfortable. If you are new to New Life Church, please do not feel that you need to become a volunteer right away. When you are ready, please talk to a member of the Children's Ministry Staff or pick up an application packet from the Children's Welcome Table. Thank you for being a part of connecting Kids to God!

Additional Information: Attached you will find specific information for the nursery, Grace Town (ages 3-Kindergarten), and Salvation Street (1st-5th grades). Please read over the sections that apply to you and your family. Thanks for sharing this upcoming year with us!

In Him,

Chrissy Warren, Nursery and Early Childhood Coordinator

Deb Vanderwell, Elementary Coordinator

Lisa Schnyders, Children's Ministry Director

For Nursery Parents (Birth – 2)

Check-in: Please check your child in at the Children's Welcome Table in the lobby before bringing your child back to the nursery. If there is anything special that you would like the nursery volunteers to know about your child, please let us know and we can put it on the tag.

Drop-off / Pick-up: After you have received your badge, please bring your child to his or her room. Presently, children 0-18 months are in Room 101. Children who are 18 – 36 months are in room 102. You will need your parent badge to pick up your child. **Our volunteers have been instructed not to release a child to anyone unless they have the matching child badge even if they know you.** If you have misplaced your badge, your child will be released only by a Children's Ministry Staff person (Lisa Schnyders, Chrissy Warren, or Blanca Spence.) We know this may be a bit inconvenient, but our primary concern is knowing where your child is and who is leaving with him or her. If it is necessary to have someone else pick up another child, you may tear your parent badge in half.

Paging system: We will page you if you are needed in the nursery. Our general policy is not to let a child cry longer than 10 minutes without notifying the parents. If you have different instructions regarding time frame, please let a volunteer know when dropping off your child. Once you have dropped off your child, please try to avoid returning during the service if at all possible. Adults coming in and out of the rooms will often upset a child who is patiently (and sometimes not so patiently waiting for his or her parents!) Feel free to peek in the windows if you really need to, but we promise, we will call you if we need you! **We will use the first 3 numbers on your parent badge to page you. The display will not fit all 4 of the numbers on your parent badge so please be on the lookout for the first 3.** The display is located in the sanctuary to the left of the south windows.

Labeling: Please help us out by labeling *EVERYTHING* that may go into the nursery with your child, especially cups, bottles, and pacifiers. A permanent marker works great or there will be additional labels at the Nursery Welcome Table. Also please give your tag to volunteers so your cubby can be marked correctly and all your belongings can be stored in the right spot. Thank you for your help in this.

Sickness: Please do not put your child in the nursery if he or she is not feeling well. We do clean the toys weekly, but we would appreciate your help in keeping all our kids healthy. If your child has a fever, had a fever within the last 24 hours, or has a runny nose, please do not put him or her in the nursery. Thank you for your cooperation.

Nursing Room: There is a private nursing room available in room 101.

Toddler/Twos Classroom: Our Toddlers/Twos will continue to have a short (5 minute) lesson, an activity, and a snack. We are using the book "Bible Stories That End with a Hug." You can partner with us by taking some time to share what your child did in class by going over the story sheet, reading the Bible story, and of course, giving lots of hugs!

Questions/Concerns: We want both you and your child to have a great experience with nursery! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask. Outside of church you may contact Lisa Schnyders at schnyders@sbcglobal.net or Chrissy Warren at chrissy_warren@comcast.net.

For Grace Town Parents (ages 3-Kindergarten)

Check –in/Drop-off / Pick-up:

After checking in at the Children's Welcome Table, kids will go the auditorium to participate in the opening worship. Kingdom Kids will be dismissed to class during the offering.

Please note: Class groupings and class rooms have changed!

Classrooms: Room 103 – Age 3

Jonah Room – Preschool (Ages 4 and 5) and Kindergarten

Parents will need to have their ID badge in order to pick up children. (You may tear the badge in half so each parent has a half.) Our volunteers have been instructed not to release a child to anyone unless they have the matching child badge

Curriculum:

We will be continuing with Lil K , a fun and interactive way for preschoolers and kindergartners to learn about God. Each week your child will come home with A MAP Book. Please help your child complete the **Mission Action Plan!** It's a great opportunity to talk with your child and help him or her put their knowledge into action. Help your child be on mission all week!

Offering: Our children will have a children's offering at the start of class. The offering the children collect goes to support Mable. She is a child from Compassion International. For more information on her and her family please check out the bulletin board outside the Jonah Room.

Questions/Concerns: We want both you and your child to have a great experience with Kingdom Kids! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at chrissey_warren@comcast.net or 815-467-6415. I am looking forward to a great year in Kingdom Kids! Thanks for your help.

For Salvation Street Parents (Grades 1st -5th)

Check –in/Drop-off / Pick-up:

After checking in at the Children's Welcome Table, kids will go the auditorium to participate in the opening worship. Kingdom Kids will be dismissed to class during the offering. At that time, all children 1st - 5th grade will go to the media room.

Children in 1st - 3rd grades must be picked up by an adult from the Media Room. **Our volunteers have been instructed not to release a child to anyone unless they have the matching child badge**

Students in 4th -5th grades will be released into the gym following class. If you would like to have your child held for parent pick up, please contact Lisa Schnyders or fill out a hold form at the Children's Welcome Table. If you request your child help for pick-up, please pick up your 4th or 5th grader from room 305.

Children signed in with a visitor tag will automatically be held until a parent picks the child up.

Curriculum:

The 1st – 5th Graders will continue with Kidmo, a fun, video driven curriculum that encourages kids to be on mission for God in their daily lives.

Each week the kids will come home with a MAP Book, which is a fun way for them to review and follow through on what they learned.

What's a MAP Book? MAP stands for **Mission Action Plan** because listening to and obeying God's Word always involves some kind of "action-plan".

How can you get involved with helping your child on the mission?

- *Take a few minutes in the car on the way home to **ask** them about what they learned*
- *Use the MAP book for family or bedtime devotions sometime during the week.*
- *Help them find ways to put what they have discovered into action.*

Questions/Concerns: We want both you and your child to have a great experience with Kingdom Kids! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Deb Vanderwell at debvwell@yahoo.com

Children's Ministry 2013-2014

September 8 Step Up Sunday (Kids move into current school grade level)
8 PS/K Teacher and Student Helpers Orientation 10:20AM
15 Kidmo Orientation Meeting (1st – 5th grade) 10:15AM
15 – Block Party 3-6PM
16 – Christmas Program Auditions 6:30-8:30

October 25 – S.H.I.N.E.Fest (Trunk or Treating Extravaganza)

November 27 – Thanksgiving Eve (Nursery for kids 0-2)

December 2 – Dress rehearsal for Christmas program

December 5 – Dress rehearsal for the Christmas program

December 7 – Christmas program 5PM

April 12 – Hearts to Heaven: A Celebration of Heaven

April 13 – Palm Sunday Kingdom Kids Choir for Opening Worship

April 20 – Easter

June 1 – Next Steps for 5th Graders (Luncheon for families of 5th Graders)

Check the Kingdom Kids Parent page on the website for updates and additional information.

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