

# WHAT TO EXPECT

## CLASSROOM LEVELS

### NURSERY

(birth through 2/3\* years)

We begin building a foundation of knowledge for the power of God in the nursery. We give simple lessons, paired with prayer and songs to introduce the presence of God in our everyday lives.

### PRESCHOOL

(ages 3\* through 4/5 years)

At the preschool level we introduce more critical thinking and encourage group instruction and participation. The children take part in crafts, story-telling, prayer, and reading of Scripture.

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

(ages 5 through 10 years)

For our older kids, we focus on strengthening their relationship with Christ through real-life biblical lessons and Scripture memorization. Those teachings are supported through meaningful applications and projects.

\*For toddlers to move from nursery to preschool, we require that they are 3 years of age and potty trained.

## SNACKS

Snacks are provided for the children in both nursery and preschool. If you'd prefer your child have something from home, please be sure to set out the items in the cubby so our staff will know to hand them out. Also, put names on any containers belonging to you. Activities may involve the use of different foods for each lesson, so we ask that parents/guardians notify us of any food allergies and sensitivities.

## HEALTH

While we do not administer medication, it is strongly advised that parents let the staff know of any specific health concerns (e.g., allergies, asthma, seizures). Also, as a consideration to our other kids, we ask you not to bring your child into our care if they have had vomiting, fever, rash, strep throat, conjunctivitis, lice, or anything that could be considered contagious.

## SAFETY

If an injury occurs (scrapes, bumps, bruises, etc.), our staff will take the necessary steps to treat the child and notify the parents. For major emergencies, the staff will call 911, parents/guardians will be notified, and we will stabilize and secure the injured child.

## DISCIPLINE

We encourage the participation of all children. Our staff will take necessary steps to discourage disruptive behavior by using positive reinforcement. In the event that bad behavior prevents the lesson from moving forward and/or there is potential of injury, parents will be notified through the media booth (see "paging" in procedures). Students may be asked to rejoin their parents in the worship center for service.

# PROCEDURES

## CHECK-IN

Parents will need to check in each child at either of the two designated stations (upstairs for nursery and preschool, in the lobby for children's church). If you're a new family, we need information that will help us care for your child more efficiently (e.g., allergies, diaper changed/potty trained, contact information, birthday, etc.). Once the kids are checked in, they will be given a name tag to wear, and parents will receive a tag with a matching ID number for that day. The ID number links you to your child(ren) so that you can be contacted during the service if necessary.

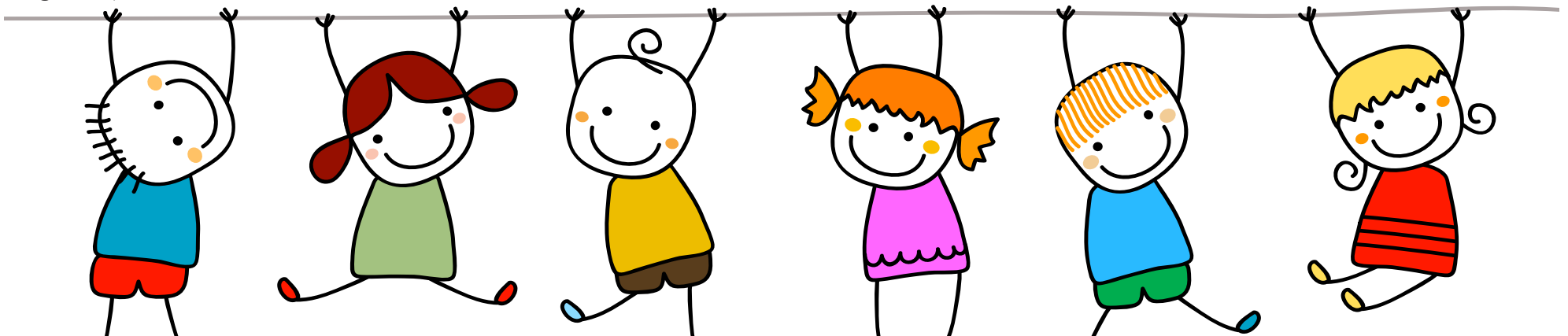
## PAGING

If you are needed during service, your child's number will appear on the screens in the worship center.

## CHECK-OUT

To check out, we ask that you collect your children, then gather any belongings left in the cubbies. As you leave the nursery/preschool area, please stop at the kiosk and give our staff member your parent tag. At that time your child's tag will be marked to indicate that they've been successfully checked out.

*For the safety and security of all of our children, we ask that the parent who checks in their children is the same parent who checks out.*





At Green Valley Crossing, we are on mission to carry the message of the gospel to our community. We believe in the power of God's Word, so we nurture that relationship through our children's ministry. Crossing Kids aims to introduce Christ, our Savior, to your children. We desire to teach them the truth of His Word and share the Spirit and love of Jesus through service and fellowship.

We hope this resource is helpful to you in your partnership with Crossing Kids for the spiritual care of your child. You are the primary source for spiritual nourishment in your child's life, and we want to help you in that journey. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if there's anything we can do to serve you and your kids.

- The Crossing Kids Team

## OUR GOAL

Crossing Kids serves to enrich the lives of our children with the light of Jesus Christ. We aim to teach, establish, and equip the children entrusted to our care with the love and grace that God gave us through His only Son, Jesus. We understand that faith is foundational to the early stages of life. The teachings received in Crossing Kids will carry on through adulthood, helping raise up the people that God has designed them to be.

## OUR STAFF

The security of our children is top priority. All of the volunteer staff that serves with Crossing Kids have gone through vetting that involves background checks, personal interviews, and an application process. Our team is selected on merits of maturity, compassion, and experience.

## VOLUNTEER

As you find your place at The Crossing, we encourage parents to volunteer in our classrooms for one day every three months. This will not only give you insight into our ministry, but will also give your family more tools to build faith within your home.

If you're interested in becoming a regular volunteer as a Crossing Kids team member, connect with our leaders for an application to begin the process. We believe that God might be calling you to help lead the next generation at The Crossing!

