

CHILDRENS MINISTRIES AT GRACE

Your Children Matter

Your children are important to us because they are important to you...but more so, they are important to God. Here at Grace, we offer a variety of kids programs all designed to teach the truths of the Bible to your kids in a safe, fun environment. Jesus valued children while he was here on Earth, so we will do everything in our power to value and protect your kids during their time in our care. All of our children's workers have been approved within our ministry and policies to protect your children; and you can be confident they have your child's best interests in mind - both physically and spiritually!

Age Groupings

We divide our children's ministries into the following age groups for both Sunday and Wednesday ministries:

AGE GROUP	SUNDAY MINISTRIES	WEDNESDAY MINISTRIES (AWANA)
Birth to Age 2	Baby Steppers (Nursery)	No nursery available
Age 3 to Preschool	Little Steppers	Cubbies
Kindergarten to 2 nd Grade	Big Steppers	Sparks
Grades 3-6	Junior Steppers	TNT Boys & Girls

On Sundays, we provide our StepUp Children's Ministry designed to help them "step up" and "step out" for Jesus. We provide classes for all ages during both our ministry hours. During the worship service, children in Kindergarten through 6th grade worship together during their own time of singing and teaching - we call it StepUP. Following our worship service, if you desire to stay, your children will be directly taken to their Sunday School class by their teacher, where you can pick them up when you are finished with your Adult Bible Fellowship or just getting to know the people at Grace. We use two curriculums on Sunday. Our StepUp ministry uses 252 Kids Elementary Curriculum from Orange ([click here for more info](#)) during the Worship hour. During our second hour of ministry on Sundays, we use the Answers Bible Curriculum produced by Answers in Genesis along with our adults. This curriculum chronologically teaches through Scripture for a thorough understanding of the teachings and relevance of Scripture ([Click here for More info](#)). By having our adults and children study the same material, parents can interact with their children about the material throughout the week.

On Wednesdays, we utilize the AWANA program and material. AWANA stands for Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed - for more about AWANA [click here](#). The children spend their time in the same age groupings as Sunday and work through lessons and Bible memorization together as well as enjoying fun games and theme nights.

Safety Procedures: For the safety of all in our Children's Ministries on both Sundays and Wednesdays, we have a specific check-in and check-out procedure. On Sundays, for both our Baby Steppers (Nursery) and Little Steppers, you will be directed to their classroom where you can meet the teacher and see the classroom. You will be given a card that has a corresponding match for your child. Your child will not be released without that card being turned in. Also, a child will not be released to anyone other than the parent, unless instructed to do so. If your child is in either the Big Steppers or Junior Steppers classes, you will check them in to the StepUp ministry classroom following the same procedures. If you choose to stay for our second hour of ministry, your children will be transferred to their 2nd hour teacher and you can pick up your child(ren) in their classroom; which we will show you when you arrive.

On Wednesdays during our AWANA ministry, the check-in/check-out procedure is similar to Sundays. You will enter through Entrance E and proceed to the gymnasium where you will check your child in and receive a corresponding tag. At the conclusion of AWANA, you can pick up your child through Entrance F by turning in your tag.