



Early Childhood Ministries

*"We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy
deeds of the Lord." Psalm 78:4*



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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

As a parent cooperative nursery, we encourage all families to participate in serving in Promise Land. Many opportunities are available. However, we need to know you for a while and ask that you plan to volunteer after at least 6 months of attending Bethel Church. All volunteers 15 years and older must have a completed background check done by Intermountain District office.

WAYS TO VOLUNTEER:

- Monthly rotation on the volunteer schedule: this is a monthly commitment to serve during one of the services.
- 5th Sunday volunteers: this is ideal for those who are already active in other Sunday morning ministries of the church like worship team, teaching a Sunday school class, or helping in JourneyLand. You commit to helping every 5th Sunday (which occurs about 4x per year).
- KidCheck sign in helper: This person helps between 1st and 2nd service ensuring that families are greeted and are able to easily sign in their children.
- Wednesday evening child care/teaching: Volunteering to help in the classes on this evening.
- VBS: each summer we have a week long VBS program for preschoolers and volunteers are greatly needed in many capacities!
- Fill in list: There are times teachers and volunteers are ill and need someone at the last minute to cover their responsibilities.

If you want to help in any of these areas, please let us know!

CURRICULUM

TODDLERS: Faith Connections Toddlers/Two by Word Action

Play and Worship by Group

TINY TOTS: Faith Connections Toddlers/Two by Word Action

Toddlerific Fun Faith Builders by David C. Cook

PRESCHOOL: Preschool Connection by Word Action

Bible Learning Series by Karyn Henley

Tell Me the Story NT by Word Action

PRE-K/KINDERGARTEN: Faith Connection by Word Action

Bible Lessons by Carol Cox

Missions Emphasis Central America by Word Action



We utilize quality teaching materials to teach your children the word of God and truths contained within it. We strive to engage the kids in meaningful ways and promote an environment that is safe for learning. Children at these young ages are hungry to learn and ready to hear that Jesus loves them and God has a plan for them.

Dear Parents,

This is our mission: Promise Land exists to provide a safe and nurturing place for the youngest children while their parents worship and learn. In Promise Land, children receive quality care. It is a place to discover the promises of God, His love and His plan for them through Jesus. Jesus is lifted as Lord and children are taught to praise Him.

Our volunteers are here to do more than just babysit. Instead, we take advantage of the time we have with your children to teach simple Bible truths and model God's love. In the infant room we pray for your children, in the toddler room we read to them and share simple truths of the Bible. In the Tiny Tots class the kids have Bible lessons during each service complete with memory verses, activities and projects. In preschool, pre-K and kindergarten the kids are involved in active learning and discovering the truths of God's word. We want to introduce your child to God and his love for them.

We strive to equip parents in discipleship of their children. We will provide a safe and nurturing place for their children to learn more about the Lord while their parents are being fed spiritually. We are not designed to be the primary source of teaching children about Jesus but we are a support and complement to the parents as they train up their children in the Lord. If you are struggling to teach your children about Jesus, ask us. Let us support you and help you be equipped for this God given responsibility. We look actively for ways to partner with you. No one will have a larger impact on your child's spiritual development than you.

Please let us know how we can serve you and your child.

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SECURITY AND SIGNING IN

Getting Started:

Nursery opens 10 minutes prior to service time.

The nursery is equipped with KidCheck to help parents register upon arriving. KidCheck helps our volunteer staff to identify your child, who is allowed to pick them up and any special needs they may have (allergies, potty training, etc.)

1. Sign in with KidCheck at the kiosk in Promise Land
2. Beepers are available. Please choose one and enter its number when checking your child in on KidCheck. Otherwise we will use your cell phone and text you if your child is in need of you.
3. Apply the child's sticker to their back and retain the guardian receipt where you won't lose it.
4. Label child's bottles, cups, pacifiers and bags.
5. Please provide diapers, wipes, and a change of clothes. We provide snacks and have sippy cups available for water.
6. After signing in your child, walk them to their class, hand them off to the volunteer and hang their bag on a hook in the classroom. We encourage you to share any needs your child may have with the volunteers. For instance, "he is ready for a nap" or "she may need a bottle in 20 minutes."
7. Please separate from your child quickly, as lingering in the room may add to your child's anxiety related to being left in the nursery. Our volunteers will page or text you if your child remains distressed and hasn't settled within 10 minutes.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING TO THE NURSERY?

Please bring:

- Diapers/wipes
- Ointment (if needed)
- Change of clothing
- Bottle or sippy cups prepared (labeled with your child's name)

WILL MY CHILD RECEIVE A SNACK?

Yes, as developmentally and age appropriate.

Infants: receive puffs as age appropriate

Toddlers: goldfish, cheerios, animal crackers, Maria's cookies

Tiny Tots: goldfish, cheerios, animal crackers, Maria's cookies or other snacks related to the Bible lesson

Preschool: goldfish, cheerios, animal crackers, Maria's cookies or other snacks related to the Bible lesson

PreK and Kinder: goldfish, cheerios, animal crackers, Maria's cookies or other snacks related to the Bible lesson

ALLERGY ALERT: if your child has an allergy please inform the nursery volunteer. We can accommodate for gluten and nut allergies by serving gluten free and nut free products.

IS THERE A PLACE TO NURSE PRIVATELY?

Yes, in Promise Land we have a room equipped with rockers, a bobby pillow, changing area and a TV monitor streaming the main service.

WILL YOU CHANGE OR TOILET MY CHILD?

Yes, as needed we will care for these needs so you may worship and learn without disruption. In infants and toddlers, the volunteers check diapers each service and change as needed. In Tiny Tots we will change diapers only if soiled. Please indicate to volunteers any potty training needs your child may have. We recommend a change of clothes always be brought with your child.

FAQ's

AT WHAT AGE CAN MY CHILD BE LEFT IN THE NURSERY?

Your child may be left in the nursery at whatever age you feel comfortable. We recommend no earlier than 6 weeks.

WILL MY CHILD STAY IN THE SAME CLASS FOR A YEAR?

We have promotion times for each classroom. For infants, they remain in their class until they are confidently walking or can no longer safely play with the other infants. Toddlers promote from their class on their 2nd birthday into Tiny Tots. Tiny Tots remain in their classroom until they are potty trained and 3 years old. We begin grouping kids according to school year at this point, requiring they are 3 by promotion. After that the kids promote each year according to school age groups. Promotion occurs the last Sunday in August. We use the Nampa School District age guidelines for grouping classes.

WHAT ARE THE PROMISE LAND AND NURSERY CARE HOURS?

Sunday mornings: 8:50 a.m.—12:10 p.m.

Sunday evenings: 5:50 p.m.—7:30 p.m. (if child care is needed for classes that begin at 5:30, arrangements will be made to accommodate for that need)

Tuesday Bible Study: 9:20 a.m.—11:45 a.m.

Wednesday evenings: 6:20 p.m.—8:15 p.m.

Thursday, Celebrate Recovery: 6:50 p.m.—9:10 p.m.

HOW ARE KIDS DISCIPLINED?

If children harm another child or cause a concern for safety for themselves or others, they may be placed in time out. Time out duration is one minute per year. Children are taught to make amends by apologizing for their actions.

Pick Up:

1. Please return to pick up your child no later than 12:05 or within 5 minutes of the end of second service. Our volunteers need to rejoin their families after services have concluded and still have clean up to complete.
2. If you are staying for both service times, there is no need to return to the nursery until the end of second service. We transition services with the teachers and there is constant care for the children available.
3. At pick up time, come to the child's class **with your guardian receipt**. The volunteer staff will match your child's tag to your receipt. If you have other children to pick up, please keep the guardian tag.
4. Remember to retrieve your child's belongings like pacifiers and cups.
5. Volunteers will fill you in on any details you need about your child from the morning.



