



# KING OF GLORY

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

**Parent Handbook**  
**2022-2023**

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# Get ready for a **fun** and **exciting year** at KOG!

Register for Children's Ministry Sunday

School at **kingofglory.com**

- Preschool Sunday School (Preschool and Kindergarten)
- Younger Elementary Sunday School (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Older Elementary Sunday School (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>)

*We strive to offer developmentally appropriate learning for all of our preschool classes. Generally speaking, children attend the class for the age they are on Sept. 1. Sometimes parents know in advance that their child will not be attending Kindergarten the year they are 5 on Sept. 1. In this case, we recommend that children be placed with the class with which they will enter Kindergarten.*

## **Photo Permission Information**

In House: Children's Ministry takes photos to use for bulletin boards, class projects and our weekly newsletter.

Social Media: On occasion, we post photos on our King of Glory Family Ministry Facebook page. We will not print your child's name or tag any photos.

**If you would like to not have your child's photo used for either in-house projects or social media, please be sure to register and let us know.**

## **Food Allergies**

We strive to create an inclusive environment for all children. If your child has food allergies, we will work with you to find a comparable alternative during special snacks. All Children's Ministry programs and areas are NUT FREE. All snacks must be pre-approved by Rainey Smith. Please ask before bringing snacks to share. Register your child and provide your child's food allergy information.

## **Would a little extra support help your child fully participate?**

Because children learn differently and have different needs, all of our preschool and elementary classrooms include:

- "Fidgets" for children who need something to do with their hands in order to self-calm or to help with focus
- Visual schedules with pictures of the day's activities
- Sensory cushions provide active seating for wigglers while improving focus.

If there is something more we can do to support your child, please include that information on your child's registration form or contact Rainey Smith.

# Sunday Morning for Children

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8:45 – 11:30 am

Nursery available for ages birth – Kindergarten

9:00 – 10:00 am

Sunday School

Children are always welcome in worship. If parents prefer the nursery, it is open during the worship service and Sunday School classes for infants through Kindergarten. The nursery is also available during most special congregational events. **Contact Rainey Smith, Children's Ministry Coordinator, for details at [rsmith@kingofglory.com](mailto:rsmith@kingofglory.com).**

- It is important that we know if your child has food allergies or special needs. Please let the Nursery Coordinator know because we offer children a snack during their visit.
- If your child is potty training, please bring an extra set of clothes.
- Labeled sippy cups are helpful if your child cannot drink from a Dixie cup.
- We do play outside if the weather is nice except when children are wearing special occasion clothing.

| Nursey: Rm 142 |

## Preschool

For children age 2 by September 1 through Kindergarten

Age-appropriate activities teaching the Bible through games, art, Bible stories and more.

- Children in the nursery can be taken to their classroom by Nursery Staff for you. Sign them into both Nursery and on their Sunday School attendance sheet. Be sure to let the nursery staff know too!
- During the school year we choose one of King of Glory's ministry partners to collect donations each Sunday. Needed items will be in the weekly Children's Ministry email. Offerings should be brought to your child's classroom.
- Please visit the restroom with your child before class.

| Preschool: **Rm 143** |

## Elementary

1st — 5th Grade

Children will explore the weekly Bible story. The children are in groups depending on their grade level.

- Sunday School children will explore the Bible story through art, drama, movement, brain challenges, science, and music.
- Children 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> will be dismissed unless otherwise noted on the attendance sheet stating your child will be picked-up by an adult and not dismissed on their own.
- During the school year we choose one of King of Glory's ministry partners to collect donations each Sunday. Needed items will be in the weekly Children's Ministry email. Offerings should be brought to your child's classroom.

| 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Rm 111** | 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>: **Rm 113** |

*For the comfort and safety of your children, it is important for parents to remain in the building while their children are in Sunday School and the nursery. If you should be needed, it is a great help to be able to contact you immediately.*

## Preschool and Elementary @ Worship

Children sometimes find it difficult to sit through the entire worship service without wiggling, fidgeting and losing interest. In order to help children and parents make the most of the worship experience, Children's Ministry offers these resources:

- Nursery - for children through kindergarten age during worship.
- Sensory Room - an extension of our sanctuary for members and guests to retreat to when participating in a group setting becomes overwhelming. This room is for our disabled community only.
- Cry Room - located in the Nursery Hallway in Rm 140. Worship is streamed live on a large screen for families with sad infants and/or enthusiastic toddlers.
- Fidgets - These are not intended as toys for every child but are provided for children who need a little something extra to do with their hands during worship. Please return "fidgets" at the end of worship.
- Children's Bibles – Children's Bibles ranging from easy to older readers are available for Children to borrow during worship. Located on a table in the Narthex. Please return Bibles at the end of worship.
- Spark Activity pages for Pre-Reader and Reader are available in the Narthex along with a clipboard and pencil. Please return the clipboard and pencil at the end of worship.

## **Children's Choir**

Children's Choir will be directed by Lorna Weir and Allie Becker. Children's Choir will not meet every Sunday but will rehearse a few Sundays before they perform. Children 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade will have the opportunity to perform for the congregation. Please look for singing opportunities during the year. This could change once we have a new director.

# Faith Stepping Stones

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These are times when your child “steps” from one developmental stage to the next. As they step forward physically, mentally, emotionally and educationally, our goal is that they step forward spiritually as well.

## Each Faith Stepping Stone includes four elements:

**Naming:** *We identify and recognize the event to give it holy significance.*

**Equipping:** *Adults and children (as they are able) learn stories, skills and habits that encourage growth in faith appropriate to the event.*

**Celebrating:** *In worship, community and at home through liturgy and time together, the congregation recognizes the new faith stage.*

**Giftng:** *The child receives a tangible symbol of the event as a reminder of its holy significance.*

- **Into God's Family**

Baptism Orientation for parents.  
Contact KOG Main Office to schedule.

- **Into Education**

2 year olds, beginning Sunday School, will receive a Beginner's Bible to take home and read together with their family.

- **Into Worship - August**

Children entering 1st grade will meet with Miss Rainey to explore worship from an age appropriate perspective. The children will receive an Into Worship Lanyard and be recognized during worship.

- **Into Communion - January**

Communion Education is for second graders and older. Children will decorate a white stole keepsake.

- **Into the Bible - September**

2 workshops for 3rd graders and older on how to navigate through the Bible. Children are presented with a Children's Bible and decorate a Bible cover.

- **Into Confirmation - September**

Youth entering 6th Grade will begin confirmation classes. Youth will receive a Lutheran Study Bible at their preferred worship service.

- **Out in Faith - October**

Youth will celebrate their Confirmation on Reformation Sunday.

- **Into the World - May**

On Mother's Day, graduating High School Seniors participate with their families in a Flanket Ceremony.

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## 2022–2023 Stepping Stones Details and Dates

### Into the Bible – September

*Bible Education: 3rd grade and older*

Children will receive a children's Bible during worship. During their Stepping Stone Sunday School Workshops, children will personalize those Bibles, explore the different parts, learn how to find specific passages, and to use the "helps" that are provided. The goal of the workshops is for children to feel comfortable using their Bibles and be encouraged to use them regularly.

**September 18<sup>th</sup>:** Presentation of Bibles during worship.

**Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>:** Into the Bible Workshops during the Sunday School hour in **Rm 215**.

### Into Communion – January/February

*Communion Education & First Communion: 2nd grade and older*

At King of Glory, the age at which children begin communion is a family decision. We acknowledge that children mature at different ages and that some parents have strong preferences as to the appropriate age for children to begin. Each year we offer a multi-week Communion Education class for children in second grade and above whose parents have determined that their child is ready. This year, the Communion Education series will be offered on Sundays in January. Children will explore communion as instituted by Jesus at the Last Supper and the meaning of communion from a Lutheran perspective.

- January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, February 5<sup>th</sup>: Communion Education Classes during the Sunday School hour in **Rm 215**.
- February 12<sup>th</sup>: Celebration Breakfast during the Sunday School hour followed by First Communion Celebration during worship.



# Time with Miss Rainey

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Fellowship is always fun. During the year, look for opportunities to grow and play together in a safe Christian environment with Miss Rainey. Each event will provide an opportunity for children to meet new friends and deepen existing friendships. Friends are always welcome. For more information contact Rainey Smith (rsmith@kingofglory.com)

## October

Halloween Party

## January

Board Games

## February

Movie and Popcorn (During the Annual Meeting)

## March

Messy Games

Look for other opportunities for fellowship during the year.

November – KoG Serves

December – Children’s Christmas Party

April – Old Fashioned Egg Hunt

May – Congregational Picnic

*Links to RSVP will be in our Children’s Ministry weekly newsletter and on our website([www.kingofglory.com/ministries/children/fellowship-groups](http://www.kingofglory.com/ministries/children/fellowship-groups)). It is important to respond so that we can plan for food and supplies. A “yes”, “no”, or “maybe” is a huge help! **We need at least 5 participants to RSVP or the event will be cancelled.***

# More Events for Children

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**December 18<sup>th</sup>: Lessons and Carols – children will have the opportunity to perform during worship.**

## **December 24<sup>th</sup>: Family Friendly Christmas Eve Worship**

Everyone is welcome (this includes babies and toddlers) to this service of joyful celebration. The Pastor will deliver the Children's Sermon at the altar. A gift will be presented to the children! The nursery will be closed during this service.

## **April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Old Fashioned Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 am– Noon**

Families and friends are invited to come for an old-fashioned Easter Egg Hunt. In addition to egg hunting, join us for Family Stations of the Cross, crafts, face painting, Easter tattoos, bounce houses, and much more!

## **Vacation Bible School**



*Summer 2023, 9:00 am to Noon*

*For children ages 2 (by Sept. 1, 2021) through 5th Grade.*

*When Heroes in the field call in, the Professor, Super Meer, and our team of heroes will spring into action and explore the ultimate Hero Handbook -the Bible- to discover how all Heroes can follow the examples set by a cast of supporting Bible Heroes in stories from the Old and New Testaments, who work together to bring peace, build each other up, and share the great story of God's love for us where they are and with the whole world.*



## **Triumph Sports Camp**

*A Christian-centered sports camp for children ages 5 -12. **After VBS**, children can stay to learn and play surrounded in Christ's love. This organization is not connected to King of Glory. They have their own registration and cost.*

# Illness Policies and Procedures

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## **What you can do:**

Stay home if you or your child is not feeling well or has any of the following symptoms:

- Fever (temperature 100.4 °F or higher)
- Sore throat
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for a child with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, see if there is a change from their usual cough)
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or stomachache
- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever

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## Where can I get the **latest information** about Children's Ministry **programs and events**?

**Answer:**



*The weekly Family Ministry email arrives Thursdays.*

## KING OF GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The KOG weekly update email with highlights of coming Sunday and special events arrives Fridays.*

### **How to subscribe:**

Visit [www.kingofglory.com](http://www.kingofglory.com) and click on the **subscribe** link at the top of the home page. If you accidentally unsubscribe, you will need to re-subscribe.



Children's Ministry would like to send you short text messages regarding changes in Sunday morning schedules (i.e. No Sunday School) or reminders for special events (i.e. Children's Choirs singing during worship). When you register your child for Sunday School, you will have the opportunity to sign-up for Remind.

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### **No Sunday School on the following dates:**

**November 27, 2022**

**December 18, 2022**

**December 25, 2022**

**January 1, 2023**

**April 9, 2023**