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#### WELCOME TO KIDS[AT] DENVER!



"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these." -Matthew 19:14

#### ELIZABETH DAVIS Children's Director

Welcome to Kids@Denver! We're so happy you are here. At Church at Denver, we believe in knowing Christ and making Christ known, at home and in our communities. Our vision for Kids@Denver is that we equip our children to fall in love with the Gospel through Biblically based teaching, meaningful relationships, and dynamic worship in an environment that is age appropriate, engaging, and fun!

#### **ABOUT CHURCH AT DENVER**

#### **OUR MISSION**

Know Christ Intimately, and make Him known authentically.

#### **OUR VISION**

We want to see you fall in love with The Gospel.



#### **CHECK-IN PROCESS**

As you and your child approach our check-in kiosk, you will be greeted by a member of our Kids@Denver Check-In Team. You will receive a name tag for your child to wear, a name tag to give to your child's teacher, and a corresponding security tag for yourself at our check-in location. Please alert our check-in team of any information that will help in caring for your child, such as allergies and special needs. You will, then, take your child to their designated room that is printed on the child's name tag. After your first visit, you will be able to check in at an iPad kiosk using your phone number or last name.



WANT TO SPEED UP CHECK-IN AT YOUR FIRST VISIT? LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING BY PRE-REGISTERING ONLINE!



## VOLUNTEER TEAMS + Safety & Security

Thank you for entrusting your children to us. We are excited to get to know your child through dynamic worship, small group discussions, Biblical teaching, games, and fun! Our Kids@Denver volunteers are adults and students within our church that have stepped up to support this incredible ministry. Providing a safe, secure, and Biblically rich environment is our top priority. For this reason, each volunteer in our ministry goes through a thorough background check process. Additionally, each volunteer is a regular attending member, who agrees and maintains our Church <u>Statement of Faith</u>. We typically have 2-4 volunteers per class.

To ensure our Kids@Denver classes are secure, we have a detail team that regularly monitors our Kids areas throughout the duration of the service.

#### SERVING IN KIDS[AT] DENVER

God calls us to be the Church and serve within the church. As one of our largest ministry areas, Kids@Denver has many opportunities to serve. From teachers for birth through 6th grade classes, welcoming families at a check-in station, or serving on our safety team, we would love to add you to our team. It is a joy to see the Gospel come alive in the eyes of a child and we invite you to consider being a part of Kids@Denver!



## **CLASS OVERVIEW**

### Nursery & Preschool



The Anchors Class is our "babies and toddlers" class and is a safe space for parents to drop their littlest kids off in order to attend the service. We do not have a set curriculum in this class but instead play, rock or walk babies, give snacks, and read stories. We believe that even our littlest ones can learn about the love of Christ and teach through songs, books, and play time!

Our goal is that by giving parents of little ones a safe space for their child, they too, can grow in relationship with God during the service.



The Buoys Class is for our 2 & 3 year olds. After opening play time, the Buoys Class joins our First Mates Class for Preschool Worship and Story Time.

We utilize <u>Bible Adventure</u> curriculum for "Prop Talk," a themed object lesson that teaches the main idea for the week through the lens of a preschooler. We worship together with fun, age appropriate worship songs, and spend time in prayer as a class.

2 & 3 year olds

After, the Buoys return to their class for snack and play time. Many weeks, they will end their morning on the playground.

FIRST MATES

The First Mates Class is our Pre-K & Kindergarten Class. Each week, we begin with games and coloring before jumping into Preschool Worship & Story Time as described above.



PK & Kinder

After Preschool Worship & Story Time, the First Mates watch a <u>Bible Adventure</u> video while the eat their snack. We use the videos to teach Bible stories in a clear and meaningful way by using animation to appeal to each child's imagination. They will learn basic Biblical truths that can be applied in their preschool realm, all while having fun!

We wrap up with some small group questions to apply that week's theme We end the morning with play time--typically on the playground.

# INTERESTED IN SEEING OUR KIDS[AT] DENVER CURRICULUM EACH WEEK? CREATE AN ACCOUNT AND FOLLOW ALONG HERE



Life Church Provides free resources to parents and makes all videos, coloring sheets, and teaching materials available. Simply create a free account and visit the website. For easiest access to the current week's materials, visit <u>open.life.church/schedule</u> and select **Early Childhood**.

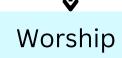
# CLASS OVERVIEW Elementary

# SKIPPERS 1st & 2nd Grade

# CAPTAINS 3rd & 4th Grade

#### Games

Upon entering the doors, your child will notice several game stations throughout the room. It is our responsibility to make your child feel welcome, loved and at home while they are in Kids@Denver. While your child is enjoying the game stations, a leader will be sure to connect with them to make sure they are engaged in the game, playing with the other children, and building relationships.



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#### **Small Group Activity**

Following worship, we break out into small groups to play a game, complete an activity, or answer a question that corresponds with that week's lesson.

#### Teaching Video

Each Kids@Denver curriculum consists of a Biblical story, a memory verse, a themed lesson, and a teaching video. After an activity, we watch the teaching video together while eating snack. When the video is finished, the leader will come to the front and recap the video lesson. Reiterating the lesson reminds the kids how important it is to use what they've learned in their own lives.

#### **Small Groups**

We break the class up into small groups and begin each group with time in scripture. We encourage kids to bring their Bible each week and practice finding verses together. During small group, we focus on prayer and connection questions. Prayer is one of the big wins for the small group time! Small group questions review and relate the story to their lives for application. Additionally, we utilize the small group time to get to know your child and build connections among the classmates.

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## CLASS OVERVIEW Bridge

#### WHAT IS THE BRIDGE?

The Bridge was created to help bridge the gap between Kids Ministry & Student Ministry--to prepare our 5th & 6th graders for the next chapter at Church at Denver. In the Bridge, we work to provide kids with experiences similar to the Student Ministry--small group format on Sunday mornings, attending worship each Sunday, summer Bible Study opportunities, and service opportunities. We also give this group more privileges than other areas of Kids Ministry by providing breakfast each Sunday and hosting events just for Bridge Kids throughout the year.

#### Worship

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#### Breakfast

To set the Bridge a part from other areas of Kids Ministry, parents in the Bridge class rotate bringing breakfast for the class. This is a highlight for our 5th & 6th graders and something they look forward to every week.

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After you have completed the check-in process and taken your child to his or her room, wave a quick good-bye and head into the worship service. As you know, it is common for little ones to cry when a parent leaves. This, typically, does not last long. Separation will become easier over time. Our leaders will immediately engage your child in a toy or activity and ensure your child that you will return soon. If your child cries for an extended period of time, we will contact you using the number on file.



During the service, we will provide a small snack and water to children 1 year to 4th grade. If your child has allergies, please make the volunteer teams aware at drop off.

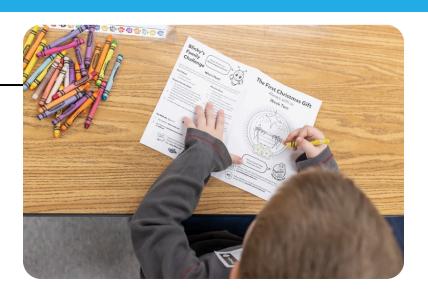
Our 5th & 6th grade Bridge Class have breakfast each week that is provided by Bridge parents on a sign up basis.

When the time comes to pick up your child, please return to the appropriate room and present your security tag to the volunteer at the door. The tag will be matched to your child's name tag and you will be asked to sign the class roster before he/she will be released into your care. A child will not be able to leave the room with non-parent/guardians (ie. older siblings or friends).



## PARENT RESOURCES

The heart of our Children's Ministry is to provide you, the parent, with the tools necessary to help your child fall in love with the Gospel! We believe God has uniquely prepared you to be a spiritual influencer in your child's life and we want to partner with you.



Train up a child in the way he should go,
And when he is old he will not depart from it.
- Proverbs 22:6



Parents receive regular newsletters from our Children's Ministry outlining current curriculum topics, teaching videos, and questions to discuss with your kids at home. We hope these tools facilitate meaningful conversations at home and deeper Gospel understanding.

If questions arise, we encourage you to reach out to us! God calls us to be in community with one another and we look forward to being your community!



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