



Calvary Chapel Central Oahu



Parent Handbook

Calvary Chapel Central Oahu Children's Ministry

We welcome you and your children to the Children's Ministry of Calvary Chapel Central Oahu. Our desire is that your children will feel welcome, comfortable, and safe as they come to worship the Lord. Our goal is to do all we can to minister to the individual needs of every child God brings us. We love children and desire that every child will "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 3:18

In our ministry to children we desire to emphasize what the Bible emphasized, which is the teaching of God's Word. 2 Timothy 3:15 says, "...from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." It is through the teaching of God's Word that children are lead into a life long relationship with Jesus.

The focus of our children's ministry is to teach children to love the Lord with all their minds, with all their hearts, and with all their souls. In doing this, they develop a healthy sense of self-respect as well as respect for others. They learn giving, compassion, sharing, and how to guide their lives by the Word of God.



**"And all your children
shall be taught of the
Lord; and great shall be
the peace of your
children." Isaiah 54:13**

Before Taking Your Child to Class...

1. Make sure your child's physical needs are met.

- Has your child eaten a healthy meal before arriving?
- Does he/she have on suitable clothing?
- Is your child ill?
- Have you encourage your child to use the restroom?
- Make sure all possessions (Bibles, sweaters, jackets, etc.) are marked with your child's full name.

2. Discuss your child's attitude in church.

- Discuss respect for teachers and other adults
- Reinforce consideration of the other children.
- Discuss behavior on church grounds (how to treat facilities, etc.)



**"I was glad
when they said
unto me, Let us
go into the
house of the
LORD."**

Psalm 122:1

Curriculum

1. Your child will read, experience, and investigate the entire Bible. Through teaching, worship, puppets, felt theatre, and drama, you child will explore their personal relationship with Jesus.
2. The 2 year olds to the 5 year olds experience God's Word through the Discipleland curriculum. This wonderful curriculum is designed especially for the growing and developing mind, body, and soul of the young child. The children will study from Genesis to Revelation over a four-year period through the use of activities that will engage the entire child (spiritual, emotional, physical, creative, cognitive, and social).
3. From 1st to 4th grade your child will explore the Bible with our "Through the Bible" curriculum. This curriculum was written by our staff to specially address the needs of the elementary aged child. Like the 2 year olds to the 5 years olds, the children will study Genesis through Revelation over a four-year period.
4. Our 5th and 6th grade class is designed as an open forum class where the child participates more in dialogue and discussion with the teacher and their peers. This is a perfect transition period for them before going into the Junior High class and the Youth Ministry.



Sunday Morning Classes

Children's Church begins at 930 am and we have classes for the nursery through the 6th grade. The 4 year olds through 6th grade have worship service together and the 2 and 3-year-old class have music in their class.

1. **Nursery** - Go directly to their classroom where you will sign them in and receive a numbered card that correlates to the number on the sign-in sheet. To pick up your child you will need to present the card to the teacher. If a need arises, a teacher will get in touch with you.
2. **2 and 3 year olds** - Go directly to their classroom where you will sign them in and receive a laminated card that correlates to the number on the sign-in sheet. The classroom for the 2 and 3 year olds are designated with the color blue and your card to pick up your child will have a blue dot on it. Your child will only be released when the numbered card is presented. Please designate who will pick up your child on the sign-in sheet if it is someone other than the individual signing in the child.
3. **4 year olds - 6th grade** - Go to the children's church sign-in desk where you will sign them in and receive a laminated numbered card that correlates to the number on the sign-in sheet. The following colors are used to designate the different classes.

• 4 - 5 year olds	Pink
• 1 st - 2 nd grade	Yellow
• 3 rd - 4 th grade	Orange
• 5 th - 6 th grade	Green

Once your child is signed they will remain in the children's church area unless they are picked up by your or a designated representative or escorted out of the area by a servant in the ministry. To pick up your child, you will need to present the number to the teacher. Please designate who will pick up your child on the sign-in sheet if it is someone other than the individual signing in the child.
4. **What if I'm late?** You may sign-in your child in their classroom if you are late.
5. **When checking in for the first time.** We ask that all parents fill out an information card on their child so that we may be able to minister to any special needs (e.g. allergies).

Some basic rules:

- No child will ever be released without the parent/or-designated individual presenting the numbered card.
- If the card is lost the sign-in sheet will be checked to see who is designated to pick up the child. If the individual's name is not on the sign-in sheet, the child information card will be checked. If the individual's name is not on the card, the child will not be released.
- All children will be pick-up in his or her classroom
- Children signed into Children's Worship (4 year olds - 6th grade) will not leave the worship area without the consent of a children's ministry servant or parent.



Sick Children



While it is understood that you do not like to miss church, if your child is sick please keep him/her home. This will help your child recover quickly and prevent other children from getting sick.

Our teachers are instructed not to allow sick children in the classroom. This includes runny noses (even if a parents says it is from teething), sore throats, hacking or croupy coughs, earaches, questionable rashes, etc.

Children react differently when sick. It is counterproductive to make a child sit in a classroom when he or she is ill.

Security

It is our utmost concern that your children are safe, secure, and protected. To ensure the safety of your children the following procedures have been put into practice.

Servant Background Checks

For the safety of the children every teacher, helper, coordinator, and servant in the Children's Ministry is put through a rigorous screening process.

1. An application is on file and approved
2. References are checked and verified.
3. Servants must attend Calvary Chapel Central Oahu for at least six months on a consistent basis.
4. Background checks are done through the State of Hawaii and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
5. Interview with the Children's Pastor or Children's Ministry Coordinator.
6. Attend Abuse Awareness training every two years.
7. Read and sign Child Safety policy. In signing they are agreeing to abide by all the guidelines in the policy document.

"Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven." Matthew 18:10



O-101 PreK/K 4-5 yr olds	O-102 1st/2nd Grade		O-104 3rd/4th Grade	O-105 5th/6th Grade
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Girl's Room
Boy's Room
N-101 Preschool 2-3 yr olds
N-103 Nursery

Calvary Chapel Central Oahu Classroom Locations

Pavilion
*Children's
Church
Worship*

Cafetorium