



Jesus' Little Fishies

(Newborn through age 3 years old)

We are so pleased and excited to have your child in our nursery program, *Jesus' Little Fishies*

Arrival: Please park in the North parking lot and enter through the education door. Once inside, you will see the check-in table to your right. Check-in begins at 10:20 am on Sundays. If arriving early, please feel free to wait in the chairs across from the check-in table.

Check-in: At the check-in desk, both you and your child/children will receive a colored bracelet. On the child's bracelet is his/her name with a number and letter that represent the order checked in and classroom. On the parent's bracelet is the matching number and letter for each child checked in. After receiving your bracelets, you will be directed to the appropriate classroom.

Check-out: When church is out, you may go directly to the classroom, show your bracelet to the volunteer and pick up your child/children. We ask that you please be considerate of our volunteers and pick up your children within 10 -15 minutes after service or class has ended.

Volunteers: Each of our volunteers have completed a background check and have received the necessary training needed to work with the children.

In the Classroom: Your child will interact with the volunteer and other children, will learn about God through music, stories, videos, and other activities, will be changed or taken to the restroom (if potty training), and receive a snack or fed, parent provided food (bottle/baby food).

Curriculum: On Sunday mornings, we are currently using a curriculum called *Baby Beginnings*. The curriculum is for ages newborn to 18 months/18 months – 36 months. The children learn about God using stories, pictures, songs, and activities.

What to bring:

Nursery age: Please include the following labeled items in your diaper bag:

- 3-4 diapers
- Pre-mixed or measured bottles, baby food with spoon
- Pacifier (only if it is a comfort for your child)
- Complete change of clothes
- Bib

Toddler age: Please include the following labeled items in your diaper bag: 3 diapers or pull-ups & a complete change of clothes.

The following guidelines are encouraged to best serve and protect your children:

Placing your children in our care: Parents/guardians are asked not leave children unattended in the classrooms or other areas of the church at any time. You may wait with your child/children in the check-in area until it is time for them to be checked in.

Our rooms are for well children: If you child shows the following symptoms, please do not bring them to the elementary room. Children should be free from these symptoms for at least 24 hours: fever, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, common cold, excessive cough, childhood diseases, chicken pox, heavy nasal discharge, unexplained rash, skin infection, eye inflammation or discharge, or head lice.

Safety Procedures: Your child's safety is important to us. That why all children must be checked in and out by a parent. When you check in at the desk, you and your child/children will be assigned a number which is written on matching colored bracelets. The child's bracelet will have their name, number, and any allergies written on it. The parent's bracelet will have matching number and letter that represents the age group your child/children are in. When church or classes are over, simple proceed to your child's/children's classroom door and show your bracelet to pick up your child/children. All volunteers have completed an extensive interview and background process.

In an Emergency: Children will be evacuated out the side door located by the check-in desk and taken to the grass by the fence. Please come to the evacuation point to pick up your child. DO NOT come to the elementary room. It delays the evacuation procedures and unnecessarily endangers the children and their caregivers.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Minister of Education, Jill Herr at education4881@gmail.com or call the church at (757) 497-6541 to schedule an appointment.