



Nursery Guidelines and Information For Parents

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Welcome to our Nursery!

We welcome you and your children to our church. It is the goal of The Turning Point Church to provide a safe, comfortable and nurturing environment for your child. We want you to feel secure about your child's well being while you attend services and activities at The Turning Point Church.

Please take the time to read the following guidelines. This short booklet will answer most of your questions and introduce you to the policies we have put in place to safeguard all of the children in our care. Your understanding and cooperation are deeply appreciated. Please let us know if you have any comments or questions.

Nursery Team

The goal of The Turning Point Church Nursery is to offer quality care for your child while you attend church services. Our nursery team consists of at least one adult Nursery Staff in addition to one or more adult[s] or youth volunteers. All Nursery Staff/Volunteers are trained to be familiar with the nursery facilities, TTP childcare policies, and child safety. They also strive to make your child's earliest church encounters loving and nurturing experiences.

Ages for Nursery

This nursery is available for newborns-3 years old during our Sunday morning services. The toys and activities in this room are tailored for children this age, including centers such as a play kitchen, reading corner and toy animals for creative play. There is also an adjoining bathroom to accommodate children who are potty training. Your child will move up to the beginner class in the Kids Center when they turn 4 and at our first Sunday School Promotion Service.

Nursery Availability

The Nursery is available during our Sunday morning services and begins accepting children 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the service. When there are additional gatherings or church functions, the nursery is available on an as-needed basis and will be announced with the particular event.

Check-In/Out Procedures

There is a child sign-in sheet when you bring your child to drop them off. Please make sure you fill this out each time you drop off your child and include any special instructions for the staff. You need to also take the corresponding number card with you. Please sign out and return the card when you pick up your child. We also ask that you fill out a Church Child Information Form (even if you are a visitor) and keep it updated as needed, this gives us instructions regarding who is allowed to pick up your child.

It is common for children in the nursery to suffer from separation anxiety. Please tell your child "good-bye" when leaving him or her in our care and exit the nursery. It is not unusual for a child to cry when you leave. Normally, the child will calm down in just a few minutes. If your child continues to be upset for 15 minutes (or less by your request) with no sign of calming down, a nursery staff member will get an usher to come and get you.

The nursery door does have a small window. Please feel free to peek in on your child during the service. We do ask that you try to **not** be noticed by the children when you do so as it may cause them to become upset when you don't come in to play with them. Please do not come in and out of the nursery to check on your child, as that disrupts them from being ok without mom or dad and we have a very limited space.

Children are released only to their parents (or guardians) unless the parents inform the nursery staff otherwise. You can put on your child information sheet who is allowed to pick up your child.

Child Illness

If your child becomes ill or injured during their time with us, one of the nursery staff will have an usher inform you. For the health and safety of all children and nursery staff and the peace of mind of our children's parents, children who have had the following symptoms within the last 24 hours will not be admitted to the nursery:

- a. Fever
- b. Diarrhea
- c. Vomiting
- d. Yeast Infection, thrush
- e. Impetigo (infected wounds), boils, untreated ringworms
- f. Runny nose with green or yellow mucus discharge
- g. Communicable eye infections, conjunctivitis (pink-eye)
- h. Contagious skin rash
- i. Cough, croup (except in the case of allergy)
- j. Any symptom of usual childhood disease such as mumps, measles, chicken pox
- k. Use of antibiotics within the past 24 hours.

*Both nursery are cleaned and sanitized regularly to help reduce the spread of germs and illness.

Medication

Our nursery staff may **not** dispense any type of medication to your child. If your child requires medication, please come to the nursery at the appropriate time to administer it.

Feeding

Food allergies are important to us. If your child has food allergies, please note this on the sign in and information sheets. For the safety of your child, we ask that you also specifically tell one of the nursery staff that your child has food allergies so that all nursery staff will be aware. The staff keeps on hand simple snacks such as animal crackers for the children. Feel free to request to check the labels to make sure the current snack is okay for your child. We do maintain a nut-free nursery and we ask that parents do not bring any snack containing nuts at any time.

Diapering/Potty Training

Our staff maintains a clean and dry diaper for your child when in the nursery. They follow sanitary protocol in diaper changing, including using a non-porous surface that is sanitized between each changing. Please let the staff know if you have any special requests such as applying diaper rash cream or if your child is potty training and how often he/she needs to be taken to the potty.

Essentials Bags

Essentials bags (diapers, clothing, etc.) should be clearly labeled with the name of the parent or child (labels are available in the nursery). If you have any special items that your child may need, please point them out to the nursery staff. Your essentials bag may need to contain the following items:

- a. All items required for a change (diaper, creams, ointments, salves, wipes, etc.)
- b. Extra diaper(s)
- c. Bottle/formula, or cup if needed
- d. Pacifier (clip on type is preferred) or other item your child may find comforting
- e. Change of clothes
- f. Snack if there is something particular that your child will need to eat during his/her time in the nursery besides the regular snack provided by the nursery.

Please feel free to contact us to address any and all comments, questions, and/or concerns you may have regarding The Turning Point Church Nursery program. We welcome your input and are happy to have the chance to address any concerns or answer any questions you may have!

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