

The Kid's Ministry and Sunday Morning

This document is meant to be a helpful guide by providing questions and answers concerning the Sunday Morning activities of the Kid's Ministry. It's meant to address some of our convictions, expectations, and activities of a common Sunday morning.

What's the goal of the Kid's Ministry?

First Irving Kids exists to equip and assist parents in the discipleship of their children for the glory of God.

This means that we view our ministry on campus as a supplement to the discipleship that should be occurring in the home. Our responsibility is to come along side parents to equip and train them on how to disciple their children in the fear of the Lord.

Who does the Kid's Ministry serve?

The Kid's ministry looks to serve parents and their children who are in grades K-5th. On Sunday mornings, classes are provided for children in grades K-5th. This is one way we desire to serve our parents by providing this small undistracted time to study God's Word with others in the church.

What does a class time look like for a child?

For Kindergarten: Their classroom is located on the first floor of our Family Ministry wing in the Kinkeade building. Their time begins with a couple of activities to welcome them to the room and followed by a time of teaching. The time of teaching includes a lesson, a learning of a main truth, and practice of the week's memory verse. This is followed by another craft or activity and a snack*.

For 1st - 5th kids: Their time begins in the Welcome Area on the second floor of our Family Ministry wing in the Kinkeade building. A recap of the week before is provided as every story is tied together and prayer requests are done as a group. After this, children are released to their grade specific classrooms. A time of teaching occurs with a lesson, the learning of a main truth, a practice of the week's memory verse. This is followed by a craft or activity and a snack*.

**If your child has food allergies or needs a Gluten-Free option, please let the kid's staff know in advance*

What curriculum is used by the ministry?

We use the Biggest Story that's produced by Crossway. Our curriculum plan for the entire year is available to view at firstirving.org/kids.



Why did you choose the Biggest Story curriculum?

We selected the curriculum for three main purposes.

- **First, the curriculum makes God the main character of each story.** Our desire is to read and teach the Bible to our children with the idea that God has given us His Word so that we might know Him and His saving acts.
- **Second, the curriculum maintains the harmony and unity of the Bible.** From Genesis to Revelation, each story and section is connected together to teach us about how God would provide a Seed that would crush the head of the serpent to reconcile men and women back to Himself. This curriculum makes Jesus the key to understanding both the Old and New Testaments.
- **Third, it's a curriculum that has resources for the home.** Our desire as a ministry is to supplement the discipleship that should be occurring in the home. This curriculum helps us to encourage families that are newer to the concept of family worship to begin its practice with a curriculum that has helpful additional resources that are accessible in the home.

Why does the Biggest Story leave out so many Bible stories?

The Biggest Story is not comprehensive, but it does help children see the overarching story of the Bible. But there are a few reasons why we are okay with the gaps:

- **Corporate Worship:** One of the convictions of the church is to preach expositionally through the Bible. This means that we will preach the whole counsel of God from the pulpit. While the curriculum might not cover all of the books of the Bible, we actually view our Corporate Worship to be the primary means of discipleship for all members and attenders. One way we help children during the sermon is to provide “Kid Kits” that provide questions and activities to help them follow the sermon attentively.
- **Family Worship:** We also believe that this is the major responsibility of the parents or guardians to teach the whole counsel of God to your children. Our desire is to supplement the ministry that should be occurring in the home.

Resources for walking your family through the Scriptures:

- Family Worship Bible Guide by Joel Beeke Beginning
 - Family Worship Series by Joel Beeke
 - Old Story New: Ten-Minute Devotions to Draw Your Family to God by Marty Machowski
 - Long Story Short: Ten-Minute Devotions to Draw Your Family to God by Marty Machowski
- **Systematic Teaching:** We will also look to supplement the teaching of this curriculum for other specific doctrinal topics. For instance, topics such as the



Attributes of God, what we believe about the Bible, what is the Church, among a variety of other topics.

Do you offer a Kid's classes during the Corporate Worship hour?

No we do not, children in grades K - 5th attend Corporate Worship with their families. We encourage this for two main reasons.

- First, we believe that this helps to teach children about the worship of God. We want children to see their parents and other members of the church read, pray, and sing the Word of God.
- Second, we believe that the preaching of God's Word, never returns void. We believe God will accomplish all that He desires in the hearts of those present in the service, even with the youngest of listeners (Isa. 55:10-11).

How do I get ready to visit?

First, we would encourage you to prepare your children to gather with the church on Sunday. There are practical things you can do, like set aside their clothes and breakfast options to avoid a hectic morning. But there are also spiritual components to consider, like praying together as a family in preparation of Sunday Worship.

Second, we do have a check-in process, so if you're visiting for the first time, plan to arrive 10-15 min early if your children are planning to join our classes.

Third, if you have any further questions about our ministry feel free to contact our staff at firstirving.org/kids

For additional questions, comments, or desired conversations about the above information, please contact an Elder of First Baptist Church of Irving.

