



Hello,

Great news! With careful planning, we're excited to open Gracewood Kids on June 28, 2020.

Gracewood Kids is an important part of our mission as we partner with you to lead your kids to grow in their walk with Christ. Plus, Gracewood Kids is just so much fun, and we've missed learning and laughing with your children over the past couple months! We are so thrilled to be able to welcome families back into our Gracewood Kids rooms this weekend.

We're taking additional steps to keep our Kid's environments safe (and fun) for your family! When you arrive, come to the Check-In desk where a volunteer will check your child in, give them a nametag and quickly inform your family of our safety measures. We encourage you to practice social distancing in the Kids hallway for drop-off and pick-up. Be sure you and your child use hand sanitizer or wash their hands before entering a Gracewood Kids room. You'll see lots of big waves, but let's avoid hugs, high-fives, and handshakes.

Once at your child's Gracewood Kids room door, we will take your child's temperature with a no-touch thermometer. We aren't able to check in anyone with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher. Masks aren't required for your child but are encouraged if they are able to wear one. We will have some on hand if needed. If your child does bring a mask, please label it with their name/initials. If you are unable to, we will make a sticker for them to use so no one gets their masks mixed up.

In addition to the check-in process, we're taking extra care inside each room, too! Every Gracewood Kids volunteer will have their temperature taken before checking in. Volunteers will also be wearing masks unless speaking during Large Group, in which they will practice social distancing. We've increased hygiene and cleaning protocols in our kids' spaces before, during and after each service, including all toys and hard surfaces. Additional hand-sanitizing stations will be available. We will be using individual packs of crayons that your child will keep as well as limiting handouts. No snacks will be given in the rooms but Gracewood's Hospitality will be open in the foyer. Feel free to grab breakfast there but please eat it at the tables in the foyer.

Of course, we all need to work together to help keep Gracewood Kids a safe place for everyone, so please stay home and participate in church online if your child has had a fever in the past 14 days, shows any symptoms of COVID-19, or has been around anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Our Rift Middle School room upstairs (for 5th, 6th and 7th graders) will reopen on July 5th. I know they are looking forward to it!

If you have any questions about what to expect, please don't hesitate to reach out and let me know at shess@gracewood.church

Our team is looking forward to seeing your entire family this weekend!

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