



Parents,

This season has been a trying time but God is in control! We understand the importance of coming alongside you in the discipleship of your kids. Please continue to pray for us as we seek God's will and the best ways to minister to your family and kids. We are excited to inform you about the relaunching of our Kids Ministry. With all the excitement comes concern and caution.

We know that your children are the most precious thing in your family and we understand you may have reservations with this reopening. Be assured we will do everything possible to keep your children safe as we always have done.

Our reopening will start out slow and we will constantly evaluate how the ministry is going. We understand that just partial openings may be a hindrance to some of you and of your child's attendance. So with that being said, we are planning on reopening Kids Church on Sunday, September 13 for kids in Grades K-5 during the 10:00 service.

- We would ask each family to pre-register your children on the Bethel App, website or by calling the church office. This is a must to assure we have individual supplies and distance seating for each child.
- We would ask you to review the family planning notes we have provided you on the back of this letter.
- We will do our very best to provide social distancing for the children. Please be gracious with this as we all know kids will be kids.
- All children and staff will be required to wear face coverings at all times.
- Parents will need to check in and out their children each week to attend.
- Upon checking in your child you are acknowledging that your child is not sick and has not been exposed to anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Kids Church will be held in the gym for a beginning time period. This allows us more room for social distancing and ease of check in/out.

We will continue to monitor the situation in our community and will adjust as required. We thank you for the opportunity to pour into the lives of your children. We want to see each of them grow closer to God and become true followers of Jesus. If you would like to chat or have questions, concerns, etc. PLEASE contact me.

Luke 18:16 Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

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Parents Planning for Kids Ministry

Check in with your child each morning for *signs of illness*. If your child has a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher, they should not come to church.

Make sure your child does not have a sore throat or other signs of illness, like a cough, diarrhea, severe headache, vomiting, or body aches.

If your child has had close contact to a COVID-19 case, they should not come to church. Follow guidance on what to do when *someone has known exposure*.

Review and practice proper *hand washing techniques* at home, especially before and after eating, sneezing, coughing, and adjusting a face cover. *Make hand washing fun* and explain to your child why it's important.

Talk to your child about precautions to take at church. Children may be advised to:

- Wash and sanitize their hands more often.

- Keep physical distance from other students.

- Wear a cloth face covering.

- Avoid sharing objects with other students, including water bottles, devices, writing instruments, and books.

- Use hand sanitizer (that contains at least 60% alcohol). Monitor how they feel and tell an adult if they are not feeling well.

Reinforce the concept of physical distancing with your child.

Consider talking to your child about other people who may not be able to wear cloth face coverings for medical reason (e.g., asthma)

If you have a young child, help build their comfort wearing a cloth face covering and become comfortable seeing others in face covers.

- Praise your child for wearing a cloth face covering correctly.

- Show images of other children wearing cloth face coverings.

- Allow your child to choose their cloth face covering that meets any dress requirements your church may have.

Talk with your child about how church will look different (e.g., desks far apart from each other, teachers maintain physical distance).

Talk with your child about how church is going and about interactions with classmates and teachers. Find out how your child is feeling and communicate that what they may be feeling is normal.