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## **Edgewood Bible Church Age Policy for Nursery and Early Learning Classes**

EBC is committed to providing age-appropriate learning environments for kids of all ages! We recognize the value in providing a nurturing environment, with Biblical learning guided by Godly role models even to our youngest members! These are goals we strive for in both the Nursery and Early Learning Classes. The following age policy is being implemented beginning Fall Quarter 2019 in an effort to meet these goals and fulfill the needs of both the individual child and the classroom.

Children who are 3 years old by August 31<sup>st</sup> and potty-trained may move into the Preschool/Kindergarten Sunday School Class as well as the Preschool/Kindergarten Children's Church group when the Sunday School classes start up in September. Those who meet the age requirement, but are not independently using the bathroom will need to remain in the nursery until they meet this requirement. They may enter the Early Learning Classes when they have achieved this milestone.

Parents of children who are potty-trained and close to the August 31<sup>st</sup> age requirement, with either a September or October birthday, and desire for their child to move up to the Early Learning Classes may request an exception to the age policy. Please submit this request to the nursery director. If EBC nursery workers are unfamiliar with the child, a few weeks of observation will be required to assess his/her attention span and ability to follow directions. The child may be moved up upon approval from the nursery director. Should the Early Learning teachers find that the child is not ready for the classroom environment, they may request the child be moved back down.