

HOPE KIDS

**Handbook
2024-2025**



"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates."

- Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

- Mark 19:14



Welcome to Kid's Ministry!

We're glad you're here! We want to partner with you and resource you to pass down the faith to your children. We hope that your kids experience the saving grace and love of Jesus every week at Children's Church, where they can learn, grow, and have fun.

Our Approach

Our mission is simply two things: Teaching Truth and Transforming Lives. We believe God's Word is true and relevant for our lives today. Each week at Children's Church, kids read and experience true stories from the Bible. They also learn how to apply these principles throughout the week, and allow the Holy Spirit to transform their lives.

Looking at Deuteronomy 6 (on inside cover) we see that God is calling parents to be the primary teachers to pass down the faith. In our culture today, many parents feel alone and ill-equipped, so that's why at Hope we want partner with you. In Deuteronomy 6, God is not only addressing parents, but also the whole faith community to teach the next generation. This is why kids are given take-it-home flyers, so parents can have a conversation about the lesson on the way home or around the dinner table. This is also why we do family events, so that families can play together and strengthen their relationships.

Curriculum - Simply Loved

During Children' Church, we use a curriculum called "Simply Loved" by Group Publishing. We love this curriculum because it's Biblically-based, media-driven, and interactive. Kids will not only hear the Bible story, but will help act it out. This not only makes the lessons more engaging, but it helps the kids remember the story.



Children's Church at 9:30

Welcome to Children's Church, where kids and families worship together - to sing the opening worship songs and engage in a time of confession. After the confession, the children will be dismissed to follow their teacher to their classroom.

Why are we doing this? We believe in children worshipping together with their families and the congregation. Not only does this provide quality family time, but kids get to participate in corporate worship with the whole church. They get to see adults model the faith, and when it's time to enter 6th grade, they're used to this kind of worship. And according to studies (Sticky Faith) the #1 indicator of life-long discipleship is whether they develop a habit of being in worship. We dismiss after the confession so they can receive teaching at their development level.

Check-In Location

Check-in your kids at the Welcome Center in the courtyard. Infants through age 2 can be brought to the nursery but all other kids once checked in, will go to the sanctuary with their families. As always, the kids will be given a printed name tag and parents will receive one with a code that matches their child's name tag. Hang onto this for pickup.

Dismissal & Pickup

Dismissal

About 15 minutes into the worship service (after the confession) kids will be dismissed and will follow their teacher to their classroom.

Pickup

Once service ends, you will pickup your kids in their classrooms (make sure you show the printed label with the code on it that you received at check in).

Classes

Some grades have many kids in them, and others have only a few, so we're adjusting the classes.

Nursery: Infants through Age 2

Located in the nursery next to the Sanctuary

Preschool: Age 3 (and toilet trained) through Kindergarten

Located in Preschool Room 1

Teachers: Michele Hubeler, Sarah Dagoberg and Pam Stewart

1st through 3rd Grade

Located in Modular A2

Teachers: Katie Sheldon and JoAnne Owens

4th through 5th Grade

Located in Modular B1

Teachers: Morgan Smith and Seth Beilke

NEW - Katie Sheldon

This year, Katie Sheldon has taken on a new role as our 1st-3rd Grade Leader. Katie recently graduated from Arizona Christian University and is currently working for a law firm.

At Hope, she is helping coordinate ministry for kids and parents of 1st-3rd graders. This includes Children's Church, but keep an eye open for upcoming events.

You can meet Katie on Sunday mornings at the Welcome Center and feel free to contact her anytime at ksheldon@hopephx.com.

Behavior

Children’s Church is a safe place that is welcoming, friendly, and allows kids to experience the love of Jesus. We expect children to participate, have fun, and treat everyone with respect. When a child is disruptive, it creates a distracted and unsafe environment. We have three steps to enforce discipline, so that all children can be ministered to:

Step 1 - In-Class

When a child is disruptive or disrespectful, the teacher or shepherd will give them a warning. This is to let them know what they did was inappropriate, and to correct the behavior in the future. If the behavior persists more than once that day, the teacher will notify the parents.

Step 2 - Parent / Buddy

If the issue persists after a couple weeks, and in-class mediation does not help, we move to step two. A parent is asked to attend Children’s Church with their child and be their “buddy”. The buddy will be the first contact to stop the disruptive behavior, and remove the child from the class if necessary.

Step 3 - At-Home

One of the neat things about Simply Loved is that we have all the lessons available on a Google Drive. Rather than attending Children’s Church in the classroom, parents and children can do everything at home - sing the songs, watch the Bible Buddy video, and re-enact the Bible story. After a period of time, parents and Mike Edge can reevaluate if the child is ready to come back.

Calendar: 2024-2025

Date	Bible Point	Lesson
August 18, 2024	Jesus is our friend forever.	Jesus Gathers Disciples (John 1:35-51)
August 25, 2024	Jesus is our friend forever.	Jesus’ Friends Respond to His Arrest (John 18:1-27)
September 1, 2024	Jesus is our friend forever.	Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene (John 20:1-18)
September 8, 2024	Jesus is our friend forever.	Jesus Makes a Beachside Breakfast for His Friends (John 21:1-25)
September 15, 2024	Jesus is for everyone.	The Holy Spirit Comes (Acts 1:1-11; 2:1-41)
September 22, 2024	Jesus is for everyone.	The Community of Believers Share (Acts 2:42-47)
September 29, 2024	Jesus is for everyone.	Peter and John Heal a Lame Man (Acts 3:1-11)
October 6, 2024	Jesus is for everyone.	Ananias Helps Saul (Acts 9:1-31)

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October 13, 2024	Jesus is for everyone.	Philip Tells the Ethiopian About Jesus (Acts 8:26-40)
October 20, 2024	Jesus is for everyone.	Peter Visits Cornelius (Acts 10:1-48)
October 27, 2024	Jesus is for everyone.	Lydia Believes in Jesus (Acts 16:11-15)
November 3, 2024	Jesus is for everyone.	Priscilla and Aquila Help Apollos (Acts 18:1-3, 18-28)
November 10, 2024	Jesus gives us hope.	God Frees Peter From Prison (Acts 12:1-19)
November 17, 2024	Christmas pageant rehearsal	Christmas Lesson 1
November 24, 2024	Christmas pageant rehearsal	Christmas Lesson 2
December 1, 2024	Christmas pageant rehearsal	Christmas Lesson 3
December 8, 2024	Christmas pageant rehearsal	Christmas Lesson 4
December 15, 2024	Christmas pageant rehearsal Performance at 2pm	Christmas Lesson 5
December 22, 2024	Jesus gives hope.	Love Is Born (John 3:16; Luke 2:1-7)
December 29, 2024	Jesus gives hope.	Joy to the World! (Romans 5:2; Luke 2:8-20)
January 5, 2025	Jesus gives us hope.	Paul and Silas Sing in Prison (Acts 16:16-40)
January 12, 2025	Jesus gives us hope.	Paul Survives a Shipwreck (Acts 27:13-44)
January 19, 2025	Jesus gives us hope.	Jesus Makes All Things New (Revelation 21:1-7)
January 26, 2025	Jesus knows what's best for us.	Jesus Teaches About Following Him (The Wise and Foolish Builders) (Matthew 7:15-29)
February 2, 2025	Jesus knows what's best for us.	Jesus Explains How People Receive the Good News (The Sower) (Luke 8:4-15)
February 9, 2025	Jesus knows what's best for us.	Jesus Teaches About Conflict (The Unmerciful Servant) (Matthew 18:15-35)
February 16, 2025	Jesus knows what's best for us.	Jesus Talks About God's Grace (The Vineyard Workers) (Matthew 19:30-20:16)
February 23, 2025	Jesus does the impossible.	Jesus Miraculously Helps at a Wedding (John 2:1-12)
March 2, 2025	Jesus does the impossible.	Jesus Heals a Man With Leprosy (Mark 1:40-45)
March 9, 2025	Jesus does the impossible.	Peter Walks on Water (Matthew 14:22-33)

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March 16, 2025	Jesus does the impossible.	Jesus Helps Peter Do Miraculous Things (Acts 9:32-42)
March 23, 2025	God is awesome.	Moses and Miriam's Song of Rescue (Exodus 15)
March 30, 2025	God is awesome.	The Israelites Celebrate and Remember (Leviticus 23:1-4, 33-44; 1 Kings 8:56-66)
April 6, 2025	God is awesome.	Moses Instructs Israelite Families (Deuteronomy 6)
April 13, 2025	Jesus gives hope.	People Hope Jesus Will Be Their King (Mark 11:1-10; 15:22-47)
April 20, 2025	Jesus gives hope.	Jesus Appears to His Disciples (John 20:1-10, 19-31)
April 27, 2025	God is awesome.	David and the Israelites Praise God (1 Chronicles 16; Psalm 150)
May 4, 2025	Jesus shows us God's love.	The Last Supper (Luke 22:7-20)
May 11, 2025	Jesus shows us God's love.	Pilate Lets Barabbas Go Free (Mark 15:1-15)
May 18, 2025	Jesus shows us God's love.	Jesus Shows Us God's Love (Mark 15:16-41)
May 25, 2025	Jesus shows us God's love.	Jesus Walks and Talks on the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-34)
June 1, 2025	The Holy Spirit helps us.	Jesus Promises Power From the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:1-11)
June 8, 2025	The Holy Spirit helps us.	The Holy Spirit Gives Peter Words to Say (Acts 2:14-41)
June 15, 2025	The Holy Spirit helps us.	Christians in Samaria Receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:4-25)
June 22, 2025	The Holy Spirit helps us.	Paul Writes About the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:16-26)
June 29, 2025	God is for us.	David Plays the Harp for Saul (1 Samuel 16:14-23)
July 6, 2025	God is for us.	Saul Is Jealous of David (1 Samuel 18:5-16)
July 13, 2025	God is for us.	David Doesn't Hurt Saul...Twice (1 Samuel 24; 26)
July 20, 2025	God is for us.	David Is Kind to Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 9)
July 27, 2025	Jesus gives us special work to do.	Peter Preaches About Jesus (Acts 4:1-31)
August 3, 2025	Jesus gives us special work to do.	Seven Leaders Serve the Church (Acts 6:1-7)
August 10, 2025	Jesus gives us special work to do.	Paul and Barnabas Travel and Tell About Jesus (Acts 11:22-26; 13:1-3; 14:8-28)



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