

First West Kids Preschool Church

Top 8 things You Need to Know:

1. **Security Tags-** When you first drop off your child, we will print out both a name tag (to place on your child's back) and a guardian tag (for you to keep). When it is time for you to pick up your child, please present the guardian tag to your child's teacher. If you send any other adult to pick up your child, they must have this guardian tag in order to pick up your child.
2. **Safety-** We take your child's safety very seriously at First West. Every volunteer who works with children at First West goes through a multiple-step screening process before having access to children. They must complete a background check, take an on-line Sexual Abuse Awareness training, provide three character references and undergo an interview with church staff and members. All volunteers are regularly monitored as they work with children to make sure they comply with church policies and safety procedures.
3. **No one will be alone with your child.** Each classroom has two teachers so that no adult will never be alone with a child.
4. **Contact-** When you first come to the church, we will write down your cell phone number on your child's name tag. If we need to contact you about your child during the service, we will text your cell phone, or in an emergency when we cannot reach you via text, an adult will be sent to find you in the service. If your child gets upset and starts crying, please let us know how long we should wait before we contact you.
5. **What happens in Preschool Church-** We believe that preschoolers learn primarily through play, so we provide them plenty of free play opportunity. However, older preschoolers (2 years and older) are encouraged to do a simple craft, sing a song, and listen to a short Bible story. Each of these activities is designed to help children learn simple truths about God and Jesus from the Bible.
6. **What we are currently learning-** We use Gospel Project Curriculum which teaches Bible stories in chronological order, and shows how the whole Bible points to Jesus.
7. **Steps we take if a child has an allergy-** If your child has an allergy, please let us know at check-in. We will write allergy information on the child's nametag. Younger children (below three years) may be given a snack of applesauce (no sugar added) or Goldfish. Older children (three to five years) are given Goldfish or fruit gummies. If your children are allergic to these items, please bring an alternate snack for them, and we will be glad to serve it to them.
8. **Clean classrooms-** During the week, both the rooms and the toys the kids play with are cleaned and sanitized before another group meets in the same room.

Have any more questions? I'd love to talk with you! Find me in-person at church, e-mail me at children@bcwa.org or text me at 505-217-4648.

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