BUTTONS Information sheet



Welcome to Ekko Buttons! Below are a few ways we ask you to prepare your child for a great Sunday. We look forward to loving on your little one!

Purpose: A place where little ones begin to learn the foundational principles of God using music-based lessons. They are welcomed, loved, and safe.

Curriculum: HeartShapers

Supplies Needed:

- Water bottle (labeled)
- Diapers
- Extra change of clothes

Activity	Description	Time Allocation
Worship & Offering	Worship in the Buttons classroom	10-15min.
Welcome Song	Begin session with singing our welcome song (same song every week).	5min.
Prayer	Pray for the group.	5min.
Short Lesson	Music-based lessons that explore a theme. Multi-sensory experiences with tactile softies and hand motions.	10-15min.
Craft	Craft based on the theme or bible story	10-15min.
Snack	Children eat a snack in a group setting; learn and practice social, verbal skills as well as manners.	30min.
Play Time	Free Play.	50-75min.
	Total	120-160min.

TODDLERS INFORMATION SHEET



Welcome to Toddlers! Below are a few ways we ask you to prepare your child for a great Sunday. We look forward to loving on your little one!

Purpose: A place where children begin to learn about stories and characters in the bible through hands-on activities, storytelling, and interactive experiences. We help build a foundation for a life of loving Jesus through lively songs, creative art as a response, and interactive play.

Curriculum: TruBlessings

From Buttons to Toddlers:

- We noticed that a lot of our students struggle with separation anxiety. During worship, teachers in
 our department are strongly encouraged to engage and spend time with children who have a harder
 time saying "see you later!" to their parents. Another way we help alleviate separation anxiety in our
 classroom is by starting the class with Snack Time! Some children use this time to adjust to the
 classroom setting and find comfort as teachers remind them that Mommy and Daddy will return
 after service.
- The Toddlers curriculum is more Bible Story heavy than the Buttons classroom. Our teachers work hard to ensure that the Big God Story is short and interactive. Teachers are encouraged to used repetition and gestures to keep children engaged and excited!

Activity	Description	Time Allocation
Worship & Offering	Worship altogether with Ekko Kids. Remember to prepare an offering together with your child.	30min.
Snack Time	Children eat a snack in group setting; learn and practice social, verbal skills as well as manners.	10min.
Explore	Create space for children to engage in hands-on activities as they begin their time in class.	10-15min.
Discover The Big God Story	Children participate in discovering God's word through storytelling, worship, and interactive experiences.	15-20min.
Bless Prayer of Blessing	Pray a blessing over a child for the purpose of declaring God's protection, joy, or wisdom.	5min.
Connect	Games, songs, manipulative, sensory and art activities are used to help children reinforce what they experience in Discover.	15-20min.
Center Time	Center rotations	30-55min.
	Total	120-160min.

PRE-K INFORMATION SHEET



Welcome to Pre-K! Below are a few ways we ask you to prepare your child for a great Sunday. We look forward to loving on your little one!

Purpose: A place where children start building biblical foundations and begin to learn about the stories, characters, and values in the Bible. We actively engage children with scripture through varying learning styles, storytelling, and interactive activities.

Curriculum: TruWonder

Remember Verse: Your child will be coming home with a memory verse that we will recite at the end of each unit. Please help your child memorize the verse and practice at home.

Activity	Description	Time Allocation
Worship & Offering	Worship altogether with Ekko Kids. Remember to prepare an offering together with your child.	30min.
Give Me 5! & Remember Verse	Review the Give Me 5 rules. Recite the remember verse with hand motions altogether.	5min.
Explore	Children's curiosity and wonder are piqued by engaging in hands-on experiences and discussion connected to the upcoming Big God Story	10-15min.
Discover The Big God Story	Children participate in discovering God's Word through Bible verse memorization, interactive storytelling techniques, and worship response.	20-25min.
Snack	Children eat a snack in group setting; learn and practice social, verbal skills as well as manners.	10-15min.
Respond	Children reflect on what the Holy Spirit taught them and respond to God individually and corporately, through activities and creative response.	10-15min.
Blessing	Children are blessed through a prayer of commission, a portion of scripture, and words of encouragement and guidance from their leaders.	5 min.
Play Time	Free play	30-50min.
	Total	120-160min.

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION SHEET



Welcome to Kindergarten! Below are a few ways we ask you to prepare your child for a great Sunday. We look forward to loving on your little one!

Purpose: A place where children start building biblical foundations and begin to learn about the stories, characters, and values in the Bible. We actively engage children with scripture through varying learning styles, storytelling, and interactive activities.

Curriculum: TruWonder

Remember Verse: Your child will be coming home with a memory verse that we will recite at the end of each unit. Please help your child memorize the verse and practice at home.

Supplies Needed:

· Actual bible, not a picture bible

Activity	Description	Time Allocation
Worship & Offering	Worship altogether with Ekko Kids. Remember to prepare an offering together with your child.	30min.
Give Me 5! & Remember Verse	Review the Give Me 5 rules. Recite the remember verse with hand motions altogether.	5min.
Explore	Children's curiosity and wonder are piqued by engaging in hands-on experiences and discussion connected to the upcoming Big God Story	10-15min.
Discover The Big God Story	Children participate in discovering God's Word through Bible verse memorization, interactive storytelling techniques, and worship response.	20-25min.
Snack	Children eat a snack in group setting; learn and practice social, verbal skills as well as manners.	10-15min.
Respond	Children reflect on what the Holy Spirit taught them and respond to God individually and corporately, through activities and creative response.	10-15min.
Blessing	Children are blessed through a prayer of commission, a portion of scripture, and words of encouragement and guidance from their leaders.	5 min.
Play Time	Free play	30-50min.
	Total	120-160min.

GRADES 1-2 INFORMOTION SHEET



Welcome to Lower Elementary (Grades 1-2)! Below are a few ways we ask you to prepare your child for a great Sunday. We look forward to loving on your little one!

Purpose: A place where children continue to build biblical foundations and learn about the stories, characters, and values in the bible. We actively engage children with scripture through varying learning styles, storytelling, and interactive activities.

Curriculum: TruWonder

Supplies Needed:

• Actual bible, not a picture bible

Activity	Description	Time Allocation
Worship & Offering	Worship with Ekko Kids. Remember to prepare an offering together with your child.	30min.
Bubble Gum Jar & Remember Verse	Recite the remember verse with hand motions altogether. If children bring their own bible and memorize the remember verse, they get a gum ball for each. Once they fill up the gum ball machine, they earn a classroom party.	5-10min.
Explore	Children's curiosity and wonder are piqued by engaging in hands-on experiences and discussion connected to the upcoming Big God Story	10-15min.
Discover The Big God Story	Children participate in discovering God's Word through Bible verse memorization, interactive storytelling techniques, and worship response.	20-25min.
Blessing	Children are blessed through a prayer of commission, a portion of scripture, and words of encouragement and guidance from their leaders.	5 min.
Snack	Children eat a snack in group setting; learn and practice social, verbal skills as well as manners. Time will be given to freely discuss about the Big God Story and connect with one another.	10-15min.
Respond	Children reflect on what the Holy Spirit taught them and respond to God individually and corporately, through activities and creative response.	10-15min.
Play Time	Free play	30-45min.
	Total	120-160min.

GRADES 3-4 INFORMOTION SHEET



Welcome to Upper Elementary (Grades 3-4)! Below are a few ways we ask you to prepare your child for a great Sunday. We look forward to loving on your little one!

<u>Purpose</u>: A place for children to continue their spiritual growth and dive deeper into biblical principles and stories. We aim to develop fun and innovative ways for children to learn about God's word and create space for kids to personally experience God.

Curriculum: TruStory

Supplies Needed:

· Actual bible, not a picture bible

Activity	Description	Time Allocation
Worship	Worship altogether with all of Ekko Kids. Remember to prepare an offering together with your child.	30min.
Remember Verse & Bubble Gum Jar	Recite the remember verse with hand motions altogether. If children bring their own bibles and memorize the remember verse, they get a gum ball for each. Once they fill up the jar, they earn a classroom party.	5-10min.
Explore	Children's curiosity and wonder are piqued by engaging in hands-on experiences and discussion connected to the upcoming Big God Story	10-15min.
Discover The Big God Story	Children participate in discovering God's Word through Bible verse memorization, interactive storytelling techniques, and worship response.	25-30min.
Snack	Children eat a snack in group setting; learn and practice social, verbal skills as well as manners. Time will be given to freely discuss about the Big God Story and connect with one another.	10-15min.
Blessing	Children are blessed through a prayer of commission, a portion of scripture, and words of encouragement and guidance from their leaders.	5 min.
Respond	Children reflect on what the Holy Spirit taught them and respond to God individually and corporately, through activities and creative response.	10-15min.
Play Time	Free play	25-40min.
	Total	120-160min.

YOUTH Information sheet



Welcome to Ekko Youth! Below are a few ways we ask you to prepare your child for a great Sunday. We look forward to loving on your little one!

Purpose: A place for youth to continue their spiritual growth through sermons and catechism. We aim to develop innovative and meaningful ways for youth to learn about God's Word and personally experience God through spiritual disciplines and reflection.

Curriculum: Truldentity

Supplies Needed:

• Actual bible, not a picture bible

• Journals & pens

• New City Catechism book or app

Activity	Description	Time Allocation
Worship & Offering	Youth will worship with the adult congregation. Remember to prepare an offering together with your child.	40min.
Connect	Space is created for students to connect with God, their peers, and their leaders through activities, discussion questions, and hands-on experience to lead into the sermon	5min.
Encounter Sermon	Youth Preaching Team will deliver short sermons which go through individual books of the Bible. Students can encounter God and learn more about His character and work through His word, videos, God-centered teaching, and sharing of personal stories.	15-20min.
Respond	Youth will reflect on what the Holy Spirit taught them and respond to God individually and corporately through activities and creative response.	20min.
Catechism	Youth will learn a new doctrine every three weeks through a head, heart, hands instruction model. The catechism will cover 52 doctrines over the course of three years.	15min.
Snack & Free Time	Youth and leaders can engage and connect with intentional conversations while they enjoy a snack. Students will have free time if there is extra time.	If necessary
	Total	95-100min.