



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Welcome to Ekko Kids!

We hope that you and your family feel welcomed and safe here. We pray that you will enter into a partnership with us to nurture your children in a godly, righteous way. We believe our role as the church is to come alongside families and help them take the next steps in regards to their children's journey.

In our humble beginnings, we had just one child in our entire ministry. We put all of our love, energy, and time into that one child, because we believe Jesus would have done the same. He died for us all; yet He would have died for one. He would do everything for the few – and for the one. We continue to shape and form Ekko Kids with this value and with this heart. We believe that each student is God's precious child.

Ekko Kids is led by a team of volunteers. We believe our act of worship to God is serving the little ones with excellence, passion, and thoughtful preparation. We desire to give God the best we can. Hence, we strive to be faithful to who God sets before us; previously with one child, but now many.

Ekko Kids exists to create a safe, healthy community where children are nurtured in love and joy while free to be themselves. We cater our ministry towards the children in hopes that they will see God. Our prayer is that the children will build lasting memories here and encounter Him in their own, unique way.

Thank you for dropping by, we hope to see you soon!

With love,
Jessica Lee
EKKO Kids Director



Ekko Kids exists to provide a safe, age-appropriate environment for children to experience God and learn the bible in a fun, creative way.

FIRST TIME?

Service time is at 4 PM. Please plan on coming 15 minutes before service starts to fill out a newcomer form. If we need to get a hold of you during service, we will send a text message. Please make sure we have your current phone number and to set your phone on vibrate.

Our volunteers will assign your kids to their appropriate classrooms and will offer you a tour of our children's area to get you acquainted.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Cry Room: Nursing Infants

This room is reserved specifically for parents and infants. There is a live audio feed of our main service so that parents can participate in the service and attend to their infants.

Ekko Buttons: 18 months - 36 months

A place for little ones to begin learning the foundational principles of God while feeling welcomed, loved, and safe. We use a music-based curriculum that incorporates art and play. We are dedicated to cultivating an environment that is safe, sanitary, and fun for kids.

Toddlers: 3 year olds

A place for children to begin learning 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.

Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten: 4-6 year olds

A place for children to continue building biblical foundations and learn about the stories, characters, and values in the bible. We actively engage children with scripture through various learning styles, storytelling and interactive activities.

Elementary: Grades 1-5

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.

WHAT TO BRING AS A PARENT

For infants and toddlers, parents are requested to bring an adequate supply of disposable diapers and wipes as well as an extra change of clothes. Please bring plastic bottles or cups for milk, juice, or water and label all items (such as cups, diaper bags, lunch/snack bags, etc.) with your child's first and last name.

For children in Grades PreK-5, please have your children bring their bibles.

CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT PROCEDURE

We begin our service with worship in the upper elementary room. If it is your first time, our volunteers will escort you to the area where we worship altogether. There is a designated check-in station where you will check in your child. If needed, parents will be notified via text or phone call so please keep your phone on vibrate at all times during the service. Please pick up your child promptly after the service. The teachers will check out your child once you retrieve your child from his or her classroom.

RESTROOM & DIAPER POLICY

Diapers will only be changed if directed by parents. If you prefer to change your own child's diapers, you will be notified by text when your child needs a diaper change. There are changing tables available for use.

Volunteers may accompany children to the restroom to supervise and assistance. No adult will be alone with a child. It is the policy of EKKO Kids that no male volunteers will accompany children to the restroom or change diapers.

SICKNESS POLICY

We ask that you do not bring your child if he or she has been showing any signs of sickness for the last 24 hours. Please use your best judgment. If we feel that your child is contagious, we reserve the right to ask you to remove him or her out of the classroom. This policy exists so we can protect the children and create a safe environment for all.

FOOD POLICY

A snack of water or juice and crackers (i.e. Goldfish, Cheerios) will be provided. If your child has a food allergy, please let the classroom teacher know.

QUESTIONS?

For further information or specific questions, please email jessica.lee@ekkochurch.com Jessica Lee, EKKO Kids Director

THE MISSION

Belong & Become

Most children have a weak faith foundation that inhibits them from loving God, others and themselves. That's why we formed EKKO Kids, where children can belong and become who God intended them to be.

THE VALUES

1. **Simply love.** (Mark 12:39, Luke 10:27)

- A. Demonstrate God's love through being an example & through relationships.

2. **Spiritual growth.**

- A. Through the knowledge of the bible.
- B. Through following examples.
- C. Through building a relationship with God and one another.

3. **Partnership with Families.** (Ephesians 4:11-13; Deuteronomy 6:5-9; Psalms 78:5-7)

- A. Prepare
- B. Process
- C. Participate

THE PRINCIPLES

Environment

1. Equip families and assist parents to disciple their children
2. Develop a family atmosphere
3. Focus on building core values
4. Experience and practice biblical values

“So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”

Ephesians 4:11-13

Instruction & Teaching

1. Accurate and biblical teachings
2. Engaging and age-appropriate presentations
3. Personalized instruction

“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart; you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.” **Deuteronomy 6:6-7**

“He cared for them with a true heart and led them with skillful hands.” **Psalms 78:72**

Safety & Security

1. Create a safe, warm environment
2. Protect children

“If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.” **Matthew 18:6**

Leadership

1. Servant and Christ-like
2. Model of God’s word
3. Godly character

“For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding that you may have a walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.” **Colossians 1:9-10**

“Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.” **James 3:1**