

Parent Guide

Welcome

Highlands Kids exists for children to hear the life-giving message of Jesus, develop a genuine relationship with God, build a biblical foundation for their lives, grow with friends and leaders, and love being at church.

We're committed to creating a place where children from six-weeks-old through fifth grade can discover and develop a passion for God through worship, biblical teachings, Small Groups, and a variety of fun activities.

We believe the best way we can help your kids develop a strong spiritual foundation is by partnering with you, their family. Together, we can help encourage, train, and pray for them as they grow in their faith.

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth. 3 John 1:4 NIV



Highlands Kids

Nursery/Preschool

Designed specifically for children six-weeks-old through kindergarten, our Nursery/Preschool services are a place for our youngest generation to learn about the love of Christ.

During service, your child will participate in a thoughtfully-planned learning experience reinforced with songs, Bible stories, and activities.

We incorporate various elements in our services each week to keep children engaged and having fun, all while learning about Jesus.

Elementary

First through fifth grade children will have the opportunity to engage in dynamic worship and biblical teaching through our grade-specific learning model.

During service, children will spend most of their time in Small Groups to give them the benefit of a consistent Small Group Leader and interaction with kids their age.

Together, they'll learn about the Bible, how to have a relationship with God, memorize Scripture, and have fun developing friendships with one another.



Special Accommodations

Haven—our Highlands Kids special needs ministry—exists to share the love of Christ by assisting individuals and families needing special accommodations to become full participants and contributors in the body of Christ. With support available for both children and adults, we are committed to providing a safe and comfortable environment that allows all members access to worship, ministry, and fellowship with one another.

HIGHLANDS HAVEN SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY (Ages 2-11)

Our goal is to integrate children into an age-appropriate Highlands Kids experience with the right level of assistance.

TEEN AND ADULT FRIENDSHIP GROUPS (Ages 12+)

This Small Group is available during a specific Sunday service time for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Friendship Group offers a time of fellowship, worship, Bible-based curriculum, social skills development, and hands-on crafting. All activities are specifically designed for teens and adults with significant special needs.

Support in these experiences takes place during specific service times, offered at designated campuses. For more information on available service times and locations, visit churchofthehighlands.com.





What to Expect

Check-In

Before service each week, the Check-In Team will be there to greet you and assist with checking your child in. Both you and your child will receive a set of stickers with a matching code, also known as a "security tag". This sticker is what you'll use to pick up your child after the service. If we need to reach you for any reason, you'll see your child's code on the screen in the Main Auditorium during service.

Drop-Off/Pick-Up

Once your child is checked in and arrives at the room printed on their sticker, our leaders will be ready to greet your family. At the end of service, a team member will verify that your security tag code matches the code on your child's tag before he/she is released into your care. In the event of a lost sticker, we will use your photo identification as an alternative to the security tag to verify information and check out your child.

Safety

In Highlands Kids, we are committed to safety, and it is the heart of our children's ministry to make every effort to ensure the safety and well-being of every child.

With this in mind, we do not allow anyone into our classrooms without a corresponding security tag. In addition, all team members serving in a Highlands Kids area go through a screening process and are trained in safety and security protocols before serving.

Once in our care, a child is not allowed to be picked up by anyone who does not have a security tag with the code that coincides with the one on his/her sticker. If a security tag has been lost, photo identification must be presented and matched with the guardian information on the registered account. If a need arises or you have any questions, please contact a staff member and they will be happy to assist you.



Additional Offerings

- Mothers Room: The Mothers Room is equipped with chairs and changing stations. Mothers may comfortably view the service via live stream while they tend to their infants or small children. To respect everyone's privacy, these rooms are for mothers only.
- Parent/Child Dedication Service: For information regarding this special time or to register, please visit our website churchofthehighlands.com/kids/parent-child-dedication.
- Small Groups: During Small Group Semesters, various parent and family Small Groups may be available in your area. Please visit the Small Group Directory for more information.

We believe kids learn best in circles, not rows.



Small Groups

In Highlands Kids, your child will be taught age-specific, biblical truths and practical lessons through a learning plan and collection of series topics throughout the year.

The learning plan for your child's specific age will be taught by their Small Group Leader. Each week in their Small Group, they will work together on learning objectives like memorizing Scripture and understanding biblical principles.

Learning Plan

Age-specific learning happens in Small Groups every week with a yearly focus for each age group. Your kids will learn about these topics through Small Group lessons, Scripture memorization, and biblical life-application.

In the following pages, you will find more detailed information on the series topics and Bible lessons for the year.

We are a church of Small Groups, and this starts with our kids.

Each week, your kids will be guided with the Highlands Kids values:

LOVE GOD

because God is Love and He first loved us.

LOVE PEOPLE

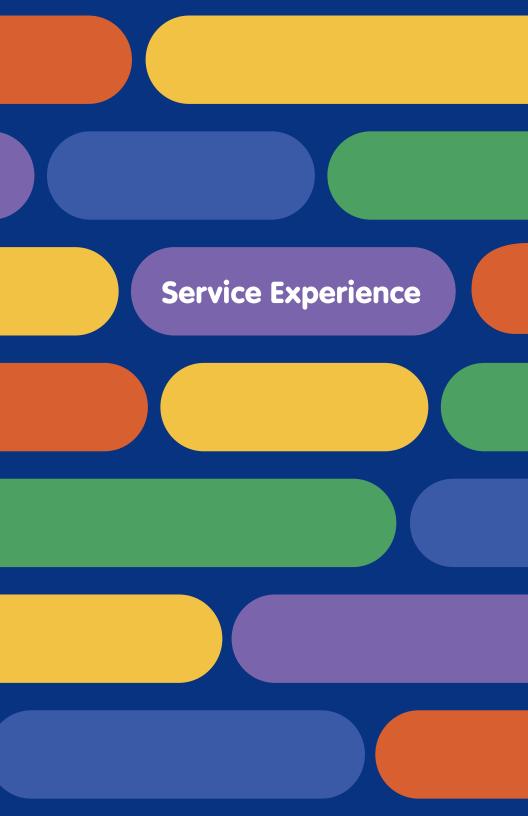
because God loves all people.

DO YOUR BEST

and God does the rest.

HAVE FUN

because God gives us joy.





We invite God's presence into our lives through praise and worship, and we want your child(ren) to grow up experiencing the joy and benefit of worshiping Him.

Making Friends

God designed us for community, and we want your kids to build healthy relationships with other kids their age. Making friends and growing alongside their peers is an important part of their spiritual growth.

Memorizing God's Word God tells us to hide His Word in our hearts (Psalm 119:11 NIV). One of the most important ways we help your children build a biblical foundation for their lives is by filling their minds and hearts with God's truth through Scripture memorization.

Age-Specific Learning Kids have different needs at different ages, and we want to help your child understand and learn God's Word at the right pace. Each year, they'll grow by engaging in age-specific learning that is relevant and engaging to them.

Consistent Small Group Leadership We want your kids to look forward to seeing a familiar face at church each week. As they build a relationship with their Small Group Leader, we hope they'll share, ask questions, and feel supported and cared for as they grow in their faith.

2022 Elementary Series Topics

Maturity	King Josiah (2 Kings 22) The Lord Calls Samuel (1 Samuel 3) Jonah's Anger at the Lord's Compassion (Jonah 4) Good Foundations (Matthew 7:24-27; 1 Corinthians 3)
Relationships	Jonathan and David (1 Samuel 18-20) Ruth and Naomi (Ruth 1:1-22; 2:1-16) Jesus and Peter (Matthew 26:31-35)
Having Courage	Joshua Takes Over After Moses (Joshua 1:1-9) Mighty Man of Valor- Gideon (Judges 6) Peter and John Healing and Preaching (Acts 3, 4) Paul's Trip to Rome (Acts 27)
Easter	• Jesus is Risen (Matthew 28:5-7)
Putting Others First	The Tax Collector - Hate the Sin, Not the Sinner (Luke 19:1-10) Don't Be Selfish - Peter Heals Tabitha (Acts 9:36-41) The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant (Matthew 18:21-35) Who Wants to be First Must be Last (Mark 9:30-36)
Character Study (Esther)	God Has Chosen You (Esther 2:1-7) Esther Learns of Haman's Plan (Esther 4:1-17) (Esther 4:1-17) (Esther 8:1-17) *Esther Reveals Haman's Plot (Esther 5:1-8; 7:1-10; 10) The People Celebrate Their Freedom (Esther 8:1-17)

Purpose	(Genesis 11-12; o 15:1-18:21) (. • Solomon Builds • T the Temple T	he Story f Lazarus John 11) he Parable of the hree Servants Matthew 25:14-30)
Book Study (Romans)		he Body of Christ Romans 12)
Being the Church	(Luke 5:1-11) L	ove One Another - Inity and Maturity Ephesians 4:1-16)
Identity	(John 13:23; 19:26; (I 20:2; 21:7, 20) • Je • Jesus Calls Philip	he Calling of Matthew Matthew 9:9-13) ssus Supplies Dur Needs - Temple Tax Matthew 17:24-27)
Fear	Don't Worry (Matthew 6:25-34) Daniel in the Lion's Den	ear Doesn't Define Me Psalm 91:2-7) Ioses and the Jurning Bush Exodus 3)
Christmas	• Jesus is Born (Matthew 1:21-23, 2:10-11)	

2023 Elementary Series Topics

Wise Choices	Wise and Foolish Builders (Matthew 7:24-29) Solomon's Dream at Gibeon (1 Kings 3:4-15)	Rehoboam (1 Kings 12:1-24) The Gibeonite Deception (Joshua 9)
Purity	Paul's Change of Heart (Acts 9:1-22) Pure Love (Ephesians 1)	Jesus Tempted in the Wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11) The Weak and the Strong (Romans 14)
My Thoughts	Joseph (Genesis 37-46) Integrity (1 Samuel 12:1-5) Control the Things You Say (James 1:26; 3:2-13)	Don't Doubt God's Love (Genesis 3)
Easter	• Jesus is Risen (Matthew 28:5-7)	
Grace	• The Loving Father (Luke 15:11-24; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 3:16) • Adam and Eve (Genesis 2-3)	Our Heart vs. God - Salvation to All (Romans 10:5-21) Changed by Grace - Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:1-11; 2:2-13)
Character Study (Elijah)	• God Provides for Elijah (1 Kings 17:1-16) • God Guides Us (1 Kings 17:7-10)	Elijah and the Prophets of Baal (1 Kings 17:1; 18) Elijah Experiences God (1 Kings 19:1-21)

Worship	• The Woman at the Well (John 4:1-26) • David was a Worshipper (2 Samuel 6) • Paul and Silas in Prison (Acts 16:16-40) • Worship God Only (Luke 4:8; Exodus 32:21-24)
Book Study (Ruth)	• God Loves All People (Ruth 1) • You are Important to Jesus (Ruth 2) • God Uses "Little" Things for His Great Plan (Ruth 3) • God is our Redeemer (Ruth 4)
Faith	Jesus Stops a Storm (Mark 4:35-41) The Story of the Blind Man (John 9:1-12) The Faith of Friends (Marks 2:1-12) Sharing Faith and the Holy Spirit (Acts 2)
Discipleship	Jesus Calls the First Disciples (Mark 1:14-20) Jesus and the Roman Tax (Mark 12:13-17) Great Commission (Matthew 28) Be a Disciple by Staying Connected to Jesus (John 15:1-17) The Disciples and the Great Commission (Matthew 28)
Generosity	Mary Pours Perfume on Jesus (2 Corinthians 9) (John 12:1-11) Save, Give, Spend - Lessons in Proverbs (Proverbs 21:20; 22:7; 13:11) Paul Teaches Generosity (2 Corinthians 9) Gifts for Jesus - The Sheep and The Goats (Matthew 25:31-46)
Christmas	• Jesus is Born (Matthew 1:21-23; 2:10-11)

2024 Elementary Series Topics

Obedience	Adam and Eve (Genesis 2:15-17; 3) Daniel's Training in Babylon (Daniel 1) (Daniel 1) (Johua 1; 3:7-10; 5:13-15; 6)
Honor	God Crowning with Honor (Genesis 1, 2; Psalm 8) David and Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 9) Jesus Healing the Bleeding Woman (Mark 5:25-34) Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet (John 13:1-17)
Spiritual Disciplines	The Vine and Branches (John 15:1-17) The Need for Self-Discipline (1 Corinthians 9:24-27) Boy Jesus at the Temple (Luke 2:41-52) The Lord Calls Samuel (1 Samuel 3)
Easter	• Jesus is Risen (Matthew 28:5-7)
Forgiveness	Manasseh (2 Chronicles 33) Jacob and Esau Forgive Each Other (Genesis 25:24-34; 27; 33:1-17) Reconcile with Who I Have Hurt (Matthew 5:23-24) Heart of Forgiveness (Matthew 18:21-22)
Character Study (Peter)	Peter Followed Jesus (Matthew 4:18-19) Jesus and Peter Uohn 21:15-19) Jesus and Peter Healing and Prison (Acts 3:1-9; 4:6-20; 5:12-42) (Matthew 14:22-33; 16:13-17)

Power of God	Adam and Eve (Genesis 2-3) Noah (Genesis 5:32-10:1) The Sun Stands Still (Joshua 10) The New Heaven and Earth (Revelation 21)
Book Study (Philippians)	I Can Choose Joy (Philippians 1) It's Not About Me (Philippians 2)
Evangelism	• The Story of the 12 Apostles (Matthew 10:1-10; Mark 3:13-10; 10:35-40; Luke 6:12-16; John 15:15; 20:24; 25)
Influence	David the Musician and King Saul, David and Goliath David and Goliath David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17:1-51, 16:14-23) Respecting Authority (Romans 13:1-7)
Nature of God	Series and Lessons on the Names of God
Christmas	• Jesus is Born (Matthew 1:21-23; 2:10-11)

Preschool Series Topics

In Preschool, your children are exposed to key Bible stories that teach God's big story and help build the foundation of their faith at a young age.

Creation of the World	Genesis 1:1-2:4
The Fall	Genesis 3:1-24
Noah and the Flood	Genesis 6:5-9:17
Abraham and Isaac	Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-7; 22:1-19
Joseph is Sold into Slavery	Genesis 37; 39:1-6
Joseph's Rise to Power	Genesis 39-45
Moses	Exodus 1:6-2:15; 3:1-15; 4:1-17
Parting of the Red Sea & the 10 Commandments	Exodus 14; 16:11-16; 17:1-7; 19-20; 34:1-9, 29-32
Samuel is Called by God	1 Samuel 1; 2:11; 3
David and Goliath	1 Samuel 16-17
Daniel and the Lion's Den	Daniel 1:1-4; 6
Esther	Esther 2-5; 7; 9:20-22
Jesus is Bom	Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-20; Matthew 1:18-25

Jesus is Baptized	Matthew 3:13-17
Jesus is Tempted	Matthew 4:1-11
The Sermon on the Mount	Matthew 4:23-7:29; John 18:36-37
Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man	Luke 5:17-26
The Prodigal Son	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
Jesus Feeds 5,000	Mark 6:30-44; John 6:8-9
Jesus' Triumphal Entry	Matthew 21:1-11; John 12:16-19; Luke 19:36-40
Jesus Dies on the Cross	John 18:28-19:42; Luke 23:34-35, 44-45
The Empty Tomb	Mark 16:1-4; Matthew 28:5-8; John 20:3-10; Luke 24:1-12, 36-49
The Holy Spirit Comes	Acts 2:1-47
Peter's Vision and Cornelius	Acts 10
Paul's Journey and Trials	Acts 13-14; 16; 20-21; 25; 27-28
Be a Part of the Story	Gospel Summarized & Great Commission



Partnering with Parents

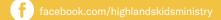
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Here are some practical ways you can help us make the most of your child's time at church:

- Pick a consistent service time and location to help your kids build relationships with their leaders and make friends at church.
- **Practice** the current Highlands Kids Scripture memorization and main points with your kids.
- Pray for your children each week as they come to church, and pray for our teams as they serve and care for your kids.
- Social Media: Stay connected with Highlands Kids by visiting us on Instagram (@HighlandsKids) and Facebook (/HighlandsKidsMinistry).
- Opt-in to Highlands Kids updates by texting KIDS to the number 74000.



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