



Nursery FAQ

At Sanctuary, we view children's ministry as so much more than childcare for parents while they go to church—Sanctuary Kids is itself a ministry. In Sanctuary Kids, we have the privilege of building foundations of faith for God's children. We value prayer by name from the youngest to the oldest, and we value teaching that emphasizes who God is rather than how to be "a good person." We love being a part of what God is doing in the hearts of our children! Our hope is that our ministry to God's kids will help shape God-centered children who will know and respond to Jesus Christ, ultimately growing into global servants in a way that glorifies Him and builds His kingdom.

This all begins with the nursery. Whether this is your first baby or your 4th little one, we are here to help you have a wonderful worship experience. We understand that leaving your baby can be overwhelming. Our desire is for your child to feel safe and loved. Below are some frequently asked questions regarding the nursery:

- 1) What are some ways I can slowly transition my child into the nursery?**
 - a. Come and spend time with our volunteers during a gathering.
 - b. Leave your child for part of the time.
 - i. Check in with the volunteers by 9:30/11:15 to let them know you will bring your child late.
- 2) What is provided for me and my baby in the nursery?**
 - a. Changing table, wipes, gloves, and variety sizes in diapers
 - b. Swing, bouncy seats, play mats, toys, etc.
 - c. Separate area for nursing
 - d. High chair, cribs
- 3) Who are our volunteers?**
 - a. All of our volunteers have a background check.
 - b. Many of our volunteers have been serving in this room for 5 years. They are chosen for their ability to love and care for our babies well.
 - c. Our volunteers serve every other week.
 - i. 9:15—Cara/John Reid; Ann Pollack, Lynn Hansen, Michelle Noll
 - ii. 11:00—Kristi/Boyd Henry; Chloe Avery; Christine Ballentine; Hannah Knuth; Kelly Lacy
- 4) How do I Check-In?**
 - a. Each child should be checked in via one of our kiosks at the registration station.
 - b. You will receive a tag for your child, along with a parent tag.
 - c. The child's tag can go on the diaper bag or on the car seat.
- 5) What should I bring with me to the nursery?**
 - a. Labeled diaper bag and change of clothes
 - b. Diapers
 - c. Labeled pacifiers, favorite soothing blanket/lovie, etc.
 - d. Inform the volunteers of any feeding or changing schedules/needs.
- 6) What is your desire of communication with parents?**
 - a. Our desire is for you to be able to sit in church and worship.
 - b. Communicate with the volunteers when/if they'd like to be called (crying, etc.).
- 7) What is your wellness policy?**
 - a. Refer to our wellness policy on www.sanctuaryinhim.org/kids

- b. All workers wash/sanitize hands and toys

8) *How is my child promoted to the next class?*

- a. We promote kids to our advanced crawlers' and walkers' class based on stages
- b. We promote to our 2 year old class based on age by September 1 of the corresponding year.

9) *If I have questions, who should I contact?*

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