



Village Kids

Information
for parents

Welcome to Village Kids, the children's ministry of The Village Church

Our Vision

Psalm 78:1-7 (ESV)

*1 Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth!*

2 I will open my mouth in a parable;

I will utter dark sayings from of old,

3 things that we have heard and known,

that our fathers have told us.

4 We will not hide them from their children,

but tell to the coming generation

the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,

and the wonders that he has done.

5 He established a testimony in Jacob

and appointed a law in Israel,

which he commanded our fathers

to teach to their children,

6 that the next generation might know them,

the children yet unborn,

and arise and tell them to their children,

7 so that they should set their hope in God

and not forget the works of God,

but keep his commandments;

God is clear that His people have the responsibility to tell the coming generation of His deeds, His might, His wonders, His works, and His commandments. Why? So that the next generation set their hope in God and learn to obey Him.

Our desire is that your children would know God from a young age, trust in Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, and follow Him obediently for the rest of their lives.

We believe that as parents, you carry the primary responsibility to disciple your children and as a ministry, Village Kids aims to support their discipleship through intentional, age-appropriate teaching on Sunday mornings.

Our Values

Our Village Kids values serve as a lens to help create a great experience for your children.



1. Listening ears

I will listen twice as much as I speak

2. Kind mouth

I will use kind words to encourage others



3. Helping hands

I will use my hands for helping and sharing



4. Humble hearts

I will think of others before myself



5. Positive attitude

I will always choose joy

Our Programmes

Our volunteer leaders are equipped with content created by The Gospel Project. These lessons involve a mixture of activities that include games, crafts, songs, prayer, stories and bible teaching. Our programmes are designed to create a fun environment for God's truth to be taught in an age appropriate way.

Programme	Age	Room
Little lights	18 months - 3 years	Prayer
Sparx Jr	3-6 years (Preschool-Year 1)	Gamma
Sparx Yr 2-4	6-9 years (Primary Year 2-4)	Alpha
Sparx Yr 5-6	9-11 years (Primary Year 5-6)	Beta
Plug	11-12 years (Primary Year 7-8)	School

Little Lights: Our toddlers program aims to create a space for children to interact with each other through songs, a story and lots of free play. This program requires parent help to run, but when not on the roster, you're freed up to sit under the preaching of the word.

Sparx Jr: Our preschool program aims to make a first impression of our heavenly Father in such a way that it makes a lasting impression on the heart of a child, while fostering a familiarity with God's word.

Sparx: Our primary school programs aim to teach children who God is, guide them to put their trust in Jesus, and teach them to obey how God wants them to live.

Plug: Our intermediate program aims to inspire children to develop a faith of their own and help them to relate to God in a way that is deep and meaningful. Plug has a strong relational focus and aims to bridge the gap between our children's and youth ministries.

Plug also meets on alternate Thursday nights during the term for fun, games, and good bible teaching in addition to our Sunday meetings.

Behaviour Management

We don't want our programs to be like school classrooms but we still have boundaries for behaviour to ensure all the children participating in the lesson can learn and experience God in a real way.

Acknowledging that some children are 'busier' than others with different preferences for activities and attention spans, each room will have a leader and several helpers. This enables smaller groups and appropriate attention for each child.

If you are aware of anything that could assist the leaders in your children's group, please advise on the day or feel welcome to stay in the room as required.

How it runs on a Sunday

Here at Village Kids, we know that the biggest influence on the faith development of our children is you - parents and caregivers. For this reason, we value having our children as part of the main service every week where they are able to observe and join in with the wider church family, as we worship God through song. Part way through the service, they will be dismissed to the church facilities to take part in one of our age-specific programmes.

The safety of our children is a high priority for us and for this reason we ask you to check your kids in before the service. Registration opens at 9:45am on the deck and enables us to keep track of who we have in attendance and also to connect up with you if necessary. Once your child is checked in, they will be issued with a name tag.

At the end of the service, all school-aged kids will be dismissed back into your care and sent to find you in the hall or on the deck. Parents of preschoolers will need to collect their children directly from Little Lights (prayer room) and Sparx Jr (gamma room).

All In Family Services

We value age specific bible teaching as part of discipleship and growing up into Jesus. We equally value the regular assembly of all of God's people, old and young, big and small, all participating in worship together. When we gather the first Sunday of every month and other scheduled times throughout the year, the whole Village Church family sing, pray, listen to God's word, celebrate communion together for the whole gathering time. We call these All-in Gatherings.

On these weeks it is helpful for you to prepare your children for what they can expect to happen during the service. Have a plan for how they can get the most out of the sermon; share how you approach a sermon yourself, encourage them to bring their bibles and to look up references or highlight key points as the sermon is unfolding. It can be helpful to encourage the littlest ones to listen for a keyword or phrase that stands out to them. This is all great preparation for when they are older and ready to engage with the full sermon.

Photos and Social Media

From time to time, volunteers will capture highlights of our times together on camera. A selection of these may be posted on our social platforms online to share the experience. Because we understand the need to be extra vigilant when sharing photos of children, we have introduced an annual consent for families to complete.

Please note that if the photographer takes a photo of a child, he/she will endeavour to approach the parent and show the photo asking permission to post it. Any photos taken where a parent or individual desires not to have them posted, will be deleted.

Stay in touch

If you aren't part of "[The Village Church Family Collective](#)" Facebook group, this is a great way to stay connected in the life of our church. You can also follow our church Facebook and Instagram pages.

The Village Kids team will email families a few times throughout the year on what we are teaching and any additional opportunities for children's discipleship.

If you have any further questions please feel free to approach any of our Village Kids team as we value the opportunity to get to know your family a little better.

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Blessings,

The Village Kids Team.

