



**CONNECTING WITH KIDS, PARTNERING WITH PARENTS,
HELPING FAMILIES KNOW GOD**

PARENT MEETING 2010

We love kids at Life Community, and we work hard to provide an effective, meaningful, and safe environment for your child each week. Enclosed you'll find lots of details and procedural information that you can take a look at when you get home.

But right now please take time to meet some of our Kids' Life leadership team and volunteers and ask LOTS of questions. If you get home and think of other things you'd like to ask, please visit our web site at <http://kidslife.lifecommunity.com>.

Partnering with You,

J.R. Kennedy
Pastor of Children's Ministries

THINGS YOU MIGHT ASK ABOUT -----	WHO TO ASK
I want to volunteer -----	"Join the Team" table
What can I do to help without hanging out with kids? -----	"Join the Team" table
Teaching strategies -----	"Grades 1-6" and "Age 2 – Kind." tables
How the sign-in desk works -----	"New To Kids' Life?" table
I need all the basics -----	"New To Kids' Life?" table
Tell me about the policies/procedure for... -----	This packet
Vision -----	Any table
I've always wanted to know... -----	"New To Kids' Life?" table
What music do you use? -----	"Grades 1-6" and "Age 2 – Kind." tables
What's this Orange business? -----	"New To Kids' Life?" table
How can I connect what happens on Sunday at home? -----	"Grades 1-6" and "Age 2 – Kind." tables
At what age does my child move to a new classroom? -----	"New To Kids' Life?" table

I. You Too Can Remember

(e-mail reminders)

There's a lot to get done in a week, and Kids' Life wants to help you remember to take time to talk to your kids about faith and character. Additionally, we'd like to provide you with a centralized way of staying current with all things "Kids' Life."

So here's the deal. Visit our web site and subscribe to our e-mail reminders. You can get age-specific resource reminders as well as notifications when we post new content to our site. Staying cued in couldn't get any easier.

Visit <http://kidslife.lifecommunity.com> and scroll down to "e-mail subscriptions" in the sidebar.

2. Ratios, Really?

Part of our commitment to parents is to develop and maintain safe and effective learning environments for children. One way that is maintained is through our management of the adult to child ratios, or how many kids we feel one adult can safely effectively work with and care for.

What does that mean for you as a parent? From time to time it may be possible that your child will not be able to check into Kids' Life if the ratio for the morning has already been reached. We certainly don't expect this to ever be the norm, and our goal is that it would not happen, but we wanted you to be aware none the less.

We are always recruiting and training new team members, but occasionally our attendance out paces our recruitment efforts.

If it should happen that a class reaches its maximum capacity, our sign-in desk staff member will let you know whether or not we anticipate additional staff members arriving in your child's room, which would allow additional children to check in.

The ratios currently in use are as follows:

Infants (newborn-walking)	1 adult for every 2 children
Toddlers (walking – 24 mos.)	1 adult for every 4 children
Age 2	1 adult for every 6 children
Age 3	1 adult for every 7 children
Ages 4 – Kindergarten	1 adult for every 8 children
1 st – 6 th grades	No set ratio

There are three ways you can help avoid closing rooms:

1. Pray with us for additional leaders and team members in Kids' Life.
2. Speak with J.R. Kennedy or any Kids' Life department director about becoming part of the Kids' Life team.
3. Arrive on time for church. Sign-in starts at 9:45, and typically rooms don't close before the start of the church service at 10:00.

3. What's With All These Tags?

(reminders about checking in kids)

WHEN TO SIGN IN

Sign in begins at 9:40. Prior to that time, you may see volunteers and their children signing in. By asking you to wait until 9:40, we're able to get our entire volunteer team signed in, giving us a clearer picture of availability in our rooms for the morning. Thanks for your cooperation with this!

IF I'D LIKE TO ATTEND KIDS' LIFE WITH YOUR CHILD

From time to time parents ask to attend Kids' Life with their child. We have provisions in place to allow this, for example, when a child is having a tough time adjusting to Kids' Life. Unfortunately, we cannot allow parents to attend with their child just because a classroom has been closed. Please see J.R. Kennedy for specific details.

DROP OFF

We kindly ask you to drop off your children at the time of sign in. If your children will attend a portion of the adult service with you, please wait to check in until you are ready to drop them off. A sign-in team member is available throughout the service to assist you. Additionally, if after signing in your child you decide that you won't be dropping them off, please return to any sign-in desk (you can cut in line!) and let a sign-in team member know that your child is staying with you and return their name tag.

4. Toys, Lovies, and Blankets, Oh My

Toys, blankets, and other personal items are best left with the adult dropping off children in the morning. We certainly understand that these sorts of items can make transitions easier for the younger crowd, but if it's not a necessity for your child, we're kindly asking that those items not be sent into Kids' Life. Additionally, please do not send cell phones or game systems with your children. A good rule of thumb is that if they can't use it in the classroom at school, they shouldn't bring it to Kids' Life.

5. Lets Agree Now Not To Share These

(well-child requirement)

It's cold and flu season! Please remember to be considerate in regards to the health and well being of others when your child attends Kids' Life. If your child is exhibiting, or has exhibited in the past 36 hours, any of the following symptoms, we're kindly asking that they not be checked in to Kids' Life.

- Fever great than 100°
- Discharge in or around the eyes
- Actively draining eyes / pink eye
- Green or yellow runny nose
- Excessive coughing
- Vomiting / diarrhea
- Questionable rash

We realize that the common cold exhibits some of these symptoms, but colds are contagious, and we'd prefer not to spread them through Kids' Life.

If a child already checked in to Kids' Life is found to be exhibiting any of these symptoms, the parents/guardians, at the discretion of the Kids' Life leadership team, may be asked to check their child out for the remainder of the morning.

To help prevent the spread of colds and flu, please have your child wash his or her hands often and use the alcohol-free instant hand sanitizer located near the Kids' Life entrances when checking-in.

6. Evacuations

Kids' Life has in place procedures and plans in case of an emergency, including emergencies that would necessitate evacuating the building. We periodically review these procedures with our teams to keep them up to date and provide the safest possible environment for your child.

Please note that in the event of an evacuation we are asking parents to meet us *outside the building* at our pre-determined gathering spots located at the east and west property lines. We ask that you not come to your child's room as this can clog the evacuation routes. Additionally, your child may have already been evacuated and by going to your child's room instead of leaving the building, you may be putting yourself at risk.

We will only begin releasing children after all persons have been accounted for and our teams are given the okay to do so.