

KidVenture Wednesday Night & ★ Mission Kids

KidVenture offers fun mid-week programs for children from preschool through fifth grade. These programs offer kids time to connect with friends and deepen their faith through fun activities and projects.



Preschool-Third Grade:

The Wednesday night program acts in part as a wrap-around from our Sunday KidVenture program, with activities designed to reinforce concepts and faith lessons through new, fun methods. ★

Mission Kids (Grades 4 & 5):

Mission Kids is our program designed specifically for fourth and fifth graders. Their programs are intentionally designed to meet them at their level. They also have several opportunities throughout the year to connect in mission with our community.

Time & Location:

All Wednesday night KidVenture programs take place in Calvary's Lower Level Education Wing and run from **6:30-7:30 pm**. Specific room assignments are as follows:

Preschool: Room L3 ★

Grades K-3: Room L2/L4

Mission Kids: Room L6

Child Protection ★ Policy

Calvary takes protection of our children very seriously. It is our mission to provide the safest environment possible for children so that the focus may be on ministry and sharing the love of Jesus Christ.

All volunteers working with children and youth under the age of 18 are required to complete Calvary's Child Protection Training. All employees of Calvary United Methodist Church are also required to take Child Protection Training.

In addition to completing the training, all participants are also required to successfully complete a national criminal background check..

All current volunteers have completed Calvary's Child Protection Training. Courses of Calvary's Child Protection Training are continuously being held. ★

Electronic Check-in COMING SOON!

Look for information about our new computerized check-in system to be out this fall. Our new system will offer families a quick, secure way to check their children in and out of all programs outlined in this guide. Information will be posted on our website, the Sunday Worship Folder, The Calvary Connection (Calvary's weekly e-newsletter) and the KidVenture Connection (KidVenture's e-newsletter)

Children's Choir

Kidventure Children's Choir offers kids in grades K-5 an opportunity to sing together and prepare for various musical performances throughout the year. This is a great opportunity for your child to grow in their appreciation of and participation in the musical arts while connecting with Christ. All children are welcome, no matter what their musical background or experience.

Our directors plan a half hour rehearsal that educates, entertains, and enriches your child's musical sensibilities. Opportunities to share their music in worship will take place many times throughout the year, including several combined pieces with the adult choir.

Time & Location:

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Children's Choir meets **Wednesday nights from 6-6:30 pm in Room L7** in Calvary's Lower Level Education Wing.

Registration is required for all KidVenture programs, including Nursery.

Forms available online or at the church



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Fall 2011 Programming Guide



Programs begin
Sunday, August 21
& Wednesday, September 7

Calvary
Connect with God, One Another
and Our World

KidVenture is Calvary's ★ children's ministry.

It is our heart's desire to welcome children to a safe, caring environment and encourage their spiritual growth. We are excited to share the passion of God's love with every child in a way that is nurturing and relevant to their faith journey. We pray that kids will be excited to explore Bible learning through Sunday Morning KidVenture, KidVenture Wednesday Night and with their families throughout the week!

Calvary's Vision:

Connect with God, one another and our World

Our Mission:

To connect children and families with God, one another and our world

Our Focus:

Children from birth through fifth grade

Our Programs:

- KidVenture Sunday Nursery
- KidVenture Sunday Programs
- KidVenture Wednesday Night
- Children's Choir
- Special Events

Our Staff:

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KidVenture Sunday Programming

KidVenture offers exciting programs for children from preschool through fifth grade during our 9 am and 10:30 am worship hours. Your children will experience the love of Christ through Bible stories, drama, scripture verses, music, prayer and activities that are all led by dedicated teams of volunteers.



9 am Sunday Programs:

Children meet in grade-level classrooms and begin activities with their leaders right at 9 am. Leaders will be in their rooms early to welcome your children so that you have plenty of time to find a comfortable seat for worship.

During the hour, grade-levels will combine for engaging large group lessons and activities. After large group lessons the children will return to their grade-level classrooms for small group activities and dismissal.

Large Group Sessions:

- Preschool (3 & 4 year olds)
- Kindergarten-Third Grades
- Fourth-Fifth Grades

10:30 am Sunday Programs:

At the 10:30 am worship hour children start the hour in worship. You will check them into KidVenture before entering the Worship Center. From there they may either sit with the KidVenture group or remain with you until dismissal.

Once they are dismissed from worship they will head to classrooms where they will engage in large and small group lessons and activities. Large groups are divided into the same grade-level groupings as the 9 am hour. Children will remain in these classrooms until dismissal.

Check-in/Check-out:

Preschool-Third Grades:

Parents or guardians must sign their children into their respective classrooms (9 am) or the Worship Center (10:30 am). At check-in, parents will be given a security bracelet which has a code number on it. The code number must be recorded at the time of check-in.

Parents must present their security bracelet at the time of check-out. Leaders will verify the security code against the recorded code for your child and make sure it matches before releasing the child. If you misplace your bracelet, please ask to speak with a program director.

Fourth-Fifth Grades:

At this age, children are not required to be checked in or out by a parent.

Location:

Preschool and grade-level classrooms are located on the Main and Lower Levels of the facility in the Education Wing. Look for specific assignments to be posted on our website or throughout the building.

KidVenture Nursery

The KidVenture Nursery offers families the option of childcare while parents attend worship services, attend Sunday School classes, teach KidVenture Sunday programming, or perform various duties at the church (greeters, coffee servers, etc.).



The nursery is staffed with loving and dedicated people who care about children. A minimum of two workers are scheduled for each open room. To provide consistency and familiarity, each nursery has at least one worker who helps each week. Additional volunteers from the Calvary family assist once per month.

Every nursery worker has completed Calvary's Child Protection Training which includes a background check. Many of our workers are also certified in First Aid and CPR.

Location:

Calvary's KidVenture Nursery is located on the Main Level of the facility in **Rooms 107 and 109**. Age levels are posted outside the doors and are guided by the age of your child on September 1, 2011.