



## Welcome!

We look forward to seeing you at The Oaks. Please know that you are a welcome guest, and we hope that you and your children have a wonderful first experience. Our staff and volunteers work hard to create a safe and meaningful class experience. Here are a few things that will help you have a successful morning.

### **When to Arrive:**

We recommend you arrive 20 minutes prior to service.

### **Where to Park:**

For quickest access to our children's wing, please park on the east side of the building.

### **Registration / Security Check-In**

When you first arrive, please come to the Children's Information Desk located at the main entrance to our Pre-school area.

Doors will open 20 minutes before each service.

Teachers will be prepared to check your children in to their classrooms 15 minutes before the start of the service.

We will ask you to fill out a brief Registration Form.

A member of our host team will escort you to your children's classrooms.

Be sure to inform the teachers of any allergies or health concerns.

Please feel free to fill out the Contact Form if you have any questions. We look forward to having your children at The Oaks!

Further in depth information about Preschool at The Oaks continues on the next page.

## **Infants:**

We know that leaving your new baby for the first time can be overwhelming. The volunteers in our infant classrooms have been chosen for this age group because of their love for babies and their training to care for all of the needs of your infant. We hope that the following information will help you and your baby have a great experience on Sunday morning.

Please bring diapers, bottles, pacifiers, and any special blankets that will soothe your baby through the morning.

Label all items that belong to your baby.

Please inform the teacher in your baby's classroom with any details concerning feeding and napping schedules.

To ensure that your babies receive the best care, we adhere to a one volunteer to every three children ratio in our infant and crawler classrooms. in our infant and crawler classrooms.

We promote your children from this classroom based on development. From the baby room, your child we will move them up to a toddler room. Your children's teachers will communicate with you before this change is made.

## **Toddlers and 2s:**

This is a fun and active stage in your children's lives. We are excited to have them and look forward to teaching them that God loves them, God made them, and God has a special plan for their life.

Our teaching plan begins in our toddler classrooms. All activities are age- appropriate with plenty of flexibility for the normal needs of toddlers and two-year-olds.

We will provide your child with an activity sheet to take home so that you know what your child is learning. You are the best teacher for your children, so use the activities to talk about God with them all week at home.

Please read the information below to help us make sure your child's Sunday is **GREAT!**

Every week your children will learn a Bible story that will help them understand the key truth for the morning. Your toddlers and two-year-olds will also participate in many age- appropriate, creative activities throughout the morning. We believe in an active, hands-on approach with our kids, so be on the lookout for those fun projects!

We provide toys, activities, and snacks in the classrooms. We usually serve Goldfish, Cheerios, and/or animal crackers. If we are serving something else, you will find a note posted on the door outside of your child's classroom informing you of the new food item.

If your children have any allergies or special dietary needs and cannot eat what we have provided, please inform the teachers and bring appropriate snacks for them. You may also indicate this need on their nametag upon check-in.

Be sure to bring extra diapers and a change of clothes.

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Label all items, including cups, snacks, diapers, pacifiers, etc.

If your children are potty training, please be sure to communicate that to the teacher. We ask that they wear pull-ups to the classrooms.

Please do not bring extra toys, since it is hard to distinguish what belongs to whom. This can cause the children unnecessary frustration when they are asked to share something that was brought from home.

Your children will be promoted to the next classroom based on the school calendar. Promotion takes place in the fall.

## 3s to 5s:

We believe that it is our responsibility to introduce preschoolers to their Heavenly Father. So before they leave Preschool, we want them to know:

God loves me,

God made me, and

God has a special plan for my life.

Each week your children will learn a Bible story and participate in fun, creative activities that teach the your child about the Truth of God.

If you would like to know what your children are learning, please take home the activity sheet when you pick up your child. You are the best teacher for your children, so use the activities to talk about God all week at home.

We want Sunday to be the **BEST DAY** of your child's week. The following information will help you understand what the Sunday morning experience is like.

They will then hear a creative presentation of the Bible story and participate in worship, where they are encouraged to interact with their leaders.

Each week your child will have time to talk about what they've learned that day and what it means to their young lives. They will also pray together as we teach them what it means to talk to God.

During the last part of their morning, they will participate in several creative, fun activities designed to help them better understand the key truth of the day through a hands-on experience.

If your children are potty training, please communicate that to the teachers and bring an extra change of clothes.

We provide snacks each week. We usually serve Goldfish or Cheerios, and/or animal crackers.

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When we are serving something new, you will see a note posted on the door of the classroom.

If your children have any allergies or special dietary needs and cannot eat what we have provided, please inform the teachers and bring appropriate snacks for them. You may also indicate this need on their nametag upon check-in.

Do not bring toys from home, as it is very difficult to keep up with them and it causes unnecessary stress for the kids when they are asked to share with other children.

Please label all items that belong to your children.

They will be promoted to the next classroom based on the school calendar. Promotion takes place in the fall.

## **Wellness Policy:**

For the protection of all our children, please do not bring your children to class if they exhibit any of the following:

- Fever in the last 24 hours
- Vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours
- Common cold (onset through one week)
- Any unexplained rash
- Cloudy or green runny nose
- Pink eye or other eye infections
- Persistent cough
- Any communicable disease
- Any symptoms of common childhood diseases , such as chicken pox, strep throat, etc.

If you have any other questions or comments, please email Jami Marion at [Jami@discovertheoaks.com](mailto:Jami@discovertheoaks.com).