



## Guest Arrival and Check In

You may be wondering where to go when you arrive on Sunday mornings. Outside of our Elementary hallway (on the east wing of the building), you will find a team of people ready to help you get to the right place. Our host team volunteers will greet you, guide you through the registration process, and personally escort you to your child's classroom. They will be happy to answer any questions you have about The Oaks.

To enroll your child, please fill out the entire Guest Registration form. The forms are available at check-in. Your child will be placed in an age-appropriate small group that will engage them on their level.

Kids Praise is our Sunday morning environment for elementary-aged kids (K- 5th grade). At Kids Praise, we believe the Bible should never be boring, worship can be really loud and good leaders always care. Before kids head off to middle school, we want to make sure these 3 things stick...

1. I need to make the wise choice.
2. I can trust God no matter what.
3. I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

The focus at Kids Praise is our small group environment. We want kids to see how God's word fits into their lives, to learn how to talk to Him, and to build friendships that will last. That's why it's important to make sure your child connects with the same friends, same leader, at the same hour - EVERY SUNDAY!

So what does Sunday look like?

Step 1:

Get up and go to church! We will do everything we can to make it worth the trip.

Step 2:

Take your kids to Kids Praise and then go to the adult worship service.

Step 3:

Go home and figure out a way to have some quality family time during the week - then next Sunday start all over!

Service times for The Oaks Baptist Church

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Session One:

9:00 | Kids Small Groups (While parents are in small groups or worship)

Session Two:

10:30 | Kids Praise (While parents are in small groups or worship)

## **Morning at a Glance:**

Kids are challenged every Sunday at Kids Praise to trust God, make wise choices, and build lasting friendships. Here's what a typical morning at Kids Praise looks like:

### **Welcome:**

Each child is greeted at their classroom by their coach and small group leader. Kids participate with their small group in an activity meant to introduce the one TRUTH, or bottom line, we want kids to walk away with and remember that morning.

### **Large Group Environment:**

Shortly after arriving, kids are moved to their large group environment where they hear the Bible story. We use costumes, props, and characters from the story - anything that makes the Bible come to life. We also carve out time each week for kids to sing as loud as they want and tell God how much they love Him.

### **Small Group Environment:**

After participating in worship, kids travel back to their small group classroom where their leaders help them understand how the day's bottom line can fit into their everyday life. Small group leaders at Kids Praise are serious about having fun with kids and passionate about teaching the TRUTH. We want kids to see how God's Word fits into their lives, to learn how to talk to Him, and to build friendships that will last. Every Sunday they connect with the same small group of kids and the same small group leader. That way they get connected and we have the best chance to establish a relationship that's going to matter when they need it most.

### **Curriculum:**

We use 252 Basics, a web-based curriculum for K-5th graders. Based on Luke 2:52, the curriculum is built around our Three Basic Truths.

1. Wisdom: I need to make the wise choice.
2. Faith: I can trust God no matter what.
3. Friendship: I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

The Three Basic Truths are amplified through 36 monthly virtues (such as kindness, generosity and faith) and 150 Bible stories. Every week there is a key TRUTH or bottom line that we drive home. It's the ONE THING we want kids to understand and grab onto during their hour at Kids Praise.

## GodTime (for Kids)

At The Oaks we want to equip you in every way possible to train your child in the ways of Christ. Your child will receive weekly devotions for kids to encourage them to spend time reading the Bible and talking to God at home. Kids will receive their weekly GodTime in their small groups. We want our kids to establish a lifelong habit of spending time with God.

## Special Needs

At The Oaks we do everything to engage your child within the general education classroom. If your child has a special need, we have trained shadows that will assist them throughout the hour. Simply [contact us](#) and we will be happy to make the necessary arrangements.

## Parents:

The average child will spend over 1000 hours every year in school and they will spend less than 50 hours in church. The average parent has more than 10 times the opportunities to discuss spiritual issues in one year than a church leader does in 10 years. The church has limited potential to impact the heart of your child. **WHAT HAPPENS AT HOME** in many ways is more important than what happens at church!

We have volunteers and staff every week creating ideas, crafting environments and coaching kids to help them grow up the right way. **BUT WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!**

We need you to help us help your kids by doing 3 things.

1. Bring your kids.

Be sure to help them attend a consistent hour, with the same group of friends and the same leader every week.

2. Make church a priority.

Don't miss this window of opportunity in your child's life to do something with them. Remember, Kids Praise and Small Groups work together to help you impact your child's spiritual life. For more information go to [www.252basics.com](http://www.252basics.com).

3. Talk about it every week at home.

Remember, no one can have more influence on your child's faith than you can as a parent.