

Elementary Discipline Procedure

It is the ultimate goal to provide a fun, caring and nurturing environment where kids feel safe sharing and asking questions as they explore and grow in their faith. Occasional mildly disruptive behavior is to be expected, however, a continuously disruptive child is distracting and takes away from the learning of the other children and the behavior must be addressed by the Teacher or Teacher Assistant.

- Staff and volunteers will communicate clear behavior expectations to the kids at the beginning of each service.
- A list of “Sunday School Rules” is posted in each classroom.
- We have a 5-step discipline procedure in place to help encourage positive behavior.
 1. Children are given a verbal warning to stop a specific action that is considered disrespectful, dangerous or disruptive.
 2. If the behavior is repeated the child will be moved or redirected to a different area of the classroom.
 3. An assisting team member will position themselves closer to the child to let them know their behavior is still unacceptable and being watched more carefully.
 4. If the behavior is repeated a second time they will receive a three-minute “thinking time break”.
 5. On occasion a child continues to refuse correction. They, unfortunately, will sit out from free-play time (after activities are completed) for the remainder of the service and the parents will be informed, by a Team Leader or the Ministry Director, of their child’s behavior at pick-up.
- We use a positive praise system recognizing and acknowledging good behavior.