

Pre-K Discipline Procedure

It is the ultimate goal to provide a fun, caring and nurturing environment where kids feel safe 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.

It is our responsibility to correct behavior with an outpouring of God's love within a structure of rules that ultimately ensures a fun and safe environment for all the children in our program.

- We love using a positive reward system! Teachers should use music cues and creative phrases to get the children's attention. They should reward positive behavior and first time listening with stickers or stamps.
- Team Members will communicate clear behavior expectations to the kids at the beginning of each service, before a transition, or when an inappropriate behavior is recognized.
- Children are encouraged to clean up the toy(s) they are using before moving on to another toy or activity.
- Children are given a verbal warning to stop a specific action that is considered disrespectful, dangerous or disruptive.
- If the behavior is repeated, the child should be gently directed away from the situation or activity, at which time the team member will talk to them about how they can make a better choice next time.
- If the behavior is repeated a second time they will receive a one-minute "thinking time break", after which the team member should talk to them about why they are continuing the behavior, ask them how they think they can stop, fix it, etc. Inform them that if it happens again a Team Leader will have to talk to their parents after service.
- Violent behavior, throwing items, hitting, or biting is not tolerated.
 - If a child under 36 months exhibits this type of behavior he/she needs to be told to stop, to "be gentle", and will require one on one supervision to ensure the other children's safety. If the behavior is consistent notify the Ministry Partner or Director who will talk to the parents.
 - If a child is 3-5 years exhibits this type of behavior he/she needs to be told to stop, and will require one on one supervision to ensure the other children's safety. If the behavior is consistent notify the Ministry Partner or Director who will immediately notify the parents.