

Special Needs Ministry

(Currently available at the North Park campus only)

Every child that attends Grace Church San Diego has a program for their age and ability level. This ministry supports kids with special needs by placing them with a specially trained individual that will be along side them during their class. Our team of professionals work closely with individuals in various areas of cognitive and physical disabilities. Our team's mission is to enhance a child's learning about God and facilitate positive interaction and involvement in the class. Our special needs program is set up to be one on one with a team member that is trained in working with and interacting with the children. To achieve this we have a system in place to make sure we take the right steps before a child attends a Grace program. We set them up for success!

1) Parents must complete an online questionnaire via our website, www.gracesd.com before bringing their child to the Sunday School program.

2) They will be contacted by a Special Needs Team Leader to review the online questionnaire and setup a visit to our program. We ask that parents wait to bring their child until a team leader has contacted them and a visit is scheduled. This step is to get to know the families needs better.

3) During the child's first visit to the classroom we require the parent/guardian to stay with child and team leader the full duration of service. The team leader will ask questions of the parent to get a better understanding of the child's communication, behaviors, likes, dislikes, etc. The reason we do this is to create a more personal experience with the child. We also highly value insight from parents. If additional classroom time is needed with the parent and child the team leader will advise.

4) A list a expected Special Needs families is kept near the check-in area. The Special Needs Leader will wait for the family in the lobby and assist them with check-in.

5) If the parents have not met the above requirements they can sit with their child in the parent viewing rooms in the sanctuary lobby to attend the service with their child.

6) The Special Need Ministry Partner is Alyssa Dahlberg. She can be reached via email at alyssad@gracesd.com