
GK PROGRAMMING INFORMATION & POLICIES (Updated November 2023)

Please read the descriptions of each program carefully to find the best fit for your child

GK Nursery

GK Nursery will be open for children 6 months - 30 months (and up to 44 months/3.5 years for kids who would feel more comfortable with free play over a structured program). Your child will enjoy a time of free play and a nut-free snack with our GK volunteers. You may drop off your child in the GK Nursery before heading to the Auditorium, OR when children are dismissed after worship.

Our GK volunteers will page you on screen in the auditorium for all diaper changes and bathroom breaks.

All tables and high chairs are sanitized after each use.

At the end of the service, please bring your security tag to the Nursery Room to pick up your child (before enjoying the social coffee hour please).

GK Preschool

GK Preschool will be open for children 30 months to Pre-Kindergarten that are able to participate in a structured program. This room will have a Bible story, craft, activity, and memory verse for your child to enjoy.

Take preschool children into the Auditorium with you for worship. They will be dismissed after worship and their GK leaders will take them to the Preschool Room.

Our GK volunteers will page you on screen in the auditorium for all bathroom breaks. At the end of the service, please bring your security tag to the Preschool Room to pick up your child (before enjoying the social coffee hour please).

GK Elementary Junior & Senior

GK Elementary Junior will be open for all JK-Gr.3 children, and GK Senior for Gr 4 & 5 children. Elementary kids will enjoy a video Bible story, discussion time, craft, activity, and memory verse.

Take elementary children into the Auditorium with you for worship. They will be dismissed after worship and their GK leaders will take them to their respective classrooms.

At the end of the service, please bring your security tag to your child's GK Elementary Room to pick up your child (before enjoying the social coffee hour please). GK Senior children (Gr 4 & 5) will be dismissed by their leader and can find their parents after the service.

What we're doing to keep kids safe

- As per Public Health guidelines, masking is optional. ***Whether you choose to wear a mask or not, please know we respect your individual decision and we ask for grace, love and unity to reign above all.***
- Providing hand-sanitizer and hand washing stations.
- Cleaning and sanitizing toys weekly and all tables and highchairs after each use
- Screening and Training our volunteers to lead in Grace Kids and abide by our Safety Plan and Policies.

Grace Community Church is committed to providing a safe environment for all children entrusted in our care. We are also committed to protecting those who serve in Grace Kids from false allegations. The purpose of the GK Safety Plan is to achieve both of these commitments. This plan is designed to screen all those who wish to work with children and to govern their actions. Grace Community Church will not tolerate any form of abuse, harassment, and/or neglect. For more information on our safety plan, please contact annica@gracecommunity.ca

Sick Policy

Please be considerate of others when bringing your children to Grace Kids after an illness and adhere to the following guidelines. Children that have had the following symptoms within the last 24 hrs (48 hrs for gastro symptoms) will be asked not to join in GK Programming:

- o A known or suspected infectious illness
- o A fever of 100 within the past 24 hours
- o Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or is feeling unwell
- o Cough, croup (except in the case of allergy)
- o Coloured runny noses
- o Contagious skin rash
- o Pink eye
- o Impetigo (infected wounds), boils, untreated ringworms
- o Any symptom of usual childhood disease such as mumps, measles, chicken pox, etc.
- o Use of antibiotics for less than 24 hours

Covid-19 Considerations

Visit the Province of Ontario webpage at covid-19.ontario.ca/exposed for the most up-to-date and step-by-step instructions for recognizing COVID-19 symptoms, requirements for isolation, eligibility for COVID-19 testing and guidance for informing close contacts about their exposure.

Medication

Our leaders are not adequately trained to dispense any type of medication. If your child requires medication, please come to their GK room at the appropriate time to administer it. For epipens, please fill out the appropriate paperwork with one of our volunteers when you drop off your child.

And lastly...

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the GK Directors Annica Napier (annica@gracecommunity.ca) or Charlene Nurmi (charlene@gracecommunity.ca) or talk to someone wearing a blue GK shirt on Sunday morning. We are happy to help and are honoured to be caring for your children on Sunday mornings!