

# Welcome to The Ark

In the Bible, the Ark was a safe, nurturing environment where Noah took care of the animals God had entrusted to him. It was the place that they emerged from to start a new life as they journeyed out into the world...

## Our Mission

Partnering with families to reach and teach kids the message of Jesus so they can know, love and serve him.

## Our Vision

Our goal is to provide the same safe and loving atmosphere for your child. We desire that the care given would be their first impression of Jesus' love for them as they emerge and journey out into the life God has for them.

## Organization

The Nursery is staffed by parent volunteers (parents who have children in the Nursery) and by other enthusiastic volunteers who have decided to serve in this ministry age group.

## Check In Procedures

The safety and security of children in the Nursery is our utmost priority. For this reason, we limit access to the Nursery for child care and reception workers only. Please do not enter the Nursery area unless you are needed by your child.

## Sunday Schedule

9:30 A.M. and 11:10 A.M.

(2nd week in September to  
last week in June)

10:00 A.M. Summer Service

(1<sup>st</sup> week of July to 1<sup>st</sup> week in September)

## Sunday Night & Church Meetings

No nursery unless specifically announced.

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## Register

Registrations are taken throughout the year. All children using the nursery must fill out a registration form.

Children who turn 2 during the year may be promoted to the 2 Year Old Class depending on the child's level of maturity. Parents are welcome to discuss this with a Nursery Coordinator.

## Tag Your Child & Belongings

Make sure that your child receives a tag with a number on it (please label any diaper bags, bottles, sipper cups, soothers, etc. with his/her name and number). If the childcare workers need to contact you during the

service, your child's number will be displayed on an electronic board on either side of the sanctuary. If you are not in the sanctuary a worker will come and get you.

## Take Claim-Tag With You

You will also receive a tag with a number on it. When you pick up your child this claim-tag must be presented to the Reception workers before the child is allowed to leave. This system enables you to control whom you want to pick up your child by giving them the claim tag (grandparents, etc.) and it assures us that the person picking up the child is authorized to do so.

## Nursery Workers

### Scheduling of Nursery Volunteers

Once you are using the Nursery on a regular basis (i.e. at least three out of five services), you will be contacted about the next Childcare Worker Rotation. Parents attending the Sunday morning services are scheduled for childcare once every 5-6 weeks. All volunteers will go through a screening process.

You will be sent these schedules along with a letter outlining childcare guidelines and responsibilities.

Whether or not this is your first time dropping your child off at our Nursery, we know that as the parent(s), guardians(s) of a young child, you may have some questions about the operations of our facility. Should you have any questions or concerns not addressed in this brochure, please feel free to call the church office and they will put you in touch with one of our Nursery Coordinators.



## Our Heart Is...

To share God's life and show His love with integrity and excellence to kids so that life changing commitments and lifelong devotion to Jesus happen. We are committed to being...

**Christ-Centred** in devotion and Christ-like in character and conduct. The Christian life is modeled as well as taught. We are committed to building authentic relationships with each child and their parents.

**Bible-Based** in our understanding of life and the world, and in our message. We teach principles solidly based on God's Word in an exciting, creative and relevant way. Children are encouraged to discover what the Bible says and how they can apply that to their daily lives.

**People-Friendly** in our relationships. We are here to reach children. That's why we want everything we do to be age-appropriate and engaging to children. Ellerslie is a safe place where children are protected spiritually, emotionally and physically. Spiritually and emotionally, children need to be able to ask questions in a supportive atmosphere. Physical safety is secured through following procedures in our Plan to Protect Policy.

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## Health Standards

### *Should you check your child in if...*

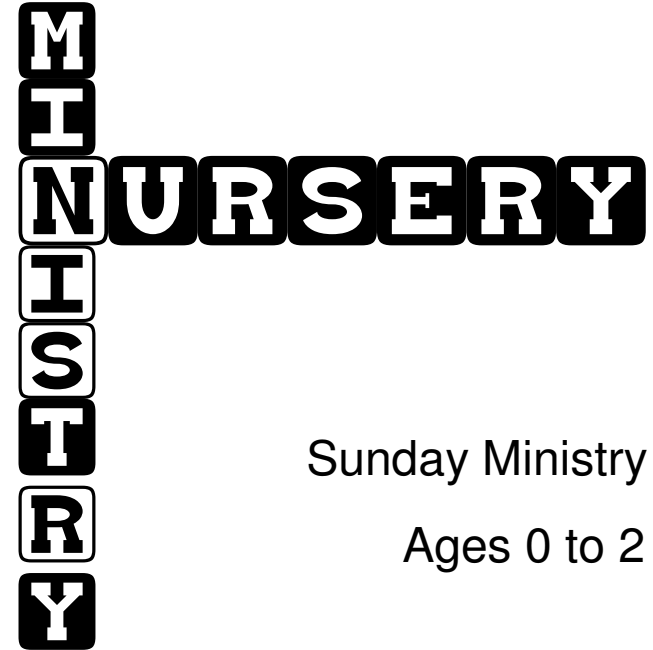
For the comfort of your child and the assurance of a healthy environment for the other children, please keep your child home if he or she has any of the following symptoms:

- fever over 38.5 C or 101.5 F
- excessively runny nose
- excessive sneezing
- questionable rashes
- persistent cough
- diarrhea
- Other conditions know to be contagious i.e., conjunctivitis (pink eye) or chicken pox.

Your child may stay in the Nursery if he or she has been on antibiotics for 24 hours or more. Please do not ask staff to administer medication.

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Sunday Ministry  
Ages 0 to 2

