

RESOURCES

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Mark 10:13-14

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them.

¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

OUR MISSION

In baptism parents and the congregation together promise to raise a child into full maturity in Christ. Colossians 1:28 says, *"It is He whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ."* Parents are the primary role-models for bringing their children to full maturity in Christ. Therefore, our mission is to partner with parents in this exciting and challenging covenant by giving parents the tools and encouragement necessary.



For the fall of 2013 a few pews will be removed in the back of the sanctuary in order to create a child-friendly space for families with young children to worship together. Our hope is that this space opens the doors even wider for children and young families to experience God together in worship!

OUR GOALS

We have a team of 5 people who make up our Children's Ministry Team. We meet monthly to make sure we are following our vision & goals for our ministry.

1. **Grow in our Faith:** Support parents as they disciple their children.
2. **Build Community in Christ:** Deepen and strengthen relationships between the children, youth and adults of our church.
3. **Outreach:** Provide outreach opportunities for our children in Christ's name.

SPECIAL EVENTS

We offer special holiday events, during Easter and Christmas Eve services for example, for families and children. These are geared toward building community and celebrating our faith!

Other annual events include:

- First Communion (spring)
- Bible Sunday (fall)
- Family Retreat (May)



PROGRAMS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Ages 3 years through 5th grade meet together for a group "mini-worship" time of songs, scripture lesson, offering/outreach and passing of the peace. Then the kids break into small groups to do the **Faith 5**, learn the lesson of the day and do an activity to reinforce the lesson/scripture. Sunday school is meant to be an example for parents of how they can share their faith with their kids each day at home and therefore our parent volunteers are an integral part of our program.

SHARE **1**
your highs
& lows of
the day

READ **2**
a story from
the Bible

TALK **3**
about the
story

FAITH
5

PRAY **4**
for each
other and
the world

BLESS **5**
each other
with the
sign of the
cross

NURSERY

We offer nursery care during both worship services Sundays at 9 & 10:30 a.m.

OPEN PLAY

This is a drop in play time for kids & caregivers. This program is open to anyone in the community and provides an opportunity for kids to play and parents/caregivers to connect with each other. Join us in our Fellowship Hall every Tuesday from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This week long summer program is a wonderful way to share God's message to both the kids at Sammamish Hills and the community. Our goal is to bring kids, teens and adults together to worship through song, movement and meaningful study of Bible stories through drama and art, learn how to follow Jesus through prayer and service to others and have fun meeting new friends!

OUTREACH

Outreach is an important part of each one of our ministries. The Sunday school kids give money each week that go toward specific global and local outreach projects. All of our projects are connected to children in some way. We find ways for the kids to practice helping others, like putting together care packages, for example. Once a quarter we have an "Outreach Sunday" specifically set aside for special outreach projects, guest speakers and learning about how we can be a blessing to others.