

PORTICO CHURCH



PORTICO KIDS PARENT HANDBOOK

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WELCOME

Hello,

Welcome to Portico! We are so happy to have you and your family join us as we learn more about what it means to follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and how we are to live in His world His way. I look forward to meeting you!

In Christ,

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MISSION STATEMENT

PORTICO KIDS strives to glorify God by providing every child with a Biblical understanding of our triune God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - through the teaching and application of God's Word. We equip and encourage parents to be the primary spiritual influence in the life of their child.

PROG

Infants - 1 Year 11 months

The Nursery is a loving place for our youngest Portico kids. Volunteers in the Nursery will spend time playing, talking, reading, singing, and praying with our little ones. Napping is a common pastime in the Nursery, and there is a dedicated room for sleeping babies and nursing mothers.

2 Year Olds - 3.5 Year Olds

Kids in Early Preschool are able to engage in free play for the first part of service. About halfway through service, while our kiddos snack, Volunteers share a Bible story and an optional art/craft activity. Volunteers will also pray for and with the children. Kids will continue to play until pick-up.

Late Preschool - 3.5 Year Olds

When kids arrive in their room, their Sunday School teacher will lovingly get them engaged in a hands-on activity. Their teacher will share that week's Bible story, and then they will participate in developmentally appropriate activities for smaller groups and include free play. Praying with and for our children is also emphasized.



RAMS

Kindergarten-Fourth Grade

In the elementary years, students are greeted by their Sunday School teacher upon arrival in their classroom. They participate in team building activities that help foster lasting Christian friendships. PORTICO KIDS' curriculum, The Gospel Project by Lifeway, takes our children on a three-year journey through the entire Bible. As the class works through the Bible, their teacher will share that week's Bible story, lead discussions about the Scripture, and help the children learn a memory verse about our loving Heavenly Father. They will then participate in developmentally appropriate games, activities, and crafts.

Fifth Grade

Our fifth graders finish their PORTICO KIDS' tutelage with a year of deep theological study using the New City Catechism curriculum. These students form close bonds as they discuss and learn about the fundamentals of the Christian walk and what it means to be a disciple of Christ. Children also learn about the sacraments of baptism and communion.

Sixth Grade - High School

Contact Generations Pastor, Daniel Kwak (dkwak@porticocville.org) for information about our Youth Programs.

Promotion

Birth - 2 years move to the next level class on their birthdays. 3 ½ - 5th grade will have a promotion day each fall at the beginning of the school year. We will notify you when it's time to move your child to the next level class.

CHECK-IN & PICK-UP GUIDE

Check-In



You will check-in your child/children at one of the iPads or with a Coordinator. You will be issued a security sticker to be placed on your child/children and a corresponding sticker for you for pick-up. In addition to iPad check in, children will be checked off an attendance sheet in their room by a Volunteer to create an accurate roster in each classroom in the event of an emergency.

If we need to contact you during the service, your child's number will be placed on the screens. Proceed to the PORICTO KIDS entrance and ring the doorbell to gain access and attend to your child.

Pick-Up

Children will be released from their classrooms **ONLY** to an adult with their corresponding security sticker. If an adult attempts to pick up a child without the corresponding security sticker, or if the child's security sticker has been lost, you will see the Coordinator, show them a picture I.D., and be issued a new sticker.



POLICIES

ALLERGIES 01.

We are a peanut free environment. No items containing or processed in a factory with nuts may be used or consumed in PORTICO KIDS. Notify your child's teachers of any allergies your child may have.

RESTROOM 02.

Please take your child to the restroom prior to class, particularly if he/she is potty training. Otherwise, we will tend to their needs.

ILLNESS 03.

Please do not bring your child to class if he/she has any of the following symptoms: rash, lice, fever, sore throat, eye drainage, diarrhea, vomiting, persistent cough, or nasal secretions that are discolored.

SAFETY 04.

Please do not enter the classroom without permission from the Coordinator or Director. Only screened ministry workers may be in the room. Never leave the property while your child is in class.

EMERGENCY 05.

In case of an emergency, follow all directions given by a church leader from the platform. This will facilitate the safety of your children.



STATEMENT OF VALUES

PORTICO KIDS is rooted in a
Christ-Centered, Biblical
foundation to...

ENCOURAGE spiritual growth in each child's personal
relationship with Christ

REFLECT Christ's love through compassionate
interactions and Christian hospitality

EQUIP children with the knowledge and ability to
continue their lifelong intentional practice of
faith

NURTURE faithful disciples of Christ to apply a Biblical
Worldview to today's culture

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core values

Core values are commitments that create our culture, represent our culture, and protect our culture. They not only represent what we value most, but direct how we use our resources. People should experience these values in our Portico community.

Empowered Discipleship

The gospel creates new life. The gospel forms us, shapes us, and positions us as worshippers among our families, workplaces, and communities. *Portico culture empowers people to take ownership of their faith.*

Generous Hospitality

The gospel creates a family. Warm, authentic relationships establish a foundation where a diverse community can thrive. This hospitality doesn't stay within our doors but finds ways to serve our local community. *Portico culture empowers people to take ownership of their place in this gospel-family.*

Gospel Influence

The gospel creates influence. Intentionally equipping every believer for the work of ministry is our response to God's call to go. This ranges from equipping Christians for everyday life to developing Church Planters through our pastoral residency. *Portico culture empowers people to take ownership of their opportunities.*

VOLUNTEER

PORTICO KIDS is seeking volunteers to serve as disciples for our children on Sunday mornings. To find out more, or express interest, please contact PORTICO KIDS Director, Courtney Dillard at cdillard@porticocville.org.

Serving in PORTICO KIDS not only enriches the lives of our children, but also provides a new perspective about God's unfathomable love and increases our own faith as we learn to know Him better and love Him more! It's also a lot of fun and instills a strong sense of belonging to a church family.

“For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you - that is that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.”
Romans 1:11-12.



WHAT'S AHEAD

Once your child begins the 6th grade, they will move from PORTICO KIDS to CONNECT Student Ministry, whose purpose is to foster a community of students passionate about Being and Building the Church.

Portico's CONNECT Student Ministry focuses on building and strengthening relationships with students around the person of Jesus Christ. Our hope is to see the Gospel radically transform our students as well as transform their relationships with God and others. We're guided by three principles:

Discovering Christ Personally

CONNECT is a place where students will always have a chance to discover Jesus through the reading and teaching of scripture.

Deepening in Christ Together

CONNECT is a place where students will always give students that chance to deepen in Christ with one another through one-to-one mentoring as well as group discussions and prayer.

Sharing Christ with Others

CONNECT is a place where we equip and grow students to share Christ with others in their friendships, with the City and with the world.



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