Your First Visit to Wilshire Preschool

We're so glad your family is visiting Wilshire! We know leaving your child in a new place can bring excitement, questions, and maybe a few nerves. We want you and your child to feel welcomed, comfortable, and cared for from the moment you arrive.

Here are a few things to help make your first visit easy.

Before you arrive

- **Let us know you're coming.** If your child has allergies, special needs, developmental considerations, or anything that would help us care for them well, please contact the Minister to Preschoolers ahead of your visit.
- **Prepare a change of clothes.** Please bring an extra outfit for your child, just in case.
- **Pack diapers and wipes** if your child is not yet toilet-trained.
- **Bring a bottle or food** for your baby, as needed. Label bottles and any personal items.
- **Pack a labeled water bottle or sippy cup** for your older preschooler.
- **Bring a comfort item** if your child needs one. Personal toys should stay home, but a familiar blanket or security item is welcome.

When you arrive

- **Find the preschool entrance.** The preschool area is behind a secured entrance. A teacher or staff member can help you with access and show you where to go.
- **Meet your child's teacher.** A teacher will receive your child at the classroom door. Please do not enter the classroom.
- **Sign your child in.** Complete the sign-in sheet each time, including your name and a cell phone number where you can be reached by text.
- **Let us know where you will be.** A parent or designated responsible adult should remain at the church while your child is in our care.
- **Share anything helpful.** Let the teacher know about feeding instructions, allergies, toilet-training progress, or anything happening that might affect your child's day.

Saying goodbye

- **Keep your goodbye warm and brief.** A hug, a reassuring goodbye, and a confident handoff can help your child settle in.

- **Let the teacher take it from there.** Some children need a little time to adjust. Our teachers are ready to comfort and support them.
- **Keep your phone nearby.** If your child needs you, the Minister to Preschoolers or a teacher will contact you.

When you pick up

- **Return promptly after the service or activity.** Please pick up your child within ten minutes after the program ends.
- **Pick up at the classroom door.** Children are released to their family unless other arrangements have been made in advance with the teacher or Minister to Preschoolers.
- **Ask how the morning went!** We are glad to share how your child did and answer any questions.

A few important reminders

- Please keep your child home if they are ill. Children must be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to a church activity.
- Teachers cannot administer medication.
- Children may only be released to someone 16 years or older.
- Families with children newborn through pre-K are asked to complete a background check and participate in the rotating Sunday morning worship-care schedule.

Most importantly, you don't have to have everything figured out before you come. We know every child and every family is different. We are here to get to know you, answer your questions, and help your child feel at home.

Welcome to Wilshire! We're so glad you're here.

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