

## **Nursery Guidelines**

Thank you for serving our youngest UUs by being present for them in the nursery. Your “job” is to play, read stories, and talk with your young charges. Have FUN!!

Please keep written attendance records so we can keep track of the number of children using the nursery.

Also, please offer a snack of goldfish and water at some point during the morning. Let the DRE know when supplies of food, napkins, and/or cups are low.

Please straighten up before you leave.

Please arrive at church at 8:45 to set up the room, snack, and water. Please stay until 12:15 to clean the room, empty water jug, and put away the snack in zip lock bags.

### **Room**

Please keep the nursery door (or baby gate) shut at all times to prevent wandering/escaping children.

Wrap up all window cords to prevent children from harm. Feel free to open windows to allow in fresh air.

Keep your eyes open for broken furniture or anything that might cause a child harm. Remove the offending whatever, and let the DRE or Summer Worship Coordinator know.

### **What does not belong in the Nursery**

Be aware of which items—both food and non-food—are considered choking hazards (anything about the size of a marshmallow or smaller). These do not belong in the nursery.

Never bring a sharp object or knife to the nursery. (If food items need to be cut, only do that in the kitchen area or out in the hallway, away from the children.) Little people have an amazing way of finding stuff they should not.

If war toys or violent toys show up, throw them away. We want our nursery filled with peace.

The art supplies should only be the toddler-friendly crayons and markers in the blue carrier. No scissors. Let the DRE know if you need new supplies.

**Diaper Changing/Bathroom Breaks**

Get the parent for diaper changing or bathroom breaks.

**Reporting Problems**

Please feel free at any time to ask the DRE or Summer Coordinator for help.

If a child is being aggressive to the other children, the child care worker must report the incident immediately to the DRE, who will contact the child's parents to work out a solution.

Any problems that arise must be reported to the DRE immediately. It is extremely important that we know what is going on and communicate quickly with parents where needed. Please do your best to come up with a solution in the moment, but then report the incident so that we can look at it from all angles.

Thank you!