

Electronic Check-In

First Free uses an electronic check-in process. Once children are registered, you are able to check them in on one of our computer kiosks by the Registration Desk each time you attend. A name tag with an ID code (new every week) will print for each child plus you will receive a tag with all of your children's ID codes. When you return to pick up your children, **only those who show First Free Security they have tags will be allowed access into the Reign Forest.** Children will be dismissed only to a parent or older sibling with matching codes.

*You are required to be in the church building while your child is in class on Sunday mornings.

*In the event we need to notify you about your child, the last 4 digits of your code will flash at the front of the Worship Center.

Drop off & pick up

Once you receive the nametags with ID codes, place one on your child's back. Nursery staff will assist you in labeling other items you wish to leave with your child.

Our Nursery Staff will take your child and any personal items to the appropriate room. For security and safety reasons, only Nursery Staff and children who will be cared for in the Nursery should enter the Nursery. Other adults and children are asked to remain outside. Monitors allow you to see how your child is doing in the Nursery area.

A Nursing Room is available for moms to nurse their child. Nursing moms may come into the Nursery to feed their babies after checking with a Nursery Staff member. The worship service is simulcasted into the Nursing Room.

Please pick up your child as soon as the worship service is over. Our caregivers appreciate your promptness.

OUR LEADERSHIP

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 FIRST FREE CHURCH

NURSERY INFO FOR PARENTS



*It is the desire of our ministry
team to partner with you
to build a strong, spiritual
foundation for your child.*

Our purpose

- To provide a safe and secure place for parents to leave their children while serving the Lord through other ministries and worship.
- To nurture children physically, emotionally and spiritually.
- To help children to begin to associate God and the Lord Jesus with loving caregivers and enjoyable activities (preparing them for future spiritual training).
- To help children know that they are a special part of our church family.
- To begin to teach each child about God's love and simple biblical truths through our themed activities, loving care and our Christ-like example.

Quality care

Our goal is to provide a safe, Christ-centered environment where each child is encouraged to grow spiritually through age-appropriate activities. On Sunday mornings, we use The Gospel Project to teach each child about God's love and simple biblical truths. Since babies and toddlers are in a constant process of learning, we believe it is never too early for spiritual training to begin.

Our teaching is done through one-on-one involvement with the children, using songs, finger plays, stories and active play. These experiences help to build a foundation for faith in the perfect Father who loves His little ones. We seek to provide an atmosphere where each child will feel loved and nurtured. We are happy to give bottles, change diapers, cuddle, rock, and love them for you. We also play with and read to the children and will help with potty-training.

Your baby may cry for a short time when you leave, but this usually doesn't last more than a few minutes. If we are unable to calm your child after 10 minutes of crying, we will page you using the monitors located in the front of the worship center. Regular, weekly attendance will help your baby feel at ease with us. You may check on your child at any time without disturbing him/her by watching the video monitors located at the Nursery check-in counter.

Nursery caregivers

Our caregivers take on this responsibility as a ministry. We believe that the Nursery is one of the first places God's love can be shown to your child. For security purposes, all Nursery Staff are required to complete a national background check.

What you should bring

- 2-3 disposable diapers or pull-ups.
- Change of clothing.
- Bottle or juice cup (with parent permission...crackers and water are provided for children over one year old; Cheerios and water are given to Crawlers).
- Pacifier (if needed) with clip.
- Diaper cream (only to be applied by parents).
- Security blankets or stuffed animals that comfort your child (Please leave all other toys at home.)

Nursery facilities

On Sunday mornings, children will be cared for in the Nursery from infancy until our staff advances them to the two-year-olds' class. Our customized rooms meet your child's specific needs:

- Infant Room (from 6 weeks old until your child is actively crawling)
1 staff person for every 2 children
- Crawler Room (from crawling until your child is walking steadily)
1 staff person for every 3 children
- Walker Room (from walking until your child is 18 months old)
1 staff person for every 3 children
- Toddler Room (18 months old through 2 years old)
1 staff person for every 4 children

Childcare is also provided for children up through age 3 during Wednesday evening activities and during special events as advertised.

Sanitary care

The health and well-being of your baby is of great importance to us. Large play areas with appropriate toys are provided for all age groups. All toys used in the Nursery are carefully chosen to eliminate any chance of injury. Infant teething toys are washed after each use. We have a sleeping room that is available with cribs for children who need to nap. Crib sheets and blankets are changed and washed after each use. Our Nursery is cleaned several times a week and after each ministry event. Cribs, playpens, swings and changing tables are regularly cleaned and disinfected.

Healthcare policies

Children (and Nursery Staff) with any of the following symptoms within the last 24 hours should NOT come to the Nursery:

- Fever of 100 degrees or above, oral thermometer (equivalent to 101° rectal or 99° under the arm).
- Vomiting, diarrhea (6 liquid stools), excessive coughing.
- Yellow or green nasal discharge.
- Less than 24 hours on an antibiotic after an infection diagnosis.
- Rashes not related to diapering, heat or allergies (unless a note from a physician is provided).

Children recovering from Chicken Pox may return to the Nursery when all open areas are scabbed over. No medications are given by the Nursery Staff including diaper rash ointment.

