

WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE NURSERY



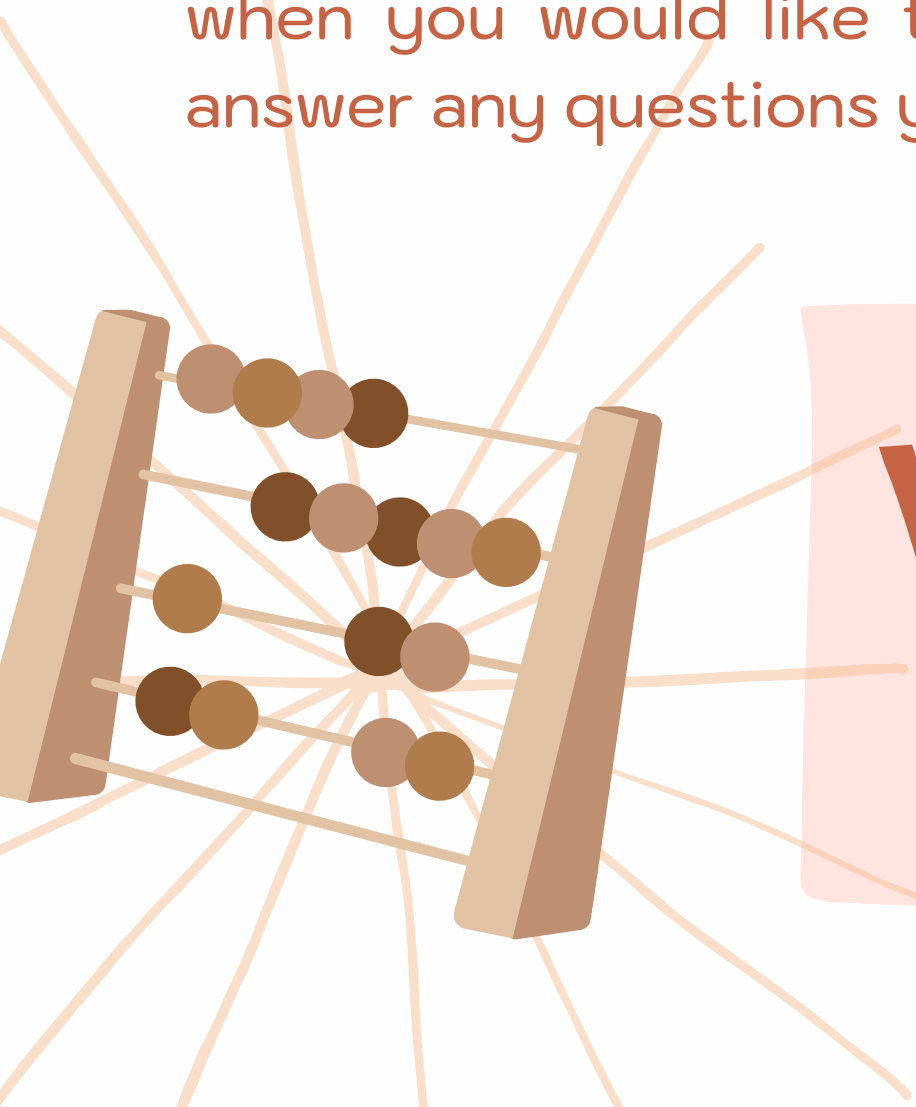
When your child enters the room

A nurturing environment starts from the moment your baby is greeted in the room. Each child has a box for their items such as bottle and pacifier. As the parent or guardian, you know what is best for your child. Crying is expected for these little ones and please let the teacher know how we can best help your child transition. Please share with us when you would like to be paged. Teachers are always available to answer any questions you have about your child's time with us.



WHY WE PLAY

Play is so important and babies learn how to be with others and how things work when they play together. Teachers and volunteers are excited to read a book, play with blocks, and enjoy a cuddle each week.

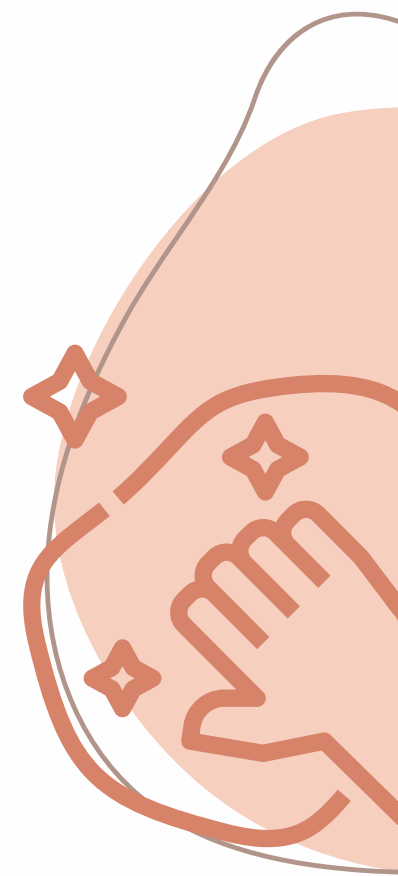


SNACK AND FEEDING

We are here to meet your babies needs for the hour they are in our care. When you drop off your child, fill out the clipboard with feeding instructions and when your child may get hungry. Please let the teacher know if your baby is bottle fed or nursing. When age appropriate, babies will have a time to enjoy a cheerios snack.

Safety in the Nursery

Many safety precautions are in place for your child. Diapers will be checked during a child's time in the nursery and, if needed, changed by a background-checked teacher. Highchairs are cleaned between each child. All adults in the nursery will remove their shoes and wear clean socks. Toys are removed and cleaned if they have been in a baby's mouth. They are checked weekly for broken pieces and also checked for recalls. Please email Lynne Smiley at lynne@cground.org with other safety questions.



BLESSING

While reading books, playing, or popping bubbles, your child will be prayed over by our teachers and volunteers using a Bible verse like 1 John 3:1.



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WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE 2-35 ROOM



When your child enters the room

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WHY WE PLAY

Play is so important and children learn how to be with others and how things work when they play together. Teachers and volunteers are there to help your child learn how to express themselves when sharing, taking turns, and initiating play.

CIRCLE TIME

Circle time is a fun time to learn how to sit together, take turns talking, and spend time listening as a family. Each week, this includes singing, learning a Bible verse, and hearing a story. The purpose of the storytelling isn't to fill them with facts, but to engage them in the story, and grow in understanding that they belong to this story and that it is about them.

SNACK & BLESSING

Snack time does refresh your child with something to eat, but it's also a reflection of sharing a meal with their church family. We pray together and eat together. At the end of the snack, each child receives a blessing from a teacher or volunteer. *(To avoid issues with food allergies, we serve pretzels and have gluten-free pretzels available as well.)*

Response Time

Children will have the option to respond to the story through art or a sensory activity. The goal is not for the child to leave with a polished, finished product, rather it is to give an outlet to use their hands, to be creative, and to do an activity that connects to the story.

SAYING GOODBYE

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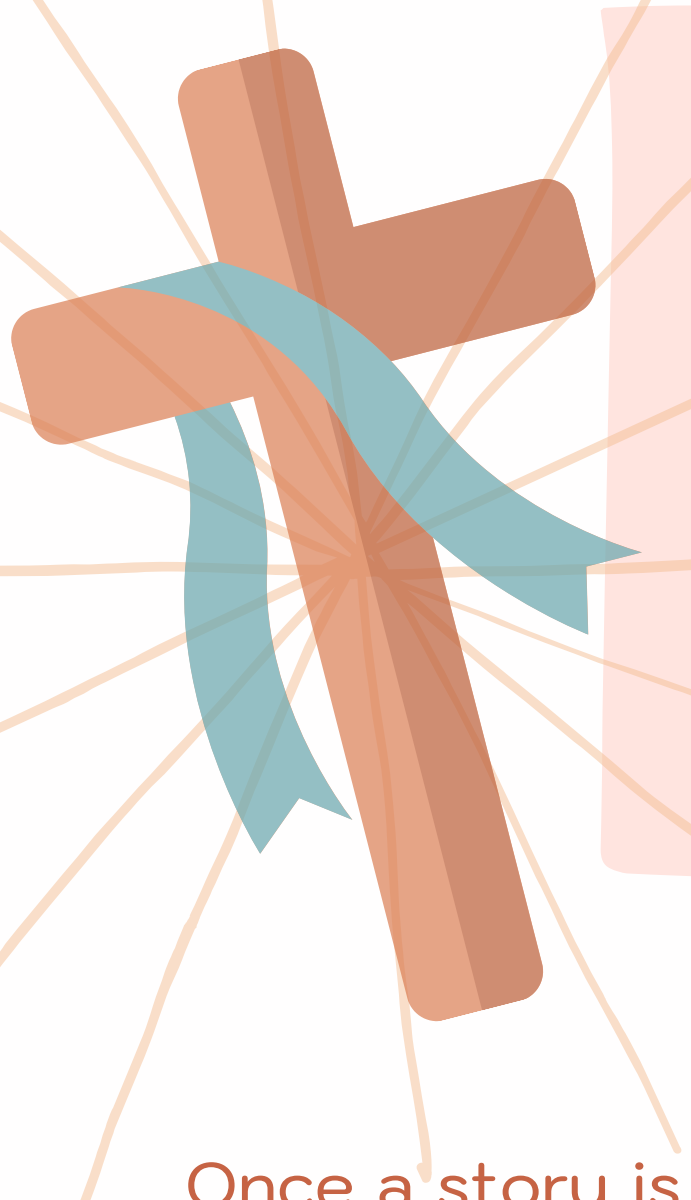
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WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE PRE-K ROOM



When your child enters the room

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HEARING A STORY FROM GOD'S WORD

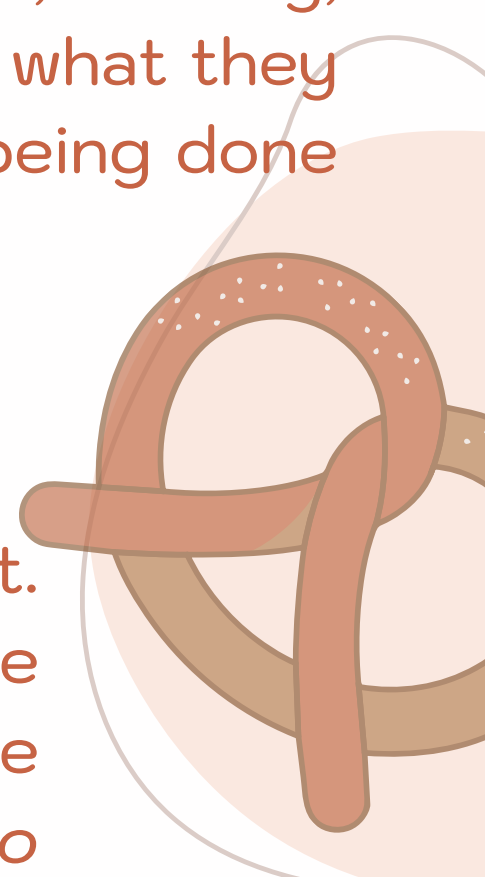
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WONDERING & RESPONSE TIMES

Once a story is shared, all are invited to wonder together about what they heard. This is a safe space in which children can express their wonderings and questions without fear that they will be wrong. After wondering together, your child is able to have an individual time to reflect on what they heard called response time. This time could include (but is not limited to): art, reading, playing with stories peices or other materials. Children are given the chance to share what they created with one another in their response time as well. Response art is not about being done “correctly” rather it is helping each child reflect on what they heard from God’s Word.

The Feast

After a time of prayer, whether silently or aloud, pretzels or “feast” is passed out. This is a time to relax together and talk freely. Sometimes, children have more questions about the story or about life. Matzo bread becomes part of our feast once the Exodus story is told. When we eat the bread, we remember those stories. *(To avoid issues with food allergies, gluten-free pretzels are available if needed.)*



SAYING GOODBYE

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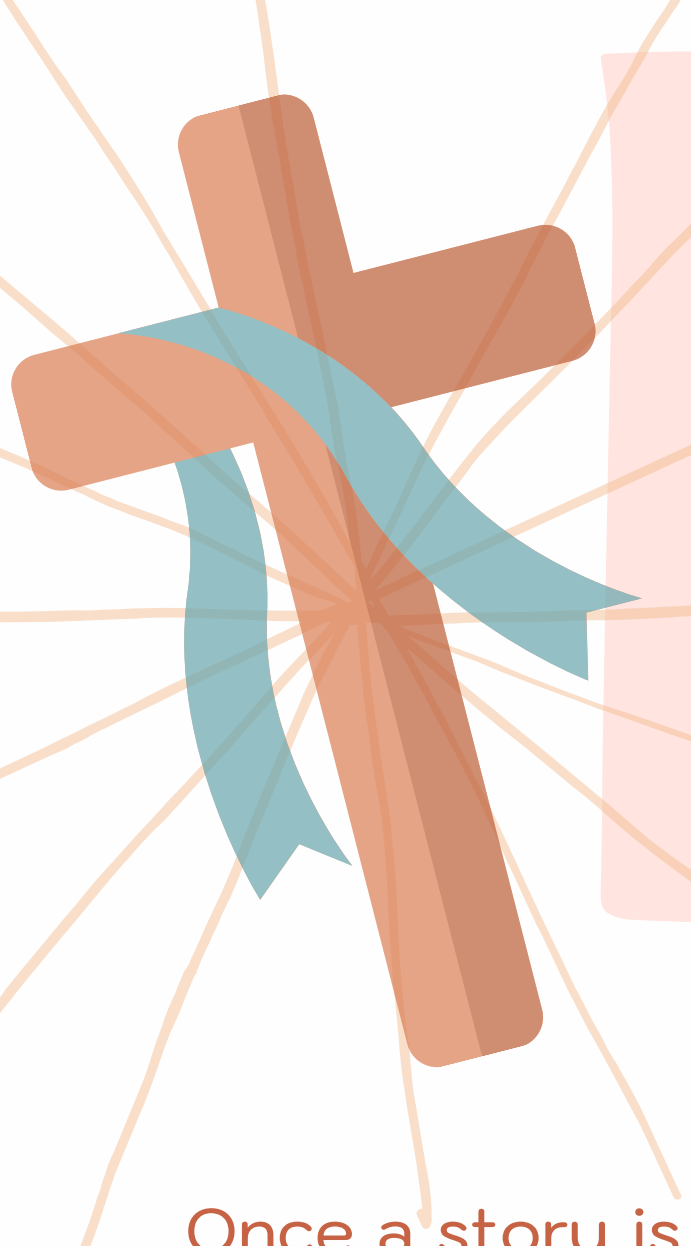
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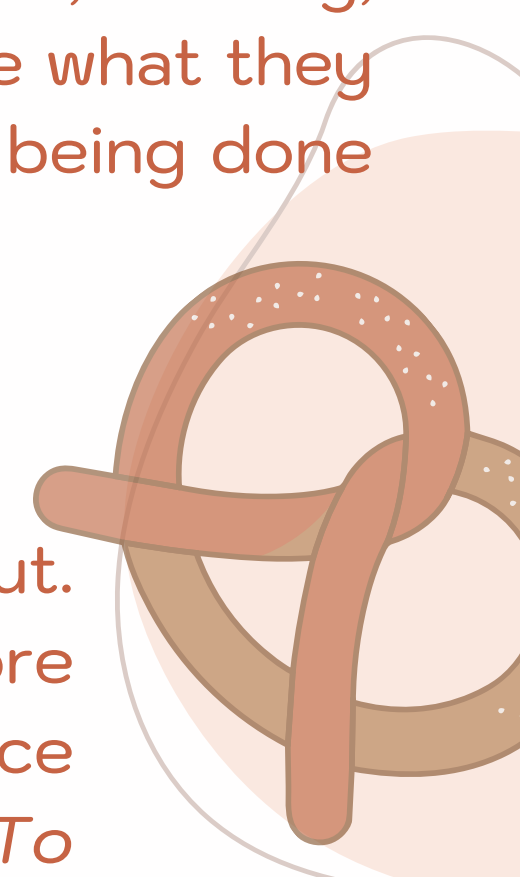
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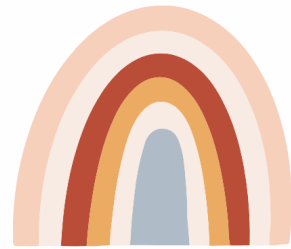
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WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2ND/3RD ROOM



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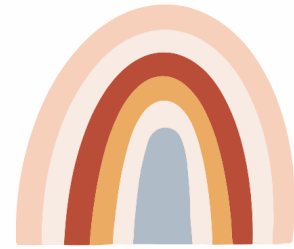
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WHAT TO EXPECT IN 4TH/5TH ROOM



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HEARING A STORY FROM GOD'S WORD

Each week a story from the Bible is presented by the Storyteller and shared in a way that is open for interpretation, to allow each child to process the story and wonder about it in relation to their own experiences with God. We trust the process of kids learning to come close to God and God coming close to them, and that they will gain confidence in their discovery of faith and know that asking questions is okay. There is a Bible for everyone to hold each week and read from, as God's Word and fellowship are a focus in this space.

WONDERING & RESPONSE TIMES

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The Feast

After a time of prayer, whether silently or aloud, pretzels or “feast” is passed out. This is a time to relax together and talk freely. Sometimes, children have more questions about the story or about life. A piece of Matzo bread is also given to remember Jesus breaking the bread. (To avoid issues with food allergies, gluten-free pretzels are available if needed.)

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