



A JOURNEY WITH JESUS

PARENT PLAYBOOK



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ROADS KIDZ VISION

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Roads Kidz! Our vision for Roads Kidz is to connect and partner with parents and families to help guide and lead our children in their journey with Jesus. We want them to Know Jesus, Love Jesus, Love His House and Love His People. We are fervently seeking after the heart of the Father for His children.

All parts of our service are specific and appropriate to each age group. Our children are learning about our Heavenly Father...that we are created by Him and for Him. We are learning about Jesus, our friend and savior....and the promise we have in the Holy Spirit. In every classroom our Roads Kidz Crew does an excellent job providing and modeling praise and worship, teaching biblical foundations from the living Word of God, and providing powerful prayer opportunities. Children are not only learning the importance of connecting and growing in relationship with God, but also with each other.

Roads Kidz is available for all children, ages 1 year old through 5th grade. And, as a newer addition to our Norris City campus, we offer services for junior high and high school children with special needs in our Bridge classroom, during our 10:45 service. We also have an infant nursery available at both campuses where moms and dads are able to provide for the needs of their child under 1 year of age.

In Roads Kidz, we consider it a great honor and privilege to partner with families, in equipping and training young warriors for the Kingdom of God.

Much love and many blessings,

*Charla Lewis
Roads Kidz Pastor*

SERVE TIME POLICIES & PROCEDURES

CHECK-IN

For your family's first visit to The Roads Church, we will connect you with one of our Roads Kidz Check-In Hosts. We will gather pertinent information from you as a parent for your family. We use a check-in system called *Planning Center Online* to print specific names tags for each child attending our services. This is a safety feature we have set in place for our children and families. The child's name tag will state their name and will produce a unique security number. All children must have a name tag on in order to enter a classroom. This system will also produce a parent security tag. Parents will need to present this tag to our Crew Leads at the end of service in order to retrieve their child from the classroom. After your first initial check-in with Roads Kidz, you will be able to check-in your child(ren) at one of our self check-in stations. A Roads Kidz Check-In Host will be ready and available to help assist you in this process.

CHECK-OUT

Upon check-out, a child will only be allowed to go with a parent/guardian with a security tag with a numeric code that coincides with the one on the child. Parents must notify crew leads at check-in if the child will be checked-out by someone other than themselves. Our crew will document this information on our check-out spreadsheet. If a security tag has been lost, we ask that parents please see a child check-in host, service coordinator or Kidz Director to assist you in this process. A photo identification must be presented and matched with the guardian name in the child's household in PCO. This is a critical process for EVERY family in our church. We ask that any person picking up a child be at least 16 years of age.

DISCIPLINE

It is the heart of our children's ministry to make every effort possible to ensure the safety and well-being of every child and Crew Member that is in our area. There can be occasions where some children have a difficult time adjusting to a classroom environment. If a child fails to obey the rules, he or she will be verbally corrected in a life-giving manner, explaining what rule was violated and the behavior that is expected. If the behavior continues, we will ask the child to stop the current activity and redirect them to a new activity or a 3-minute time out, with an explanatory reminder of behavior expectations. A third violation will result in the parent being paged or informed of the behavior after the service. Under no circumstances will any physical or demeaning punishment ever be used against a child.

TWO PERSON RULE

No crew member will be left alone with a child(ren). There will be 2 adults in the room before we open doors to the classroom to receive children into the room. If the child requires personal assistance, a second volunteer must be within sight of the child and an assisting volunteer.

ACCIDENTS

Accidents happen. If an accident arises, a director will be contacted and an accident report will be filled out by a Crew Leader immediately following the care of your child.

PAGING PARENTS / REMOVING CHILDREN FROM THE CLASS

If a child is crying uncontrollably, our Crew will pray over them and try singing, rocking, reading, etc. to do our best to calm them. Our Crew leader will page the parent if the child does not calm down after 10 minutes. We may also page a parent for persistent discipline issues or if an illness is recognized.

ALLERGY AWARENESS / FOOD AND DRINK

Please remember that nuts, peanut butter, any products containing nuts, or any food processed with nuts may not be brought into the Roads Kidz classrooms.

FIRE SAFETY

- If the fire alarm goes off, children will be gathered in a line by the fire escape (by the door), and will exit accordingly.
- A director will assist in reuniting children with parents. The same check-in/check-out procedures will be used.

TORNADO SAFETY

- In case of a tornado warning, all Crew Members and children must report to the designated area for shelter.
- A director will assist in reuniting children with parents. The same check-in/check-out procedures will be used.

WELLNESS POLICY FOR CHILDREN AND CREW MEMBERS

To ensure the health of the other children and Crew Members, we ask that sick children and sick Crew Members not attend any children's ministry event. It is recommended that a child does not attend church when any of the following symptoms are present:

- **Fever** - a temperature of 99.5 or greater within 24 hours. The child should be fever free without the aid of Tylenol or Ibuprofen.
- **Runny Nose** – the nose needs to be continuously wiped whether it is green or clear drainage. Lots of children have runny noses from allergies or teething, etc; please use your parental discretion.
- **Coughing** – continuous or consistent coughing (more than once every 5 minutes) is usually a sign of a virus or a bacterial infection.
- **Vomiting** – children who have vomited within 24 hours should not attend.
- **Diarrhea** – increased frequency and a change in texture for your particular child, noting that each child's habits are different.
- **Eye Discharge** – if discharge is wiped away and new discharge immediately returns, or if there is redness, an underlying infection is probably present and the child could be contagious.
- **Ear Infections** – are not contagious, but the virus that generally causes them can be. The virus caused by ear infections also can bring a very runny nose, fever, and irritability. The child should be held out if they have any of the symptoms that correspond to the ear infection.
- **Antibiotics** – a child is no longer contagious once they have been on antibiotics for 24 hours if they are without fever.
- **Rash** – There are many possible sources of rashes. If your child has a rash, please inform the volunteers of the source. If it is contagious or you do not know the cause of the rash, please keep your child out of class.

If a child is brought to class with any of these symptoms, they will not be permitted to stay in the classroom.

*All children and Crew Members must be symptom-free without medication for 24 hours straight before returning to The Roads Kidz area. When it is known that children have been exposed to an illness that is easily transferable, parents and Crew Members in the exposed area will be advised.

FRESH START

Is my child ready to ask Jesus to be Lord of their life?

Use the following 5 questions to help you determine if your child is ready to ask Jesus to be the Lord of their life. The main goal is to determine if your child recognizes that their own sin separates them from God and that Jesus' death on the cross makes them right with God. You will also find some things to say if your child doesn't seem to be grasping these spiritual concepts. Read the suggested verses as tools to help you.

Who is Jesus? Look up Matthew 3:16-17.

This is an easy question to answer and will get your child comfortable with answering questions. Their answer will be pretty simple - *"He is God's Son."*

What is sin? Then ask: Have you ever sinned? Look up Romans 3:23.

Younger kids may not understand the word sin. In Roads Kidz, we teach that sin is lying, cheating, stealing, angry outbursts, doing bad things, saying bad things, thinking bad things, etc. Talk about these things with your child recognizing that all of us sin. Feel free to help by talking about things that you may do wrong and how they get in the way of your friendship with God. Ultimately, you're looking for your child to identify specific things they do wrong.

What did Jesus do on the cross? Why did He have to die? Look up 1 Corinthians 15:3-4.

Again, these should be simple responses - *"Jesus died on the cross,"* or *"Jesus died for our sins,"* or *"So we could be forgiven."*

NOTE: If you don't feel that your child understands either what sin is or that Jesus died to take our sins away, then simply table the discussion. You might say something like, *"I'd like us to keep talking about this more over the next few weeks/months."*

What happens to our sin when we ask Jesus to forgive us and we say or confess our sins out loud? Look up 1 John 1:9.

Most responses will be very simple - *"Jesus takes away our sins."*

Do you want to ask Jesus to be the Lord of your life?

If yes, then great! This is the best part. Here is a prayer you may use. Have your child repeat each line after you.

"Dear Jesus, I admit that I am a sinner. I believe that you are God's Son and that you died on the cross for my sin, to save me. Thank you for dying on the cross. I believe that you rose from the dead to give me new life. I want you to be the leader and the Lord of my life. Be my Savior. Help me to live my life for you. Thank you for loving me and thank you for saving me. Amen!"

Congratulations!

You've just led your child into a relationship with Jesus. There are few experiences as valuable as this! The next steps are very important. Encourage your child to read their Bible regularly and be baptized.

WATER BAPTISM

The next step after receiving a Fresh Start is Baptism.

As a follower of Christ, we should make our decision public by being baptized. This can happen at church during our 10:45 AM service on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Baptism is a picture of what Jesus did on the cross and He tells us to be baptized to show others that we follow Him. Here are some things to talk about with your child.

Say: *Baptism is when we go under the water, symbolizing:*

- 1. Washing away all the dirty stuff - our sins.*
- 2. Jesus' death and resurrection - Jesus died and came back to life again on the third day.*

****Look up and read together - Matthew 3:1-16, Matthew 28:16-20, John 3:1-21.***

Ask: *Does this mean you'll never sin again? Look up 1 John 1:8-10 and Romans 6:1-5.*

No. You should not live a life that chooses sin, but we do continue to make mistakes (sin).

Ask: *When you sin again, what do you do?*

Most kids are worried about getting in trouble by Mom or Dad when they do something wrong, so it's hard for them to not connect "getting in trouble" when we talk about God and sin. Make sure they understand that it's by the grace and love of Jesus and our relationship with Him that our sins are forgiven.

We want to talk to God in prayer about our mistakes and sins, and sometimes to the person we have done wrong to if we need to ask for their forgiveness. When we recognize that we have made a mistake or sin, we want to repent, or turn away from it, to not do it again.

Call our offices to register your child for baptism, which is held every 3rd Sunday of the month during our 10:45AM service.

Norris City Campus at 618-378-3959

Mount Carmel Campus at 618-262-9777

KIDZ CREW DIRECTORY

Roads Kidz Pastor

Charla Lewis

Norris City

Dreamer's Drive (1yr old) - Shelley Courty and Kristin Pollard

Wonder Way (2-3 yrs old) - Jenna Jones and Jessica Moss

Adventure Avenue (4yrs-1st grade) - Alice Harms and Kati Sturgal

The Alley (2nd-5th grade) - Charla Lewis and Latonya Mitchell

The Bridge (junior high-high school special needs) - Brandi Hankins and Evana Sandusky

Kidz Check-In/Service Coordinators - Penny Gunter

Mount Carmel

1-3 yr olds (Dreamer's Drive and Wonder Way) - Kelli Leavens

4yrs-5th Grade (Adventure Avenue and The Alley) - Rene Hardy

Kidz Check-In/Service Coordinators - Charla Lewis