



Summer Safety Tips for Children

1. Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of water.
2. Maximize your health by eating plenty of fruits and vegetables. Minimize junk foods.
3. Follow the safety rules as you ride a bike. Remember to wear your bike helmet and knee pads.
4. Follow the safety rules as you swim.
5. Stay away from harmful items and harmful people.
6. Run and play in safe environments with adult supervision.
7. Exercise daily as you ride your bike, run and walk.
8. Protect your eyes by wearing sunglasses (with appropriate amount of UV protection) with your parent's permission.

Loving & Blessing Parenting Tip

As parents assist their children with applying Biblical truths and principles, children need the following from their parents:

- * Unconditional love;
- * A healthy Christian daily model and example of how to apply Biblical truths;
- * Words of encouragement especially when children feel insecure, inadequate or when parents are addressing inappropriate behavior; and,
- * Words of affirmation as children make good and Godly choices.

Parents are also encouraged to speak a daily or weekly blessing over each child by placing their hand on their child's head and saying:

May the Lord bless you and keep you;

May the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;

May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

Grade Level Transition

The Sunday and Wednesday Kingdom Builders' Incite for Children will transition to the 2019-2020 grade levels on Sunday, June 2nd. All present 5th graders along with one parent/guardian are invited to attend the Etiquette Class at The Power Center on Saturday, May 25th, to prepare to transition to Youth Ministry. To sign up and secure the cost for lunch, contact Frankie Hall at fhall@wvumc.com.

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- Frankie Hall** — Children's Ministry Administrative Assistant
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The Windsor Village Church Family

2019 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Spring / Summer

MAY, JUNE, JULY & AUGUST NEWSLETTER



WELCOME TO THE WINDSOR VILLAGE CHURCH FAMILY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY! This ministry is designed for children ages 6 months to 5th grade to learn, grow and play in a safe and nurturing environment.

Your adherence to these policies and procedures are greatly appreciated as we strive to maintain a Safe Sanctuary environment.

- 1) The Windsor Village Church Family locations include 6000 Heatherbrook and The Kingdom Builders' Center. Both locations are safe sanctuary environments. Children must be accompanied by adults at all times.
- 2) For Children's Ministry events and activities, parents and adults 21 years and older must register/check-in children.
- 3) For Children's Ministry events and activities, parents and adults at least 21 years of age must present a matching tag to check-out children. Lost tags may be redeemed at the registration counter. (We appreciate your patience when lines are long as children are checked out one child at a time. Children are not dismissed from Space Jamz, the 2-Story Slide or Noah's Ark unless it is an emergency.)
- 4) Parents, please assist your children with adhering to the following rules and guidelines to support a safe environment of fun and learning.

- F** – Follow the instructions and directions of all teachers and leaders.
- U** – Use every opportunity to do and be your best.
- N** – Nice and encouraging words should be used all times. Always make good choices with your hands and feet.

Consequences:

- 1st Incident:** Time-out will be assigned to give the child the opportunity to reflect on his/her behavior.
- 2nd Incident:** Incident report will be completed. Parents will be notified.
- 3rd Incident:** The Director will have a conference with parents and child.

* Persistent inappropriate behavior as determined by the Director may result in the child being removed from the program for a 12-week period.





Join us for a fun week of our 2019 Windsor Village Church Children's Ministry Vacation Bible School. Children in grade levels PreK-4 to 5th Grade will explore where God's power can take them! To Mars and Beyond is the theme which invites children to go beyond with faith, boldness, kindness, thankfulness and hope! The theme Scripture is Ephesians 3:20 – "Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by His power at work in us." Relevant music, creative crafts, fun recreation and memorable Bible stories will help children know that God is always with them as they explore Mars and beyond! The children will learn important Bible accounts together each day as well as grow in friendship and community here at this year's Vacation Bible School with The Windsor Village Church Family.

Along with great programming for that week, daily lunch will also be provided. Please contact Frankie Hall at fhall@wvumc.com if you have any questions, or if you would like to serve as an adult volunteer. Volunteer training dates are: June 29, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or July 13, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

VBS Dates:

July 22nd – July 26th

Time:

8:30 am – 12:00 noon

Summertime, When the Living Is Easy

Summer Tips for Parents

Summer is a time to live it up and laugh out loud as well as enjoy rest and relaxation with vacations from a trip to Galveston to a family cruise. It is a time for parents to nurture and train their children with a special emphasis on social and spiritual development. During this time, children may participate in summer camps, a variety of summer programs or stay at home with a babysitter or an older sibling.

As parents focus on summer activities for their children, remember to keep summer light and fun but well organized. Suggested summer parenting tips include:

- 1) Work together with each child to develop a daily schedule. The daily schedule may include a time for reading, arts and crafts, math, outside play, video games, television, rest, putting together a 100 to 500-piece puzzle, memorizing Scriptures, chores, etc. Display the schedule on a bulletin board or the refrigerator. Each night review the schedule and place a star beside each item completed.
- 2) Have children memorize Scripture. Scripture memory will build their relationship with God and enhance their spiritual development. (Grade-level Scriptures are available in The Power Zone.)
- 3) Work together to plan lots of fun family activities. Activities may include bicycling together, taking a trip to the park, playing board games, having a backyard picnic, enjoying a family movie time, cooking a meal together, etc.
- 4) Increase the number of chores for each child. During the school year, children are usually responsible for keeping their bedrooms in order. Additional chores, such as dusting or sweeping the floor, may be added during the summer months. Remember, excellence with chores today will help children develop excellent work habits as adults.
- 5) Once a month, identify fun times together with other families to strengthen the social development of each child.
- 6) Once a week, plan and prepare a healthy family meal together.
- 7) Complete a family service project at least twice in the summer. This could be providing a meal for a senior adult or a single-parent household. You may invite them over or deliver the meal to their home.
- 8) Children are also invited to attend Wednesday night Incite Bible Study for Children. Children will grow in their relationship with God as they study the Book of Psalms in June. They will grow in wisdom as they study the Book of Proverbs in July.