

Discipline Guidelines for Families

The goal of our Discipline Guidelines is to help create an environment in which all children can learn and grow in faith. In order to achieve this goal, volunteers, staff members, parents and children must work together to provide clear, achievable behavior expectations and consequences. The following is a list of those expectations and consequences:

Expectations for preschool children:

- Use kind words
- Listen when your friends or teachers are talking
- Follow directions
- Keep your hands to yourself
- Use an indoor voice

Positive Consequences for meeting expectations:

- Learn about God and God's wonderful world
- Know you have done a good job!
- Make friends and have fun!

Negative consequences for not meeting expectations:

- Receive a verbal reminder
- Move away from friends
- Redirection or choice of options decided by adults.
- Leader and or/Director of Children's Ministry discuss behavior with parent/adult.
- Parent/adult may be asked to attend sessions with their child.

Expectations for School age children:

- Use kind words and respectful tone of voice
- Listen when others are talking
- Follow directions the 1st time
- Keep your hands to yourself

Positive Consequences for meeting expectations:

- Learn about God and grow in faith
- Know you have done a good job!
- Make friends and have fun!

Negative consequences for not meeting expectations:

- Receive a verbal reminder
- Move to a seat away from friends
- Redirection or choice of options decided by adult.
- Removal from class session (with Shepherd in public place)
- Teacher and/or Director of Children's Ministry discuss behavior with parent/adult.

At no time is physical punishment, verbal insults or abuse, or withholding of food an appropriate consequence for any behavior.