



Kids Care Overview

Purpose

Kids Care supports kids with disabilities and additional needs birth – Grade 5 so that they and their grown-ups can attend church and know Jesus!

It is our goal that kids are:

- Known, welcomed, loved, and cared for
- Kept safe (physically, emotionally, and spiritually)
- Able to hear the message of Christ and follow Jesus!
- Able to engage with their peers
- Siblings able to connect with their peer group and develop relationships apart from their sibling
- Parents/caregivers have an hour to be still and worship!

Campuses offer volunteer support for kids with disabilities and additional needs within our early childhood (Kid-O-Deo) and elementary (Elevate) ministries.

We are intentional about creating an inclusive model of ministry. Our inclusion model utilizes kids ministries environments, curriculum, and large group leaders - believing it is the best place for kids with disabilities and additional needs to learn alongside their peers.

Volunteer Support

Room Assistant Volunteer

A room assistant is **scheduled for each service** in the large group environments (pre-K–kindergarten, grades 1-5). Room assistant volunteers provide supports to kids with disabilities and additional needs who need assistance with resources, redirection, sensory needs, or social interaction. Their primary focus is large group instruction. They work to meet the needs of kids, connect with parents following the service and communicate with staff/volunteer leaders on best supports for each kid.

Side-by-Side Volunteer

Side-by-side volunteers partner with families who feel their kid would benefit from a 1:1 volunteer based on higher physical, developmental, or behavioral needs. A side-by-side volunteer **works with the family directly** and will be present with a kid from start to finish, creatively plotting best practices for inclusion. *This includes an intake process.*

Volunteer support is available at two designated service times, at each campus, with one Saturday and one Sunday service option.



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ADHD, autism, cerebral palsy, developmental delay, Down syndrome, muscular dystrophy, or sensory processing disorder are just a few examples of diagnoses that our Kids Care staff and volunteer team provide support for.

If your child would benefit from Kids Care support, please fill out the [Kids Care questionnaire](#) so we may be aware of their unique information. You may also stop by the Kids Check-In area to request support.