

Welcome to Noah's Ark! We're so glad you've joined us! The following packet is more information about Noah's Ark!

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Justin or Jamie

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Vision for Noah's Ark

- Begin raising up eager and equipped Christ-followers who whole-heartedly spread the cause of Jesus.

Mission of Noah's Ark

- To come alongside parents and love kids purposefully in a safe, consistent, and caring environment so that they will know Jesus personally.

Goals for Noah's Ark

1. to have and follow set procedures that promote consistency, safety, and love in accomplishing our mission and vision
2. to have group of volunteers who have a heart for little ones serving in the nursery regularly
3. to pray for our children regularly

“And they were bringing children to Him so that He might touch them; but the disciples began rebuked them. But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, ‘Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter at all.’ And He took them in His arms and began blessing them, laying His hands on them.” Mark 10:13-16

In Noah's Ark, safety is a top priority:

- ***All volunteers who are with our kids have completed (and passed) our application and background check process as well as received training through the volunteer orientation packet and one-on-one time with Justin/Jamie Poore. No one else is permitted into Noah's Ark while kids are signed in. There is a separate room for parents to be with their children (change diapers, feed them, calm them, etc.) across the hall.***

- ***There is a minimum of 2 volunteers required to be in Noah's Ark at all times during services. At least 1 volunteer must be female. Generally we don't have more than 1 male volunteer serving at one time. And, female volunteers take care of the diapering and also potty breaks (especially if it is a female child.)***
- ***Parents, you must fill out a child registration form for their child to give us more information about the child and your family so we can better care for the children and serve you.***
- ***When you drop off your child, you will sign him or her in and then receive a numbered beeper. If there is a problem during service, you will be paged. (The beeper will vibrate.) When service is over, please come and pick up your child as soon as possible. You must have the beeper to pick up the child. A child will not be released to anyone without the correctly numbered beeper.***

Other policies and procedures:

- If your child is sick, has a runny nose or bad cough, a fever, a rash, or any contagious disease, please keep your child at home. We will not accept sick children into Noah's Ark for the health and safety of the other kids and the volunteers.
- Noah's Ark is here to support the parents and keep all kids safe. We will encourage sharing and keep order in Noah's Ark. That said, we are not strict disciplinarians. If there is a big problem, a parent will be paged.
- Please provide a sippy cup for your child during Noah's Ark. Please label the sippy cup with the child's name to prevent mixing/unwanted sharing.
- We would like to limit outside food and prefer that all kids have the same snack at once. If you send a special snack for their child, please note it on the sign-in sheet. (We will have them sit at the table to eat it, being careful that other kids don't eat it in case others are allergic, etc.)
- Justin or Jamie will be in the nursery at the beginning & end of each Sunday service to assist volunteers with drop-off and pick-up of kids. (unless we're out of town, in which case someone else will fill-in)
- All children must be signed in and out at each service at the door. We want only the volunteers and the kids in Noah's Ark to minimize chaos and prevent unsafe situations. If a parent needs to change a diaper, they can go across the hall to the Parent-Child Feeding/Changing Room.
- Children will play, listen to music about Jesus, color bible sheets, have snack, & help clean up. We will be implementing a mini-bible lesson for the older kids. Please see posted schedule/Volunteer Orientation Packet for more information.
- We would like parents of regularly attending kids to volunteer in Noah's Ark 1x a month. If you are a regular-attender, or COAH is your church home, please contact us (jlpoore@gmail.com 977.5063) for a Volunteer Orientation Packet as well as an Application & Background Check Packet. (As you will learn in the Volunteer Orientation Packet, we would like volunteers to commit to serving 1x a month at the same time every month. (For example, the first Sunday 11am service of each month.) You will sign up by calling or emailing Jamie Poore. You can see the schedule of volunteers on the Google calendar at: <http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=tfhlqhi9lton26sl3jlkf4p2eq%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/Denver> (There will also be an email/phone list set up to allow for swapping of scheduled dates in the event of conflict or sickness.))

- Noah's Ark will be kept clean and sanitary! After each service, the toys and room should be sanitized using Lysol and Clorox wipes. All snacks will be limited to the table only.