



KING'S KIDS

ST. THOMAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Parents! We know dropping your kid off in a new place can be a bit scary sometimes. That's why we have this brief document that ensures you that we have thought through your child's safety while they are here with us. The safety of our children is of the utmost importance — right next to our desire for them to know God and His love for them!

Here are the precautions we have in place to keep your child safe:

- We follow Safe Sanctuary guidelines and have a Child Protection Policy in place that screens volunteers, outlines acceptable discipline, gives important rules for adults to follow, and keeps both kids and adult staff and volunteers safe.
- All volunteers must be part of our church for a minimum of six months before serving directly with children, and be at least five years older than the oldest child (typically at least 15 or 16 years old). They are then background checked, attend a Safe Sanctuary training when they initially begin volunteering and continue to have periodic “refresher” training every three years.
- All appropriate kid to adult ratios are followed.
- When kids are signed in they receive a nametag with a unique ID number that also prints on another label for the parents to take. Until we get to know a family, this is checked to make sure numbers match up.
- We collect your information so that we are quickly able to contact you and to know who is allowed to pick up your child.
- This information also helps us become aware of food allergies or any other special needs your child may have.