

SUNDAY SCHEDULE



1 HOUR

OUR SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A PREDICTABLE, SAFE, AND LOVING ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN WHILE OFFERING INDIVIDUALIZED SUPPORT. THE SCHEDULE BLENDS INCLUSION, SENSORY ENGAGEMENT, BIBLE TEACHING, AND CONNECTION TIME TO MEET EACH CHILD'S NEEDS.

INCLUSION WITH BUDDY (15 MIN)

- CHILD BEGINS IN THEIR AGE-GROUP CLASS WITH A TRAINED BUDDY.
- PARTICIPATE IN WELCOME, OPENING ACTIVITY, AND WORSHIP (AS ABLE).
- BUDDY OFFERS QUIET SUPPORT, GENTLE PROMPTS, OR SENSORY BREAKS AS NEEDED.

TRANSITION TO SENSORY ROOM (5 MIN)

- AFTER WORSHIP, THE BUDDY GENTLY TRANSITIONS THE CHILD TO THE SENSORY ROOM.
- A CONSISTENT ROUTINE HELPS REDUCE ANXIETY (SAME TIME, SAME VOLUNTEER).
- PARENTS WILL ALWAYS PICK UP THEIR CHILD FROM THE SENSORY ROOM.

BIBLE STORY VIDEO (10 MIN)

- SHORT, VISUAL-BASED LESSON (3-5 MINUTES).
- VOLUNTEER PAUSES TO ASK SIMPLE "YES/NO" OR "POINT TO PICTURE" QUESTIONS.
- THE LESSON CLOSES WITH A CONSISTENT PHRASE, E.G., "JESUS LOVES YOU NO MATTER WHAT."

SENSORY PLAY TO REINFORCE LESSON (10 MIN)

- ACTIVITIES TIED TO THE BIBLE STORY THEME, SUCH AS:
- WATER BEADS, PLAY-DOH, OR TEXTURED BINS (CREATION, ANIMALS, ETC.).
- COLORING PAGES WITH SIMPLE SCRIPTURE TRUTHS.
- BUILDING BLOCKS FOR STORY REENACTMENT.
- VOLUNTEER CONNECTS THE ACTIVITY BACK TO THE BIBLE POINT WITH SHORT, SIMPLE PHRASES.

CALMING & CONNECTION TIME (10 MIN)

- CHOICE OF CALMING STATIONS: BEANBAG, WEIGHTED LAP PAD, FIDGET TOYS, OR SOFT MUSIC.
- BUDDY READS A SHORT BOARD BOOK OR SHARES BIBLE PICTURE CARDS.
- OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER USING SIMPLE LANGUAGE: "THANK YOU, JESUS, FOR LOVING ME."

CLOSING ROUTINE & PARENT PICK-UP (10 MIN)

- CLEAN UP TOGETHER USING VISUAL PROMPTS (SONG, PICTURE SCHEDULE).
- END WITH A FAMILIAR FAREWELL RITUAL (SONG, GOODBYE WAVE, OR HIGH-FIVE).
- PARENTS PICK UP CHILDREN FROM THE SENSORY ROOM FOR CONSISTENCY.