

Dear Parents,

We are happy to be partnering with you in laying spiritual foundations of trust and teaching Bible truths on your child's level of understanding. We want your child's experience at church to be a happy one for her and for you. We offer the following tips for helping your child adjust to her new room at church:

- ❖ Talk positively about the new room. Use the teachers' names. If possible plan a time before the first week to meet the teachers so that your child will see familiar faces when he arrives. Visit the new classroom during the week prior to the child's going into the new room on Sunday.
- ❖ Let your child walk into the room.
- ❖ Avoid long good-byes. Say good-bye at the door. Say, "I will be back soon to get you."
- ❖ Remain calm when your child is having a difficult time. All children do not adjust to new situations at the same rate. Your child may need a few minutes to stand aside and watch before getting involved in an activity.
- ❖ Listen to your preschooler and help him find words to express how he is feeling.
- ❖ If your child wants to cling to you, allow the teacher to gently take her hand and guide her into the room to choose an activity.
- ❖ Inform teachers of any special needs or concerns you have.
- ❖ Pray for your child and for the teachers.

Be assured that your child will be loved and cared for in a safe environment. Activities are available to help your child grow and learn as God planned: physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

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