



# KOTR is reopening on Sunday, July 12 for all classes nursery through 6th grade for the 11 AM service.

**We are so happy to once again minister to your children! We are holding tight to God's promise for the kids at Cornerstone, "All your children will be taught by the Lord." Isaiah 54:13**

**We are also taking steps to prevent the spread of Covid19 in our children's ministry.**

## **What to expect upon arrival:**

1. Classes will open for the 11 AM service beginning Sunday, July 12, 2020. \*Classes will be offered for the 9 am service at some point in the future.
2. Doors are open at 10:45 AM.
3. All four KOTR registration stations will be staffed with a registration clerk.
4. Registration clerks will screen students for covid19 symptoms, including taking each student's temperature using a no contact infrared thermometer.
5. Students are not permitted to bring anything to class. The church will provide Bibles for older students, and diapers/wipes for the nursery students.
6. Face masks will be optional. As parents, you can decide if your student should wear a mask or not.

\*In planning to reopen KOTR, we did thoroughly read the State of Michigan's newly released "MI Safe Schools Road Map" document, and consider all requirements for public schools in phase 4 of the governor's 6 phase "MI Safe Start" plan. It may ease your mind to know that face-to-face teaching is allowed in schools during phase 4, which is the current phase in which we find ourselves, and face masks are not required in classrooms for children 5th grade and under.

## **What to expect in your child's class:**

In each class, we have gone to great lengths to provide a quality children's church experience, including worship, memory verse activity, Bible lesson, prayer, games, skits, object lessons and small group activities. Your kids will have a great time! We have also changed the way we do things in effort to prevent the spread of disease as follows:

1. KOTR classrooms will open at 50% capacity.
2. Hallways and restrooms are monitored the entire service to promote social distancing.
3. Students will remain in the same classroom for the entire service.
4. Hand sanitizer is available and your student will be encouraged to use it.
5. Drinking fountains are closed, however, teachers will pour individual cups of water for students in their classes.
6. There will be no snacks served in any KOTR classroom for the month of July.
7. All play structures are closed, however, during summer months, students age 3 and older will play outside for a portion of their class time. We have modified outdoor activities to require no physical contact.
8. All indoor games and student classroom responses have been modified to require no physical contact.

## **Additional Information for Nursery and Preschool Classes**

It is not reasonable to expect nursery and preschool students to understand the concept of social



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distancing. In effort to prevent the spread of disease under these circumstances, we are opening all 5 nursery and preschool classrooms so that the student attendance in each class will remain small. We have set our attendance limits in each class as follows:

1. Mother Goose Room (non-walking babies): 4 students
2. Farm Room (toddlers): 6 students (3 students on each side of the room, separated by a door)
3. Noah's Ark Room (2 years old): 6 Students
4. Candyland (3 and 4 years old): 8 Students
5. The Train Room (5 years old and Kindergarten): 8 Students

\*Even though these numbers are small, we feel these limits will meet the need for families who are ready to return to church at this time.

## **Additional Information for Elementary Classes**

Kids on the Rock has two large children's church rooms. These rooms are opening with the following expectations:

1. The Rainforest Room
  - a. The total capacity of the room is 100 students. We are reopening with a maximum capacity of 50 students, but are expecting only 30 students.
  - b. Seating arrangements in the room are spaced by 6 ft per household.
2. The Kids on the Rock room
  - a. The total capacity of the room is 200 students. We are reopening with a maximum capacity of 100 students, but are expecting only 30 students.
  - b. Seating arrangements in the room are spaced by 6 ft per household.

Note: Even with all these changes, there is an inherent risk of exposure to Covid19. We cannot guarantee that your student will not be exposed. The church board has reviewed and approved this reopening plan for the children's ministry. We also had the plan reviewed by two practicing medical doctors who attend Cornerstone. The doctors agree this is a good plan.

All we expect from you as parents is to do what you think is best for your family. If you think it is best to return to church at this time and allow your children to attend Kids on the Rock classes, then we support you in that decision and are very glad to resume discipling your kids. If you are not ready to return to church yet, then we encourage you to continue with online church services and return to church when you are ready. The children's ministry will continue to post a new children's church video on Cornerstone's website at least through the month of July.

We look forward to seeing many of you in Kids on the Rock this Sunday!

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and  
The KOTR Volunteer Staff