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Kids' Church Student Behaviour Policy

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Our Vision

To establish a strong spiritual foundation for children and youth in their relationship with God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, to teach the Word of God, and to nurture disciples for Christ with love, encouragement, and support.

Joyriver Church Children Ministry, along with Kids' Church teachers, students, and parents/guardians, will collectively strive to create a positive and respectful environment. We are extremely grateful for the dedicated volunteers who give of their time to teach our children about God's love.

If you believe that Joyriver Church Children Ministry and/or Kid's Church teachers need specific information about your child, please do not hesitate to inform them. This information will be invaluable in shaping an environment that is most beneficial for Joyriver Kids' Church students. We are thankful for the partnership of parents/guardians as we work together with Kid's Church teachers to fulfil our vision.

Behaviour Standards

- Students to respect all classmates and teachers at all times.
- Students to participate in all classroom activities according to the teacher's instructions.
- Students to demonstrate acceptable Christian behaviour, offering cooperation to teachers, acceptance of classmates, respect for church property, and appropriate reverence for God.

Behaviour Expectations

In order to create a conducive learning environment for our children in the classroom, Joyriver Children Ministry and our Kids' church teachers have established expectations for student behaviour as below:

- Arriving earlier for smooth transition into the classroom.
- Come prepared to enjoy and explore the teachings of God's Word.
- Bring Bible to class every lesson.
- Approach Bible reading with a sense of reverence for the sacredness of God's Word.
- Do not blaspheming about God's word.
- Engage in worship, activities, and Bible studies. If students have any concerns preventing their participation, inform the teachers quietly to avoid disrupting others in the class.
- Adhere to the guidance/instruction provided by the teacher and Pastor.
- Adhere to the seating arrangement as directed by the teacher.
- Attend to the teacher when addressed and provide a response to the question.
- Do not tease the teacher during class. In the event of such behaviour, the Church may utilize video footage as evidence for a discussion with parents/guardians.

- Do not engage in any behaviour that puts themselves or others in danger, including but not limited to, creating lock-up situations or any activity that compromises the safety and well-being of individuals.
- Prohibit any form of bullying or mistreatment towards others.
- Show respect to others in the classroom.
- Treat others in the manner you would like to be treated - with kindness and respect.
- Use polite and appropriate word in conversation with others.
- Keep your hands, feet and objects to yourself.
- Raise your hand if you have a question and wait to be called on.
- Listen and pay attention to others when they speak.
- If any disputes arise between classmates, do not handle themselves, but inform the teacher.
- Do not leave the classroom and your seat without obtaining permission from teacher.
- Remain in the classroom until parents/guardians arrived to pick up.
- Mobile phones are not permitted for use in the classroom and ensure mobile phone is put away during class.
- Do not bring toys or personal belongings to the classroom. If brought, it is at your own risk, and the Church is not responsible for any loss or damage.
- Show consideration for the church property by returning items to their designated places after use.
- Use classroom resources judiciously, avoiding unnecessary waste, and ensure to tidy up after the class.

Behaviour Improvement Procedures (based on Matthew 18:15-17, as stated by Jesus)

If a student does not meet the behaviour expectations, students will be addressed respectfully by the teacher in a private conversation when possible, to describe the observed behaviour and to explain the appropriate behaviour expected in the future. (ref to Matthew 18:15)

The student will be given an opportunity to correct their behaviour using a “1, 2, 3” methods: 1 = grace, 2 = a warning, and 3 = student’s disruptive behaviour will be reported to the parent and sent student to sit with their parents in the main hall. Also, the teacher will inform Kids’ Church Pastor and discuss with parents/guardians after the class.

If disruptive behaviour continues to be reported to parents, the Kids’ Church Pastor will suggest a conversation with the Senior Pastor. A mutually agreeable action plan will be created to promote and encourage appropriate behaviour for future classroom experiences.

Students who continue unacceptable behaviour will experience the following (Matthew 18:16):

- A conversation with the parents to collaborate on a behaviour improvement plan. This plan may include:
 - An agreed upon expectation of the student’s future behaviour.

- Attendance during class of a parent or guardian until the student begins acting responsibly.
- A meeting with the student, parents/guardians and the teacher to ensure behavioural improvements. Teachers and/or parents/guardians may invite one of the Pastor to participate in the meeting, to understand the student's disruptive behaviour 's reason and work out a plan suitable for the student to achieve the respect atmosphere for the class. (Matthew 18:17)

Scriptural Basis for Behaviour Procedures:

Matthew 18:15-17

“If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church.”