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Village Church Children

*Each little child we welcome,
Each blessing they will bring,
God made their smiles and laughter,
God made their voices sing.*



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VILLAGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66208
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Children's Ministry Offers:



- Child-centered and interactive church school to nurture young disciples
- Caring staff of volunteers and professionals
- Special events with Christian education and fellowship components
- Leadership of children in worship as acolytes, ushers and readers
- Program of "stepping stones" or special gifts of recognition on their faith journeys
- Resources and workshops for families for the Christian nurture of their children at home



- Special offerings to learn about worship, stewardship and missions
- Hands-on outreach projects
- Outstanding NAEYC accredited preschool and KQRIS Kansas Five-Star Rating
- Quality child care and Kid's Day Out programs
- Quality daycare center for infants through pre-kindergarten (99th and Mission Road)
- Summer enrichment classes: Creations by Kids, Vacation Bible School, Kid's Day Out, Day Camp and Field Trips

Our goal is to nurture children from infancy through 6th grade in their faith experience. A staff of professionals and our volunteers come together to provide an inviting atmosphere where children can learn and grow in the love and knowledge of God.

Each child is seen as an individual who has been created by God and who is endowed with unique gifts. It is our hope to share the good news of God's love as expressed in the person of Jesus Christ with the children of Village Church.

Church School

Nursery Care is available for infants and toddlers at 8:00, 9:30, 10:45 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday mornings.

Preschool Classes for children 2-5 years. Class times are 9:30 and 11:00. The curriculum is Bible-based and is designed to make God's word relevant to our young children.

Elementary children join in: **KIDS' KINGDOM**, a workshop rotation model church school at 9:30 (Kind - 5th). Kids' Kingdom is a multiple-intelligence approach designed to meet the learning needs of every child. Bible stories are taught in five-week units through kid-friendly multimedia workshops: Creation Station, Eat Your Way Through the Bible, Who Wants to be a Bible Scholar?, Village Players, Gracious Space, Holy Rock and Rollin', Temple Tales, Kingdom.com, KKVC 27 News, Mary & Martha's Bed & Breakfast and Paradise Pictures.

CLUB V6, our church school for 6th graders at 9:30, explores what it means to be a Christian through study, community-building and service.



MORNING STARS, 10:30-12:00 noon Music and Worship for Children (age 3 years through 6th grade), will sing, enjoy a snack, and worship together in the chapel.

Weekday Ministries

Child Care is available for most of our church-sponsored programs and a Thursday Kid's Day Out Program. Our trained caregivers provide love, care, and many creative activities for the children. *Call Child Care to make reservations when you need care, or for more information at 913.671.2322.*

Village Church Preschool is a NAEYC accredited and KQRIS Kansas Five-Star rated preschool that offers a developmental program of quality education for children ages 3-5 years old. The program uses the High/Scope curriculum and is taught by Early Childhood Education/Elementary Education degreed professionals in every classroom. An extended day program is offered to those children who are enrolled in preschool. *If you would like more information, please contact the preschool office at 913.671.2338.*

Village Church Child and Family Development Center, located at our Outreach Center at 9900 Mission Road, offers quality day care that enhances the physical, social, emotional and spiritual development of each child in our care. The center is open Monday-Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and offers care for children from birth to Pre-K. *For more information, call 913.671.2312.*



Advent-Christmas-Epiphany Season

The Advent Workshop is held on the first Sunday of Advent to make preparations for the coming of the Christ child into our hearts and lives once more. The Family Christmas Eve service at 5 pm features the children's pageant and the children as worship leaders.

Lent-Easter Season

This includes activities about the season of Lent and the days of Holy Week. Families can learn about waiting, remembering and preparing for Easter. Traditions include the Palm Sunday Parade, communion education class, and the Easter Flowering of the Cross.

Special Events

Human Sexuality

This class is for 2nd and 3rd graders and for 4th and 5th graders and their parents are held in alternating years. Using the Presbyterian curriculum, "Wonderfully Made" and "Amazing Stuff," children gain an understanding of God's plan for our lives.

Other Special Events

Special Events include Children's Sabbath in October, Parents Night Out, mission projects and parent support courses offered in Village University (www.VillageU.com).

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated every other month (January, March, May, July, September, and November). An orientation class for parents is held prior to the baptism. Call 913.671.2359 to register.



Summer Activities



Summer Fun Events are planned appropriately for each age level to allow the children to become better acquainted with each other in a social setting outside the classroom.

Daytime Field Trips are planned for both younger and older elementary.

Day Camp is a week-long session for students who have completed the 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade. Held at the Heartland Presbyterian Center, Parkville, MO, the experience helps the child build relationships in a small group setting while growing in their Christian faith.

Vacation Bible School is designed to help children grow in their faith while they enjoy new friends, Bible stories, crafts, singing and games. The week is for children preschool age through grade 5, with AM and PM sessions.

Creations by Kids program offers six weeks of summer enrichment with AM and PM classes for children ages 4 years through grade 5.

Kid's Day Out runs six Wednesdays from 9:30 - 2:30 for children ages 2 - 9 years old. Each week children explore a different theme with special activities, crafts, outdoor fun and snacks in an age-appropriate setting.

Summer Church School in June, July and August, explores story, songs, crafts and games at 9:30.

