

## **Pro-Kid Policy: Children in the Service**

The worship service at BWC is designed with middle school, high school, college students and adults in mind. We believe it is a great place for adults and students to worship and learn.

*Morf'd, on the other hand, is solely designed with children in mind.* Teams of committed volunteers work hard all week long to prepare to teach children some of life's most important truths. It is our desire that kids would want to come to Morf'd, bring their friends, and take the lessons they learn into their everyday lives. **We ask that children over three months old through 5th grade not attend the worship service.**

There are three primary reasons for this policy.

1. **Content.** This service is designed for adults. We talk about what the Bible has to say about sex, parenting, cultural issues, and finances. Most children are not ready to discuss these topics the way we're going to talk about them. The message is not always appropriate for children. We don't want to do anything that would promote to children the idea that God is boring, church is irrelevant, or that Jesus is not for them.
2. **Distractions.** As a parent, if your child is in this service, you will have to devote a considerable amount of attention to helping them behave appropriately, as with anytime in public.

As your child's parent or guardian, it may not bother you to have them fidget in their seats or cry, but it will keep those around you from focusing on the message. We want everyone in the room to be able to focus on the message and participate in worship. While we obviously don't want any parent to get upset and leave the church over this, we don't want the desires of a few to outweigh the needs of many. If for any reason your infant or toddler must stay with you, we invite you to use the furniture in the lobby where the service is streaming and you can better take care of your child.

3. **Appropriate Environments.** We never want to think of children as distractions, and it's not their fault if they act out in an environment that was not designed for them. We have an excellent environment for children. We have Godly, caring adults who invest in children every week. We complete a background check on every volunteer and strive to provide training for everybody that works with children. We believe that teaching them in ways that they can understand is keeping with the spirit of Jesus and the importance He placed on children.

As a church, we will do everything we can to help guests, new parents, and everyone else be comfortable with what happens on Sunday morning. Greeters and ushers are willing to introduce parents to the Morf'd volunteers. Parents can always obtain a guest id and observe a child's class, or stay with them for the entire time. Parents are also **more than welcome to volunteer** in any Morf'd environment.

**The Pro-Kids Policy is not a rule against children being in an adult service; rather it is policy valuing the importance of kids knowing Jesus is their friend and He can relate to their everyday world.**