

Dear Parents,

Thanks for visiting today and entrusting the care of your child(ren) to Cornerstone Kids (CK) over the next hour. Your kids will be loved, protected and pointed to Jesus Christ as their chief good and hope.

Cornerstone Kids aims to build a great city through the gospel by partnering with parents to cultivate children that genuinely enjoy God, redemptively engage the city, and reach the world. Children are a blessing from God and parents are called to be His primary agents of love, protection and instruction (Dt. 6:7-9). We want to help you, not replace you.

This introductory packet will, we hope, mark the beginning of that relationship. Included herein you will find information on our philosophy of kids ministry, how volunteers are screened and trained, further resources for parents, and what you can expect your kids to learn week-to-week.

Each week, upon pick-up, you will receive a handout that describes the lesson, provides questions for discussion at home, suggested scripture memory, etc. We want to make this easy for you.

As you get acclimated, we'd love for you to consider joining the CK volunteer team. For safety purposes all volunteers must participate with Downtown Cornerstone for a minimum of three months. But, if you're interested, please let us know and we'll get the process started.

Lastly, we're always open to suggestions on how to better cultivate Jesus-loving, gospel-centered, Bible-saturated children in a challenging context (i.e. the city). Let us know if you have any great ideas.

For Jesus' Fame,



Adam Sinnett  
Lead Pastor, Downtown Cornerstone



Thanks for checking out Cornerstone Kids! We love your children and consider them a blessing from God and it is our prayer that you would deeply invest in them so that they may place their hope in God. We are committed to partnering with you to joyfully teach, show and model who God is and what He has done for us through the person and work of Christ. Moreover, it is our desire that every Cornerstone Kid may live to love Him, glorify Him and bring hope to the next generation. Below are the foundational principles that we are devoted to in order to provide excellent age-appropriate discipleship and evangelism to your children.

*“...to build a great city, through the gospel,  
for the glory of God...”*

### **Vision.**

The vision of Cornerstone Kids is to build a great city through the gospel for the Glory of God, by partnering with parents to cultivate children that genuinely enjoy God, redemptively engage the city, and reach the world.

### **Values.**

**Jesus.** We open our Bibles to learn about Jesus, the Hero of our lives, and talk about Him together.

**Gospel.** We assist parents to raise up gospel-centered kids who understand the gospel and its implications in all of life by teaching who God is and what He has done for us in Christ.

**City.** We look to bless the families outside our communities and train up servant-hearted kids that will participate in the life of our city.

**Church.** We're a diverse family brought together by the gospel, and we seek to strengthen the family through age-appropriate discipleship for kids while resourcing and equipping parents/caregivers.

**Mission.** We assist parents and caregivers as the primary disciple-makers of their kids to make disciples who take the gospel to the next generation.

**Renewal.** We work to restore and equip urban families through the work of the gospel in love to our city.

**Multipling.** We seek to multiply Jesus-following kids and families that they may bring hope to the next generation throughout the city - and world.

### **Partnership.**

We believe that God intends for parents/caretakers to be the primary instruments of discipleship in their child's life (Deut 6:6-7; Prov 22:6; Eph 6:1-4). Parents disciple and lead their children to Jesus, and we partner by encouraging and resourcing throughout the week, using Sunday gatherings to compliment and propel the disciple-making process.

#### **Q: How will I be resourced to disciple my child throughout the week?**

You will receive a take home study for each lesson to help you throughout the week. Additionally, we will provide resources and suggestions periodically on The City.

#### **Q: I need a little more help with this discipleship stuff, can you help me out?**

That is what we're here for! Please talk with us after the Sunday gathering or email us at [kids@downtowncornerstone.org](mailto:kids@downtowncornerstone.org) with any questions. We are one family in Christ, and we are here to partner with you.

## **Worship Through Song.**

We want kids to grow up setting their hope in God and expressing it in worship through song (Col 3:16). We joyfully sing songs of worship to Jesus, creating an environment where kids are free to express themselves in praise. Parents are equipped with new God-centered songs, which teach biblical truths that they can sing with their kids throughout the week to rejoice in the Lord.

### **Q: How can I lead my children in the same songs?**

We will be posting all of our songs on The City in the Cornerstone Kids group to equip parents in leading their children in song as well! If you would like a hard copy, just let us know.

## **Community.**

Children, like adults, desire community. Cornerstone Kids attempts to cultivate lifelong gospel-relationships between the adults and children who meet together on Sundays and throughout the week. Moreover, parents have the opportunity to connect and further resource each other throughout the week online through the Cornerstone Kids group on The City.

### **Q: Can I use The City to update other families on events around the city of Seattle?**

Yes! Please do, we want the online network to be a place where parents can interact!

## **Prayer.**

We want to help cultivate in the children a fervent, dependent prayer life that they might understand from a young age that God is personally invested in them and hears their every petition. Every Sunday morning, we set aside specific time for corporate prayer while volunteers also pray over each child. As a team, we are committed to praying for God to work in your family throughout the week.

### **Q: How do you implement prayer on Sundays?**

We do group prayer, where each child has the opportunity to pray for anyone and anything, which helps us see how God is working in their hearts. Plus, the volunteers are instructed to pray with each individual child for their blessing.

## **Volunteers.**

We have carefully and prayerfully chosen volunteers who are committed to faithful, accountable gospel living and can serve as role models for the children. Every volunteer has submitted to a personal interview with Cornerstone Kids leads, background check, spiritual inventory and ministry covenant. Moreover, we are committed to provide our volunteers with on-going training and resources to cultivate the best possible environment for children to grow in their faith journey.

### **Q: Can I volunteer in Cornerstone Kids?**

YES! We'd love to have you with us. However, we ask that you be in community with us for at least the past three months before you begin serving. Email [kids@downtowncornerstone.org](mailto:kids@downtowncornerstone.org) for more information.

## **Curriculum.**

Currently, we are utilizing the Gospel Project curriculum for Preschool and Younger Kids, with slight modifications to fit our context. This curriculum is viewable upon request. It is a faithful guideline in teaching children the story of Jesus chronologically through the Bible. Please feel free to ask us for more details and family resources. Learn more at [www.gospelproject.com](http://www.gospelproject.com).

## **Theological Integrity.**

All that we teach aligns with the Downtown Cornerstone Statement of Faith (available online).

## **Sundays.**

Cornerstone Kids is provided for children ages one year to six years old and opens up at 9:45 am. As you enter the Cornerstone Kids gathering space, a volunteer will be ready to help you check your child in. Our time together will consist of a brief Bible lesson, song, intentional play, Scripture memory, prayer and craft creation. When you return to pick your child up during communion or following the close of the main gathering, you will receive a handout to help you reinforce the Bible truth that we learned throughout the week.

### **Q: How do I prepare my child for Cornerstone Kids gathering?**

We suggest having an intentional conversation and praying with them about what they will be required to do in Cornerstone Kids and how they are to obey their teachers so their hearts can be prepared to hear from the Lord.

### **Q: What is the Cornerstone Kids wellness policy?**

If your child is at the height of illness or is still contagious, we ask that you keep him/her with you at home so as to protect the other little ones. Cornerstone Kids has discretion to ask a parent to keep their child with them in the main gathering.

### **Q: What should I do with my child's diaper bags, coats, drinks, etc.?**

We can guard the necessary items and you can guard the rest.

### **Q: Who can pick up my child?**

Anyone who has the receipt that matches your child's badge number that you received upon check-in may pick up your child.

### **Q: Can you change my child's diaper?**

We prefer that the parent/caregiver would change the child's diaper before or after the gathering. There is a changing pad available in the Nursing Moms' room. Let us know if your child is potty training and we'll do our best to assist you!

### **Q: When should I pick my child up afterward?**

You are welcome to pick them up for communion and family worship or at the close of the gathering.

### **Q: Can I stay in the classroom with my child?**

We prefer that you either leave your child with us or take them to the Sunday gathering, but if you feel it's appropriate for a specific Sunday or to help your child acclimate then you're welcome to stay.

### **Q: Can my child stay with me in the Sunday gathering?**

Yes! In fact, we believe the most beneficial thing for your children is to sit, listen and worship alongside their parent/caregiver. Please let us know if you would like age-appropriate resources to help you disciple your children throughout the gathering. We want to partner with you in this!

If at anytime you have additional questions or concerns, please email us at [kids@downtowncornerstone.org](mailto:kids@downtowncornerstone.org).

