

Building Blocks

Kidz Praise - Children's Church

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Our Savior, Chelsea has always offered Sunday School as part of the education hour on a Sunday morning and the ministry team and congregation work diligently to become a Biblically functioning, loving family of Christ's followers, committed to reaching people with Christ's love.

Recently, Our Savior has been faced with the changing needs of the families in the church and surrounding community. The staff found that families with children were seeking a church home that offered a children's church during the regular worship service and began asking several questions.

Is children's ministry changing in the church? Between school, sports, music, theater, scouting, and media culture, where does church fit in? How can we best reach the children in our congregation?

Instead of looking negatively at challenges, they saw the positives. Children were asking more questions about God and seemed to have a thirst to know more about Him. They looked at the facts that world around children is ever changing and that the children's ministry should remain consistent to the teaching of God's Word, but it could be creative in the deliverance. Thus a place of worship for children, called Kidz Praise, was born.

Kidz Praise is a time where children can worship and praise their creator God through music, prayer,

Bible storytelling, games and other activities in their own space. It was named using the Bible verse: "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord." Psalm 150:6. Sometimes its loud and active, sometimes it is quiet and reflective. The Kidz Praise topic fits right along with the sermon notes and theme. To help facilitate discussion at home, a children's bulletin is taken home to use as a discussion starter with parents.

At Our Savior, children are taught that worshipping God doesn't just happen at church, but every moment of every day. Our Savior children's ministry is a place where children are nurtured and encouraged in their faith, interacting with each other, and growing in their knowledge of God's Word.

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