



Nursery Age Leader Guide: Babies, Cruisers, and Toddlers

We are so grateful for your willingness to serve in CG Kids! Below you can find all the lesson information and schedule for this Sunday morning. Time frames listed are the suggested format to follow, but we realize that not all Sundays will look the same as far as how many children will arrive on time so know that you can adjust the timing of these as needed. Please note that all materials for crafts and any additional materials necessary will be provided for you and readily available in the classroom upon your arrival. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out!

Welcome & Connect Time

Welcome | Greet Parents | Get Settled: 8:45-9:00am and 10:30-10:45 (15 minutes)

Use this time to welcome children as they arrive! Introduce yourself to both the parents and the child, learn names, and help children feel welcome in their rooms. Connect Time is an easy way to help a parent/child feel included and part of the team right from the beginning. First time guests need a nursery bag tag (these are located on the table immediately outside of these classrooms) as well as the nursery notes paper. Please make sure parents of first-time guests fill these out prior to leaving their child with you in the classroom.

Childcare

Time: 9:00-10:00 and 10:45-12:00

Music: There is a tablet in the Cruisers & Toddlers classrooms available with the Spotify app that includes preapproved playlists available to use at any point throughout your service time. Use as you would like. The passwords for these tablets are 1914. There are also mini speakers in these spaces that are connected to the tablets via Bluetooth. You can take the speakers

anywhere in the classrooms that you need to. Please make sure to plug in the tablet and speaker to keep them charged for our other service hours.

Snack: Check children's nursery notes paper to see if they are allowed to have goldfish (cruisers) or if they have a bottle that has been supplied by parents that they may need at some point during your service time. This way you can use your discretion as to when might be best to offer the children a snack or feed a baby a bottle left by a parent. Always double check for any noted allergies prior to giving a child a snack (cruisers and toddlers.

Prayer: With our babies, cruisers, and toddlers, we realize the need for following a specific curriculum is not as realistic as it is for our older children. Our goal during this time is for these children to be prayed over/for while they are in your care. During this time as you rock a child or play with them take the opportunity to pray for any of the following things below...

- **The child's salvation.** Pray that they would come to know the Lord personally and that they would seek Him in all they do as they continue to grow.
- **The child's family.** Pray that the gospel would be on display in their home in a way that directs and points them back to Christ.
- **The child's parents.** Pray that the child's parents would put God in the center of their marriage and home. Pray that they would grow closer together as they draw near to the Lord in the journey of parenthood. Pray that they would find community within our Center Grove family and create lasting relationships with other couples walking through similar seasons of life.
- **The child's health.** Pray that God would be with them throughout every season of their life and protect their physical and mental health. Pray that the Lord would equip them with the gospel truths so that no matter the obstacles they face physically or mentally that they would seek and find their hope in Christ and in His word.

Room Refresh & Clean Up

Room Reset: (5 minutes) You're welcome to keep a few key items out for children to play with while they wait for their parents to arrive. Our goal in building this into our Sunday morning routine/schedule is to ensure that our classrooms are refreshed and ready either for the next service or to close out our Sunday morning. We want to encourage and teach our little ones how to take care of the church and instill that value in their lives. This will also help our weekday volunteers in preparing the rooms for the next Sunday.

Pick Up Time

Time: 10:10-10:20 12:00-12:10 (10 minutes)

During this time children may play with toys that are not already put away in and around the room until their parents arrive to pick them up. Once all children have left, please make sure to collect and put back any of the items that are left out. We are so appreciative of all you do!