



CHILDCARE GUIDELINES & FAQ

The One Step ministry is blessed to be able to offer childcare during our weekly gatherings. To ensure that environment remains both safe and fun, we ask that all families and volunteers follow the guidelines we have set forth below. If you have questions or concerns about any of these guidelines, please reach out to Pastor Kevin or Mary Grace.

GUIDELINES

- Childcare is available for preschool through middle school aged children (approx. 6 months to 14 years of age)
- Childcare is available exclusively for children whose parent(s)/legal guardian(s) attend One Step
- Infants under 6 months of age are welcome to sit in on both the sermon and small group with their parent(s). Additionally, private spaces are available for nursing mothers as needed.
- When dropping children off, we request that parents/legal guardians notify the childcare team in advance if a different parent/legal guardian will be picking them up.
- Parents/legal guardians must remain on the church campus while their child(ren) is in childcare
- High school students aged 14 years and older are welcome to join the childcare team as junior volunteers following their successful completion of the Apex Baptist Church NextGen Ministries [volunteer sign-up request](#)
- All male volunteers regardless of age and all female volunteers under the age of 18 are prohibited from accompanying children to the bathroom or changing diapers
- Individuals attending One Step who do not bring a child with them are prohibited from accessing the childcare areas
- We recognize that all children have unique temperaments and behavioral needs and will make every effort to accommodate them; however, if a child exhibits a behavior or pattern of behaviors that is inappropriate, disruptive, or dangerous to themselves, other children, and/or volunteers, they will no longer be permitted to attend One Step.

FAQ

- **How many volunteers serve in childcare each week? What are the qualifications for volunteers?**
At least three adults (18 years or older) serve every Thursday night. As is true of all groups and activities held on the church campus, childcare volunteers are required to submit to a background check prior to serving.
- **Where is childcare located?**
Children can be dropped off as early as 6:20pm in Room 224 near the Fellowship Hall where One Step meets. Usually, the childcare group is also able to use the gymnasium on the first floor for the second half of our gathering time. We ask that at least one parent pick their child(ren) up promptly at the conclusion of small groups at 8:30pm.
- **What if my child needs me during small group?**
If a child becomes upset or otherwise needs their parent, the childcare team will text the small group leader to notify the parent immediately.