

Dear Calvary Kids Families,

Welcome back! It has been way too long since we have been together as a church family and we miss seeing you and your kids. We understand that some of you are not ready to join us in person yet and that is ok, we have some great online options for you as well. However, for those who are ready, we will begin gathering in person starting on September 13 for a newly reimagined Calvary Kids program. Please keep reading for more exciting details.

As a NextGen team, we are committed to providing a program that supports your kids in their faith journey. We believe that every child should know that they are loved, they belong, and they are not alone. As kids are engaging with their faith journey, we believe that relationships with adult leaders and peers are crucial, and provide a space for authentic faith development. This emphasis on relationships has informed our decisions as a team and are continuing to inform the decisions we are making in response to COVID-19. That being said, we have decided to put a significant emphasis on small groups this fall in order to continue to provide a safe space for your kids to grow in their relationship with Jesus and process the world around them.

We know that this season is bringing up a lot of questions, and we hope that we can answer through them by providing you with our fall strategy for children's ministry at Calvary!

### **Programming details**

With the health and safety of our kids and families in mind, we have chosen to move toward an intentionally small group experience and are putting our weekly large group on hold. Calvary Kids programming will be available during our 9:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. modern worship services. There will also be weekly online music, Bible lessons, and wrap-up posted on the Calvary Kids Facebook page each Monday. This will all begin on Sunday, September 13.

### **Registration/Interest form**

- All families need to register for Calvary Kids on the website at [calvary.org/nextgen](http://calvary.org/nextgen) or [register now here>>](#) By registering you help us be better prepared for the number of kids we should expect.

### **Drop off**

- Please enter through the North Entrance and come stand on one of the Calvary Kids logo stickers on the floor.

- Your kids will be checked in by one of our friendly Guest Experience staff.
- Once checked-in kids will head downstairs to their classroom. Parents will not be allowed downstairs to help with social distancing.
- We will have friendly Guest Experience staff all along the way to make sure your kids find their classroom.

### **During Class**

- Once in their classrooms, kids will stop at the hand sanitizer station.
- All teachers will be masked
- All elementary children will be required to wear a mask, preschool and kindergarten are not required to wear a mask.
- Each classroom will have no more than 8 students and two teachers and each class will also have their own designated restroom.
- Each hour of Calvary Kids will have their own classroom supplies.
- We will not be enforcing social distancing in the classrooms.
- All classrooms will be sanitized after each class time.

### **Pick-up**

- Parents will return to the same dots where they waited for drop off.
- Parents will show the Guest Experience person their ticket they received at check-in.
- Then the Guest Experience team will radio to the kid's classroom and have them sent upstairs for pick-up.
- Once all of your kids are upstairs, we ask that you leave the building and not hang out, so we can sanitize the space for the next service.

We are excited about the opportunities this fall will bring, and we can't wait to see the ways that God works at Calvary Kids this fall. We understand that everyone is coming from a different place during this season and that each family will have a different opinion and comfort level when it comes to safety measures for COVID-19. If your family does not feel comfortable with the safety measures we are taking for in-person programming, want to invite you to continue investing in your kid's faith journey by tuning in each Monday morning on the Calvary Kids Facebook page. If you have any questions please feel free to email us at [jroton@calvary.org](mailto:jroton@calvary.org) or [smork@calvary.org](mailto:smork@calvary.org). We look forward to seeing you soon!

Blessings,  
The NextGen Team