



## Welcome Children!

To the parents of small children, may we suggest...

- Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.
- Sit toward the front where it's easier for them to see and hear.
- Quietly explain the parts of the service. Kids are curious!
- Sing the songs, pray, and say the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.
- If you need to leave the service with your child, please feel free to do so, but please come back.
- Remember that the way we welcome children in the church directly affects the way they respond to the church, to God, and to Jesus. Let them know that they are at home in this worship setting.

To our members who have grown children...

A smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small, active children.

*"Let the little children come to me for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."* Matthew 19:14