

## **Membership Commitments**

## Children's Ministry (TGKids)

Our Children's Ministry (TGKids) makes several commitments to our members & guests:

- 1. We are committed to supporting parents in their God-given privilege and responsibility to raising their children in the Lord (Eph. 6:4). Parents are given specific grace to lead and train their children in the gospel and the things of God. Our guiding principle in TGKids, therefore, is to support and encourage the efforts of parents in leading and teaching their children, while enabling the parents to be undistracted in worshipping God and hearing the Word of God preached.
- 2. We are committed to helping children read and learn from the whole Bible. We choose curriculum that is biblically rich and age appropriate.
- 3. We are committed to take every reasonable precaution to keep children safe while they are in our care.

Each volunteer is required to:

- Be a member of Trinity Grace Church.
- Have a clear criminal background check.
- Complete the Children's Ministry Application.
- Complete MinistrySafe's child safety course.
- Complete pastoral interview.

We commit to the following policies:

- No adult or youth volunteer is ever left alone with a child.
- No youth may serve in TGKids without direct supervision of approved adults.
- Only female CM workers (if requested by the parent or legal guardian) or the child's parents or legal guardian can change diapers.
- Only female CM workers (if requested by the parent or legal guardian) are permitted to assist children in the restroom.
- A minimum of two volunteers are with the children at all times (at least 1 adult being a female).
- Releasing children only to those who produce badges/tags that correspond to the child being released, in order to ensure that only approved adults check out the children.

- 4. We are committed to providing a clean and healthy environment for our children. To do so, we enforce several policies:
  - We clean and sanitize toys, tables, and chairs.
  - Our sick policy states that no child who has had fever (Temp. >100.4 degrees Fahrenheit), diarrhea, colored nasal drainage or vomiting 24 hours before being dropped off for TGKids should be allowed into class. We also ask the same of volunteers who serve in TGKids, that they would find a substitute if they or their children show any of the above symptoms.