



kidsconnection

ELEMENTARY KIDS WINTER 2011

It's time for the **CHRISTMAS SHOP OF WONDERS!** Keep reading to learn more about what is happening this winter for kids in K-5th grade.

9:00 KIDS' WORSHIP

At 9:00 the elementary kids in K-5th grade gather together for a worship experience just for them upstairs in the connection zone. This multi-media service, led by Amy and Chad Jagger and team, includes worship, prayer, and lessons as we see what God has "in store" for us as we "shop around" the story of the birth of Jesus and "line up" to learn the Christmas story like we've never learned before.

Priority will be given to connecting God's Holy Word to our lives at home, at school, and play.

9:00 VIPs - **Very Important Points** are procedures that have been established to keep the elementary ministry a well-organized place where children have fun in a safe and loving environment. When we all—kids, parents, and children's ministry staff—follow the VIPs, the energy and focus will stay on connecting kids to God and to each other.

- ◆ Please send your child to the bathroom before he or she goes up to the connection zone.
- ◆ Please enter the connection zone from the gym stairway. This allows children to be greeted when they enter and prevents late children from entering at the front of the room and distracting the service.
- ◆ Check in will be in the gym, right outside the door to the connection zone. Each child needs to stop and check in by pulling his or her attendance card and placing it in the

attendance card basket. Please do this with your younger child until you know for sure that he or she can locate his or her attendance card and turn it in.

- ◆ There will be a greeter to assist guests with check in. When you bring guests of any kind—visitors, friends, or cousins—please see that an adult comes with them to the check in area. Each child is special and we want to gather necessary information to care for and follow up with that child.
- ◆ Kids' worship is designed as a service, so please do not return to pick up children before it concludes. If you arrive to pick up prior to 10:00, please wait quietly at the back of the room until Amy is finished.
- ◆ If your child is not staying for the 2nd service, please return to the connection zone for pick up before 10:15. Children must be "claimed" by an adult or youth family member upstairs in the connection zone. If you are not physically able to climb the stairs, please notify the greeter at check in and the volunteers upstairs will watch for you to return to the bottom of the stairs and send your child down to you.
- ◆ Children still in our care at 10:15 will be transported as a group to their classrooms for the 10:30 hour. Children will not be allowed to leave kids' worship to meet you or find you in or out of the building.



WINTER SCHEDULE

November 6

I can have courage because God has a plan!

November 13

I will encourage others!

November 20

I will be loyal to people who are loyal to God!

November 27

I can have joy and share it with others!

December 4

I will be patient!

December 11

Christmas is about Jesus; it is not about me!

December 18

I will honor Jesus by giving my best!

December 25

CELEBRATE THE BIRTHDAY BOY! Elementary students will join their families for one worship service at 10:30 am.

January 1

Glow into a New Year—Lots of glow in the dark fun as we prepare to be a light for Jesus in 2012! One Kids' Worship service at 10:30 am.

10:30 GRADE BY GRADE GROUPS

At 10:30 the fun continues as the kids break down into grade levels and meet in classrooms for activities to help them delve deeper into the richness of God's Word. The kids will get into the Bible, as well as participate in games and hands-on activities.

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- ◆ If you are arriving for the 10:30 hour, please drop off after 10:15 in the classrooms.

Each classroom is identified by a sign hanging outside the door. Check the map below for classroom locations.

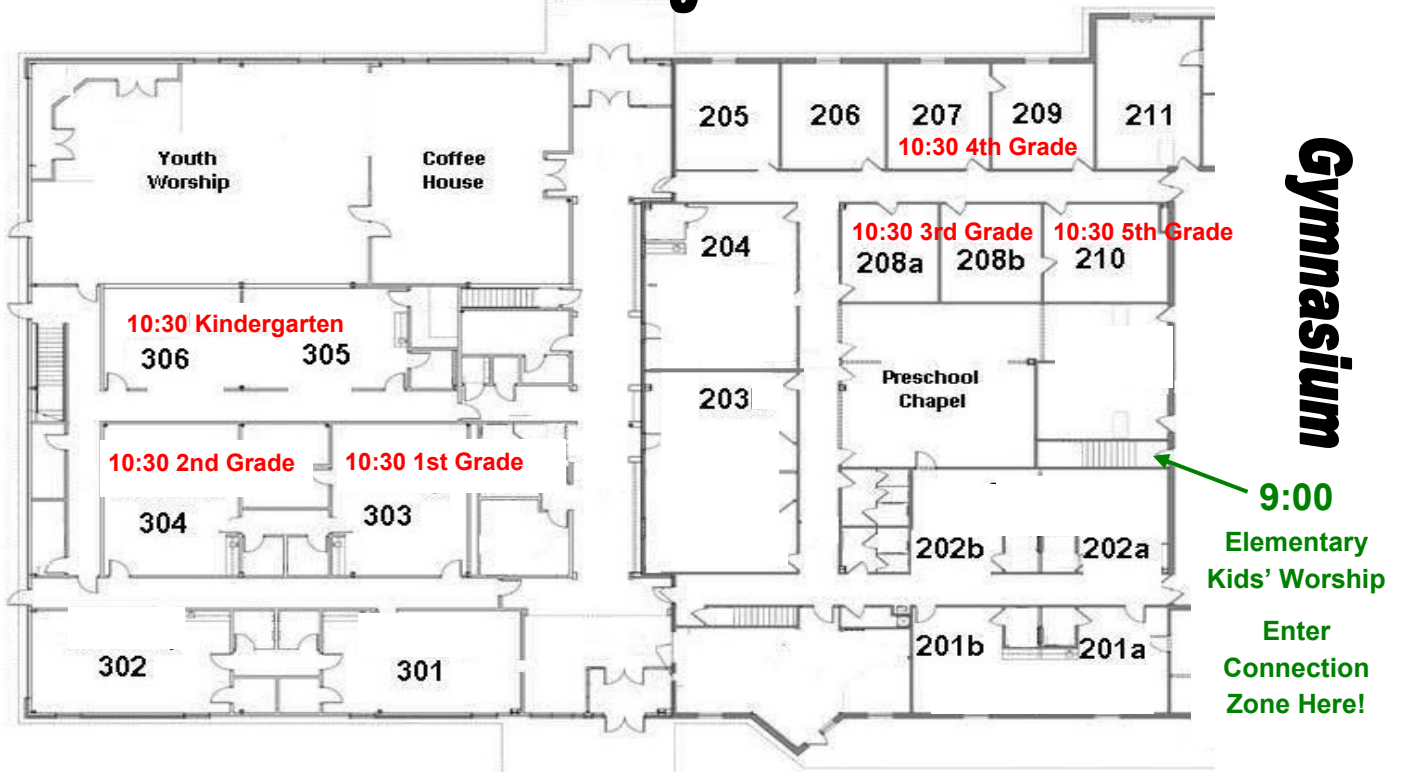
- ◆ When you bring guests of any kind—visitors, friends, or cousins—please see that an adult comes with them to the classroom to check in. Each child is special and we want to gather necessary information to care for and follow up with that child.
- ◆ Classroom teachers begin activities at the beginning of the service hour. Please do your best to arrive by 10:30 so your child doesn't miss out on any of the fun and feels like part of the group from the start!

- ◆ Please return promptly at the conclusion of the worship service to pick up your child. Check the map below for classroom locations.
- ◆ If you're in a small group during the 10:30 hour, please be aware of the time. A late child in one area often holds up a volunteer from picking up their own child in another area. Please pick up your kids, but then feel free to connect with others in the building for as long as you wish.



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Children's and Youth Wing



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