



Welcome to “Together with Jesus!” This session is planned with the unique needs of infants, toddlers and their parents in mind. Each Sunday, from 9:30-10:15 parents and their very young children come together to learn, explore, experiment and grow in every way: physically, emotionally, intellectually, socially and most of all, spiritually. This time is meant to help support parents in their role as faith mentors to their children from infancy through age 2.

Our children’s faith development begins in the waters of Holy Baptism through the power of the Holy Spirit. Watching a child’s faith grow is as exciting as watching their first steps! Infants and toddlers are constantly learning. They learn about God through their relationships with adults and their environment. They reach out actively exploring God’s world with all their senses. Everything is new and fascinating! What better time to start nurturing the seeds of faith planted in baptism? Jesus himself knew the importance of cultivating the faith of very young children.

- *People were also bringing babies to Jesus to have him touch them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. But Jesus called the children to him and said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” (Luke 18:15-16)*
- *He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them. “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me.” (Mark 9:36-37a)*

Session Outline

Infants and toddlers make sense of their world through actively engaging in sensory experiences. A variety of thematic activities are planned weekly to help children and their parents discover the joy of celebrating faith together. *(All plans are flexible and sensitive to the needs of the children at all times.)* A weekly activity sheet is sent home to give busy parents an opportunity to build upon the theme as they talk, sing and play with their children during the week.



Exploring Together

(15-20 minutes)

Play Dough Center (Toddlers)
Housekeeping Center (Toddlers)
Art Center (Toddlers)
Floor/Lap Time (Infants)

Gathering Together

(5-10 minutes)

Praising Together (Music, movement, finger plays)
Worshiping Together (Faith Nurture)
Praying Together

Caring and Sharing

(10 minutes)

Parenting Discussion
Support and Encouragement
Snacks

Saying Good-bye

Closing Songs
Closing Prayer
Fellowship Time

Children's Ministry Vision Statement

We envision **Messiah** as a place where children are nurtured and equipped to be fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ!

"Building God's church so all people may grow in Christ"

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