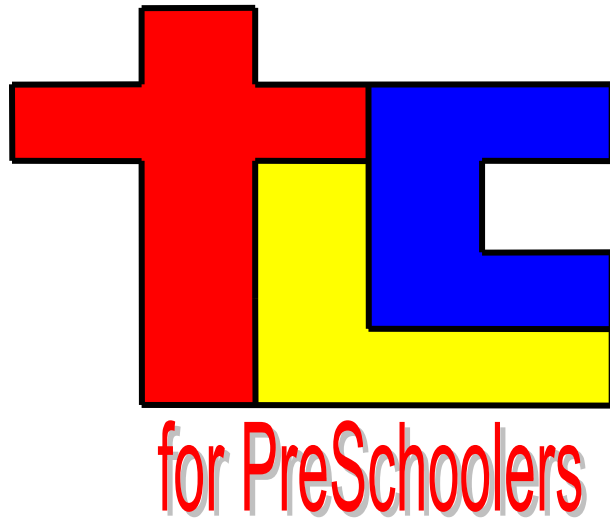


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Tabernacle Learning Center for Preschoolers  
2008-2009  
Parent Handbook



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## Dear Parents,

We are happy to welcome you and your child to Tabernacle Learning Center for Preschoolers! Our staff has attended NC Baptist Weekday Education Ministry workshops this summer and we are all excited about putting those new great ideas to work in the education and uplifting of your children. Please read this handbook and keep it for reference throughout the school year. As you will note, there is a page inserted to be signed and returned to me. This signed document is to let me know that all parents, in fact, received a handbook, read it, and agree to follow the policies included. Please return this ASAP. We have a loving and dedicated staff that will hold your child in the highest regard. We love your children just as our own and you may rest assured that your child's safety, self-confidence, and independence are paramount at our preschool. Thank you for allowing us to share in your child's spiritual, intellectual, emotional and social growth during this crucial developmental stage.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

**TLC for Preschoolers is a weekday morning program that provides a happy, loving Christian atmosphere where the children have an opportunity to socialize with other children and to learn about God, Jesus, and their world in a child initiated environment in an effort to fulfill Jesus' calling to "let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."**

**TLC for Preschoolers believes that children learn best and are better prepared for future educational experiences if involved in a child initiated, learn through play environment. Children will be introduced to Christian stories and beliefs and activities to learn about God's world and how they are God's children. Children will also be introduced to other activities that will allow them to explore their world, how it works, and how they fit in to it.**

### **Director's Phone Number:**

**Stephanie VanDerHyde:**

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## MEET OUR STAFF

**Stephanie VanDerHyde** (Director) Stephanie has an Associates degree in Secretarial Science and was a Teacher Assistant for Wake County Public School System for 3 years. She has taught Sunday School, VBS, Preschool Choir and Preschool for 10 years. She loves children and watching them learn. This is her fifth year with TLC for Preschoolers. She is married with 2 children, Stacey (15) and Spencer (13). Stephanie's hobbies are reading, talking to her friends, eating and shopping.

**Robin Dolin** (2 year old Teacher) Robin has substituted at Asbury Methodist Church and loves children. She is married and has a daughter that is 8 years old. She has 2 dogs and 2 cats.

**Cindy Halbert** (2 year old Teacher Assistant) Cindy has taught preschool 2 years. She is married and has a daughter, Brittany, 14.

**Wendy Truckenbrod** (3 year old Teacher) Wendy is married and has a daughter, Emma that is 2 years old. She loves children. She has lived in Raleigh 3 years.

**Marshall Epperson** (3 year old Teacher Assistant) Marshall has taught 3 year old preschool for six years in Georgia. This is her second year with TLC for Preschoolers. She loves children and watching them grow. She moved to Raleigh in 2004 to help take care of her 88 year-old mother. She has a 24 year- old daughter and 2 granddaughters. She enjoys reading and walking around the lake.

**Carmen Roberts** (3 year old Teacher) Carmen is married and has two children, Sophie (4) and John (2). She has a degree in Education. She loves children and watching them learn.

**Mike Kral** (3 yr-old Teacher Assistant) Mike taught in the Wake County Public School System for 32 years. He is married and has a son that is 31 years old. He likes metal detecting, interacting with animals, watching old western movies, and children. This is his third year with TLC for preschoolers. He is an active member of Tabernacle Baptist Church.

**Scarlett Dalrymple** ( 4 year old Teacher) Scarlett has taught children since she was a child herself. She taught high school science for 9 years. She has taught at TLC for preschoolers for 2 years and Sunday school for 5 years and High School for 9 years. She is married and has 3 children, Amy (15), Dani (5) and AJ (3). She is also a Mary Kay consultant.

**Judy Casteen** (4 yr-old Teacher Assistant) Judy has taught Sunday School and VBS for thirty years. She is married and has 3 grown children. This is her third year with TLC for preschoolers and she also works for Homewood Nursery. She loves crafts, plants and children. She is an active member of Tabernacle Baptist Church.

**Beth Lucas** (4 yr-old Teacher) Beth has a degree in Office Administration from Lamar University in Texas. This is her fourth year with TLC for preschoolers. She is married and has 2 children ages 7 and 6, Megan and Lee Ann. She is a sports fanatic. She is a member of Pleasant Grove Methodist Church and is a first grade Sunday School teacher.

**Mary Lou** (4 yr-old Teacher Assistant) Mary Lou has a degree in Graphic Arts. She loves children. She is married and has 2 children, Matthew (3) and Nicholas (8). This is her second year with TLC for preschoolers. She teaches Sunday School and is a member of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church.

**Lenore Gaier** (4 yr-old Teacher) Lenore has a BS degree in Civil Engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology. She is married and has 3 children, Evan (4), Carl (7), and Keith (10). This is her second year with TLC for preschoolers. She is a member of St. Francis of the Assisi and teaches Sunday School there.

**Becky Lincoln** (4 yr-old Teacher Assistant) Becky loves children. She has helped in the children's ministry in many churches over the years. She is married and has four children. She home schools two of her middle school daughters.

## BASIC PROGRAM FACTS

**What:** A pre-kindergarten program.

**Ages:** Children 2,3 or 4 years of age on or before October 16th.

**Mailing address:** Tabernacle Baptist Church  
Tabernacle Learning Center for Preschoolers  
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**DAYS:** For age 2: Monday and Wednesday (or)  
Tuesday and Thursday  
For age 3: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (or)  
Monday and Wednesday (or)  
Tuesday and Thursday (or)  
Monday thru Thursday  
For age 4: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (or)  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

**HOURS OF OPERATION:** 9:30 am – 1:00 pm

**Lunch:** 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm (Bring from home)

**COST:** 2-day Program - \$160/month  
3-day Program - \$220/month  
4-day Program - \$250/month

\*There is also a one-time **non-refundable** registration fee equal to one month's tuition, and the first month's tuition, due at the time of registration. This fee pays for supplies for your child and guarantees enrollment for the year and is not negotiable or pro-ratable.

### FINANCIAL TERMS:

- \* Tuition is due on the first class day of each month, starting in September.
- \* Tuition payments reflect an annual fee paid monthly, and are not adjustable for days missed due to illness, weather-related closing, holidays, or vacations.
- \* Tabernacle Learning Center for Preschoolers accepts checks or money orders. **No cash or credit cards will be accepted.**
- \* Make checks payable to Tabernacle Learning Center for Preschoolers.
- \* All payments should be placed in the preschool drop box. Please do not attempt to hand payments to the Director or anyone else during dropoff or pickup.
- \* Please include your child's name on your payment.

## BASIC PROGRAM FACTS

**LATE FEE:** There is a \$10 late charge applied every day that the tuition payment is received after the 10th of the month. If you are 30 days or more overdue in tuition, your child will be removed from the program.

**RETURNED CHECKS:** There is a \$25.00 charge for returned checks.

**OPTIONAL EXPENSES:** Photos, T-shirts, Field Trips, Book Fair, Graduation Cap and Gown (4 year olds), Scholastic Book Orders.

**WITHDRAWALS:** When a child withdraws from the program during a school year, a thirty day written notice is required. If a thirty-day notice is given and if the vacant slot is filled, the tuition will be prorated and refunded. If a thirty day notice is not given, the tuition will not be refunded. The registration fee is not refundable.

**DISMISSALS:** TLC for preschoolers reserves the right to dismiss a child for non-payment or for reasons resulting from a child's physical condition or inability to adjust to group experiences.

**LATE PICK-UP FEES:** Children are released at 1:00 p.m. daily. **NO SUPERVISION IS AVAILABLE AFTER 1:15 P.M. Because we value our teachers' time, there is a \$5 per minute fee for every minute you are late.** For the safety and emotional security of your child, please arrive on time for afternoon pick-up.

## ARRIVAL

- \* Children will begin being admitted at 9:30 a.m. The time prior to this is for staff prayer, teacher and room preparation. *Please respect this time and do not walk your child into the building before 9:30 a.m.*
- \* All children will enter the building from the front or the back entrance of the building. Please park in the parking lot and *not in the circle or in the Emergency Vehicle Zone*. Teachers will be waiting in their classrooms to greet the children.
- \* It is important that your child arrive on time each morning. Time is precious to your child's learning. We do not want he/she to miss any planned activities. This will help your child to adjust more quickly to the routine and develop a habit that will carry into formal school years.
- \* If you should arrive after 9:45 a.m., you must first check in to the preschool office with the Director, who will then escort your child to his/her classroom. Parents will not be allowed to drop children off in their classrooms after 9:45 a.m. **DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO WALK INTO THE BUILDING ALONE.**
- \* When arriving with your child **Please SIGN IN on the SIGN IN LOG and when you pick your child up Please SIGN OUT on the SIGN OUT LOG.** It is important that the children be on time. The children should be brought to their classroom and picked up from their classroom. Please let the teacher know if you need to pick up your child early. If another person is picking up your child, the teachers will need a WRITTEN note and the person must provide a driver's license so that the teachers can verify the parent's note.

## DEPARTURE

- \* Please park in the parking lot, walk in and pickup your child at 1:00 p.m. from your child's classroom.
- \* You must inform the Director or teacher *in advance* if anyone other than a parent/guardian, or usual babysitter will be picking up your child. Identification will be required.
- \* Children will be allowed to dismiss from the classroom at 1:00 p.m. Late arrival of a parent can cause insecurities and anxieties in young children, and will result in a \$5.00 supervision fee per minute that you are late.

## SNACKS

\* Parents provide snacks for their child's class on an alternating basis. **Please do not misplace your snack schedule.**

- Nutrition is important. We request simple, healthy snacks. Such as: crackers, cheese, vegetable sticks, fruit.

Please send enough food for all 8 children in your child's class.

\* Do Not send peanuts, candy, or popcorn, as these present choking hazards and WILL NOT be served. ***We no longer serve peanut butter due to severe allergies in some of our students.*** We do not serve greasy items such as chips.

\* DO NOT send juice or juice boxes, as we furnish apple juice and water with each of our snacks.

\* Label all snacks and containers with your child's name, your child's teacher, and class days.

\* Cups and napkins will be furnished by the preschool.

\* BIRTHDAYS: You may choose to send cupcakes, cake squares, decorative cups and napkins, simple snack items, favorite drinks, etc. Ice cream must be in individual cups with spoons.

## **Snack Suggestions:**

### **Recommended:**

- \* Any fruit (whole bananas, sliced grapes, sliced apples, oranges, etc.)
- \* Cheese cubes, string cheese, or sliced cheese with crackers
- \* Pretzels, Cheese Nips Crackers, Cheese Straws Crackers, Goldfish Crackers, etc.
- \* Animal Crackers, vanilla wafers, butter cookies, etc.
- \* Cupcakes are fine occasionally, or for birthdays.
- \* Individual fruit snacks (Fruit roll-ups, etc.)

*Be creative!*

### **NOT Recommended:**

- \* Jello cups or pudding cups
- \* Any kind of squeeze-packs (Go-Gurt, for example)
- \* Messy/Greasy chip-type snacks (such as Cheetos or Doritos)
- \* Brownies, Chocolates, Li'l Debbie Snack Cakes, Sandwich Cookies (such as Oreos)
- \* Variety packs of anything - young children generally like to have the same snack as their peers.
- \* Unsealed/used boxes of anything.

## **LUNCH**

Parents of **all** Children will bring their own clearly labeled lunches and participate in a time of supervised lunch and play until 1:00 p.m.

## **YOU CAN HELP BY...**

- \* Volunteering in your child's classroom. This year we have a new volunteer policy. We have a form inserted in this handbook. If you would like to volunteer at any capacity in our classroom we would love to have you. We just would like to have a record on file of your time. Return this form to me prior to your time in the classroom. There will be a sign-in/out sheet in my office to record this information.
- \* Contacting your child's teacher or the Director with your praises, suggestions, or questions.
- \* **PUTTING YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON ALL PERSONAL BELONGINGS.** This includes backpacks, lunchboxes, coats/sweaters, snacks, show & tell items, etc.
- \* Dressing your child in clothes that are appropriate for the weather, that can become soiled, and that encourage your child's independence. Select shoes that can be firmly fastened or tied. (Be prepared for sand in your child's shoes from the playground!)
- \* Keeping current phone numbers, addresses and email address on file with the preschool office.
- \* Notifying the preschool if your child will be leaving with anyone other than his/her parents. **IDENTIFICATION WILL BE REQUIRED.**
- \* Providing your child with a book bag and checking it daily for notes, the TLC newsletter, beautiful artwork, and important notices. This will be our main mode of communication with you.
- \* Signing up to help with special occasions such as seasonal class parties, field trips, book fair, or end of year party.
- \* Phoning the preschool office when your child will miss preschool due to illness, family emergency, or travel.

## SICK POLICY

Children should not come to preschool if any of the following symptoms exist:

- \* Fever (must be free of fever for 24 hours without any fever-reducing medicine before returning to school)
- \* Vomiting and/or diarrhea
- \* Any symptoms of usual childhood diseases: (scarlet fever, German measles, mumps, chicken pox, whooping cough, etc.)
- \* Common cold
- \* Sore throat
- \* Croup or any bark-like cough
- \* Any unexplained rash
- \* Any skin infection (boil, ringworm, impetigo, etc.)
- \* Pink eye or other contagious eye infections
- \* Runny nose when not runny clear (i.e., yellowish-green)

If you suspect your child may be getting sick, please do not take the risk of sending him/her to preschool. We will not hesitate to send home any child who might be at risk of contaminating other children or staff with an illness.

**Always check with your child's teacher when your child is absent to see if you missed any important correspondence.**

## **FIELD TRIP POLICY**

**Field trips may be scheduled for your class. Teachers will pick appropriate locations for field trips. All trips are scheduled and approved through the program director. Parents must complete the field trip emergency form and sign the permission section of the registration form before a child is permitted to take a field trip. Parents are needed to assist the teachers in transportation and supervision of children. All children must be in a child safety seat provided by the child's parents. No child will be permitted to ride in a car without an approved safety seat. There are NO EXCEPTIONS. All planned field trips are in your parent calendar. You may car pool with another parent if you would like to. You will need to do this on your own.**

**There will be a field trip in October to one of our farms in the area and one field trip at the end of the year to Pump It Up. If you would like to volunteer as a helper for a field trip, please let your child's teacher know.**

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

- \* Since we are located in Wake County, the preschool will close when Wake County Public School Systems close. Tune in to widely used radio or television stations for information.**
  
- \* If Wake County schools open late (ONE HOUR DELAY), the preschool will open ONE HOUR late (10:30 a.m.). If TWO- HOUR DELAY, the preschool will be closed. The first two school closings will not be made up. After the third closing, tuition will be refunded for those days missed. A letter will be sent home to parents disclosing the next month's tuition with the refund calculated. If Wake County dismisses school early due to inclement weather, then parents are expected to pick up their children at the earliest time that Wake County Schools are closing.**
  
- \* If threatening weather begins after Preschool opens, please return as soon as possible for your child. The Director reserves the right to close the preschool without notice if weather becomes threatening. We will make every effort to contact you in this scenario, so please remain close by a phone on questionable weather days, and be prepared to return for your child quickly.**
  
- \* The Director will excuse without make-up three (3) class days missed due to inclement weather.**

## **SAFETY PROCEDURES**

- \* All TLC for Preschoolers Employees are certified in CPR and basic First Aid**
- \* If your child should sustain a minor injury at preschool, we will clean and bandage the wound, document the accident and put a copy of that form in your child's book bag. Trust that we will call you if your child is seriously hurt.**
- \* TLC will conduct at least one fire drill annually. The fire alarm will sound briefly and the children will be escorted quickly and calmly to a safe outside location. Children will be supervised at all times and headcounts will be conducted prior to evacuation and re-entrance to the building.**
- \* The preschool playground will remain open for anyone that would like to play before and after school. For insurance and liability purposes, remember to ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK.**
- \* The preschool office and teacher must be notified if anyone other than a parent or guardian will be picking up a child from preschool. Identification will be checked.**
- \* Each child will show proof of immunization by having a licensed physician fill out a health form prior to enrollment. If a child is behind in their shots, a written note from the doctor must accompany the health form. This must include a schedule of how the shots will be administered in order to be in compliance. If a child receives a DT rather than a DTP shot, the doctor must provide a reason for the change. This information must be kept in the child's folder prior to starting the program.**

## **PROJECT ENLIGHTENMENT**

**Project Enlightenment is a comprehensive preschool mental health program within the Wake County Public School System. Project Enlightenment works with children from birth through kindergarten, their parents, and teachers about the developmental and emotional growth of their child. Their services include:**

- \* Parent and teacher workshops**
- \* Parent and family consultation and counseling**
- \* School consultation: A service for teachers which focuses on individual children and program issues.**
- \* TALKline: A professional staff member from Project Enlightenment will talk with you about your questions, problems, and concerns regarding your child. Open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9:00-10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Call (919)856-7800.**

**If you have concerns about your child's development (social, academic, behavioral, or otherwise) a consultant from Project Enlightenment can come to the Preschool at your request. This can be scheduled with the Preschool Director, If you would like to visit Project Enlightenment for testing, such as speech or hearing, call the Screening Coordinator at (919)856-7781.**

## **OTHER INFO**

### **TLC for Preschoolers Early Education Committee**

**Tabernacle Baptist Church asks volunteers to serve on this committee who bring to the task experience in the following areas: child development, teaching, business and finance, counseling, social work, and church representation. Ex-officio members include the Church Education Minister, and the Preschool Director. This committee meets monthly to maintain a level of communication between church and preschool, and to help develop and maintain policies, procedures, and changes, as deemed necessary.**

## **GREIVANCES**

**If you have a grievance relating to the class room you should notify your child's teacher. If the matter cannot be settled between teacher and parent then the parent should inform the Preschool Director. If the matter is still not resolved, you may speak with the Church Pastor. Any questions or concerns relating to policies, procedures, or financial issues should be discussed solely with the Preschool Director.**

## **PRESCHOOLER BASICS**

### **PRESCHOOLERS ARE:**

- \* **CREATIVE** in order to express themselves.
- \* **CURIOUS** about everything - eager to learn.
- \* **IMAGINATIVE** - expressing what is uppermost in their minds as they play
- \* **IMITATIVE** as they step into roles of other people, animals, or objects.
- \* **ACTIVE!**
- \* **LITERAL-MINDED** in their interpretation of words; thinking in terms of what they have seen and experienced.
- \* **SENSITIVE** to their emotional environments.

### **PRESCHOOLERS LEARN:**

- \* **THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS** with parents, teachers and other children.
- \* **BY DOING** and experiencing first-hand.
- \* **THROUGH THE SENSES:** touching, tasting, hearing, feeling, smelling.
- \* **THROUGH REPITITION;** practicing new skills over and over.
- \* **THROUGH SATISFACTION** as they experience success.
- \* **THROUGH PLAY**-the work of a child!

## **PRESCHOOLER BASICS**

### **PRESCHOOLERS NEED:**

- \* **LOVE-unconditionally.**
- \* **ACCEPTANCE to feel respected.**
- \* **TRUST that is developed by adults meeting needs promptly.**
- \* **SECURITY provided through consistency and familiarity.**
- \* **INDEPENDENCE to choose among appropriate options and discover his/her unique gifts.**
- \* **GUIDANCE that patiently and lovingly teaches what is acceptable and unacceptable.**

## **TEACHING THROUGH ACTIVITIES**

Since preschoolers are active learners, our staff seeks to provide a variety of large and small group activities that encourage growth in all developmental areas. Some of the activities that preschoolers will have opportunities to choose from include:

- **BLOCKS**-These are transformed into whatever the child imagines. As preschoolers build with blocks, they have many opportunities to think, plan work together, solve problems, take turns, be patient, and be helpful.
- **BOOKS**-A preschooler enjoys books about things he has experienced. Through listening to books being read, a child becomes more aware of himself and others. Sharing a book with a friend can provide feelings of security and belonging. The book area can also provide quiet times of reflection.
- **NATURE MATERIALS**-Preschoolers learn through firsthand, sensory experiences. These experiences help the child become more aware of the world around him and to appreciate and learn to care for his world.
- **MUSIC**-This has a natural appeal that draws a child to participate. Through this participation the child learns vocabulary, concepts, motor skills, and social behavior.
- **PUZZLES**-These present difficulties to be solved through mental ingenuity, patience, and physical coordination. They offer opportunities for preschoolers to recognize, associate, match, classify, and accept responsibility.
- **ART**-A child uses creative materials to express himself, not to make pictures. Preschoolers enjoy many satisfying experiences as they successfully manipulate a variety of art materials. Art is therapeutic, develops muscle control, sparks creative thinking, and teaches new concepts.
- **HOMELIVING**-These activities are valuable to the preschooler as (s)he develops in many aspects of life. These materials are perhaps the most inviting because they relate to what a child does at home. The young child gains some awareness of how it feels to be in the role of a community worker or a family member other than him/herself. Developing acceptable social skills and learning to get along with others are a few of the benefits of home living.
- **GROUP TIME**-This experience contributes to the children's social development, providing opportunities for them to do things together. The child is encouraged to follow directions and take turns. Thus he is beginning to be more aware of the rights and interests of others.

## **SPIRITUAL FOUNDATIONS**

**As listed in our mission statement, Tabernacle Learning Center for Preschoolers strives to help preschoolers develop a basic Christian approach to living through example, Bible stories, and prayer. Below is a list of the concepts that are used in our teaching.**

### **GOD:**

**God is a person.**

**God made people.**

**God loves people.**

**People talk to GOD.**

**God want people to worship him.**

### **JESUS:**

**Jesus is God's son.**

**Jesus was a baby.**

**Jesus had a family.**

**Jesus loves people.**

**Jesus grew.**

### **BIBLE:**

**The Bible is a special book.**

**The Bible tells about Jesus.**

**The Bible helps people know how to Live.**

**I can learn Bible verses.**

**The Christmas story is in the Bible.**

### **CHURCH:**

**I know other adults and children at Church.**

**I can be a helper at church.**

**People go to different church buildings.**

**People at church love and care for me.**

### **SELF:**

**I am important.**

**I am important to God.**

**I can do many things.**

**I can make choices.**

**God wants me to take care of my body.**

### **FAMILY:**

**I am a member of a family.**

**Family members help one another.**

**My family loves me.**

**Families work and play together.**

**OTHERS:**

**People love me.**

**People take care of my needs.**

**I can be nice to others.**

**I can help others.**

**Some things belong to me,  
Some things belong to others.**

**People have different jobs.**

**NATURAL WORLD:**

**God made people.**

**God provides food for people and  
animals.**

**God made the earth and sky.**

**God made the seasons.**

**God wants people to care for the things  
He made.**

## **CURRICULUM**

**"Learning is not a product of teaching. Kids are born learning. They learn how to walk, how to talk. They're basically little scientists. If we don't stop that process, it will continue." -Grace Llewellyn-**

**Tabernacle Learning Center for Preschoolers uses New Beginnings Curriculum, which provides a range of age-appropriate activities designed to lay a foundation for understanding God, Jesus, Bible, church, self, family, others, and the natural world. This guide includes learning centers, group activities, and stories.**

**Because we believe in child-led teaching, our teachers are flexible with the curriculum and their lesson plans. The freedom to choose among many different activities is provided for each child. The teacher has created the environment and arranged the options for the child to choose from. This is not a "time off" period for the teacher. It is a wonderful opportunity to interact with the children, offer guidance when appropriate, and listen quietly. Additionally, the teacher will learn much about the child as (s)he plays.**

**Our staff endeavors to build relationships with the children, helping them to feel safe, to feel loved and accepted unconditionally, to give the comfort and sympathy, yet to help them come to terms with disappointments. We have to be fair, firm and consistent in what we say and do. Our ultimate goal is self-discipline for the child and consideration and appreciation of those around us. This, rather than academic knowledge, will be one of the most important preparations for Kindergarten.**

## **CURRICULUM**

**Some of the themes we will learn about include:**

**God Made Everything in the World**

**God Loves Me and Always Helps Me**

**I Can Pray to God and Thank Him for His Goodness**

**God Sent Jesus to Earth to Be Born as a Baby**

**Jesus Is My Friend and Helper**

**The Bible Helps Me Learn Good and Right Ways to Live**

**God Helps Us Be Friends with Others**

**Jesus Loves Me SO Much That He Died on the Cross and Is Alive Today**

**God Will Help and Protect Me Wherever I Am**

**God Made Me So That I Can Do Good Things**

**God Wants Me to Love and Care for Others**

**God Loves Everyone**

**And daily bible verses and stories as they relate to the curriculum.**

## **Specialty Classes**

### **Chapel**

Chapel is a planned time to foster knowledge and the love of God, through Jesus Christ, in the children. It is our hope that each child will have a year in an atmosphere of Christian love, understanding, and acceptance. Our Education Minister, Phyllis Crane, carries this out through Bible stories, memory verses, and music. Chapel will be for all children ages 2-4 enrolled in our program.

### **Music and Movement**

We feel that all young children should be exposed to music education. Preschool age is an excellent age for this, as this is when children are learning fundamental skills. Music for preschool children is a multi-purpose time providing children with many opportunities for development. This class will work on listening awareness, discrimination, sequencing and memory. A sense of self-expression through music, a feeling of rhythm through songs and instruments, an awareness of different kinds of instruments, fine motor dexterity through instrument play time, an awareness of the child's singing voice, and group participation are all goals and skills we hope to accomplish through music.

Volunteer Preschool Worker Registration Form

As a volunteer worker at Tabernacle Learning Center for Preschoolers, please complete the following form, which will assist our preschool ministry in providing quality care.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_

How long at this address? \_\_\_\_\_

Last previous residence

Address \_\_\_\_\_

How long at this address? \_\_\_\_\_

Church Affiliation

Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Church \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever volunteered at your church? If so, explain.

\_\_\_\_\_

Please note any formal education you have received in childcare.

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been charged with or convicted of child abuse or child neglect?

\_\_\_\_ Yes                      \_\_\_\_ No

Have you ever been denied legal custody of your children in any legal proceedings, including divorce decrees or settlements?

\_\_\_\_ Yes                      \_\_\_\_ No      If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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Note any special training or experience: First Aid \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

What health factors may affect your ability to function as a volunteer, or impact the children? (e.g. communicable disease, limitations on your physical abilities.)

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Provide the following on your medical insurance and physician.

Current Medical Insurer \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

Family Physician: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree that all of the above information is factual. I also agree to sign-in and out with the director each time I volunteer. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the TLC for Preschoolers Parent Handbook in its entirety and understand its contents. I understand that this Parent Handbook is an expression of current policies and may be altered at any time at the sole discretion of TLC for Preschoolers. I am signing this statement in agreement of TLC for Preschoolers policies.

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Parent

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Date

Upon signing this document, please return it to child's teacher by his/her first day of school.

Thank you,

In Christ,

*Stephanie VanDerHyde*

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Director