

Hi! Welcome to <u>Christ Church Kids</u>! I am Shari Knutson and am blessed to be the Children's Ministry Director here at Christ Church and have the joy of spending my time with the elementary children of Christ Church. I wanted to provide you with information about the Children's Ministry at Christ Church.

We teach **Gospel Project** in our programming as we value Biblical lessons that are rooted in the faithful teaching of scripture from the Old Testament as well as the New. It shows the children a Christ-centered, chronological Bible lesson and how each story points to Jesus and the gospel. Last year, we focused on the life of Jesus and this school year we continue to learn about how Jesus' mission continues with those who live to spread the word about Him.

Our children's programming takes place during each service. Please refer to our <u>website</u> for the handful of Sundays we do not meet throughout the year. All classes are according to age, and our elementary classes gather fittingly to the corresponding grade they are in. Once they come to class, Grades 1-3 begin with activities that relate to the Bible story for the day and then we all come together for Large Group Worship where we hear the Bible story, learn the Bible verse and sing our worship songs and pray. Grades 4-5 are similar but enjoy a time of community at the beginning and then come together as a large group for the Bible story and lesson and then finish with activities relating to the story.

Grades 1-5 also come <u>all together</u> once a month in the Fellowship Halls to have a special **Gather Sunday** where we worship and join in community together, play games, crafts, prizes, a Bible lesson and a whole lot of fun. It is definitely a Sunday that children don't want to miss!

On a typical Sunday Grades 4-5 enjoy community time until they are picked up by a parent or guardian, unless they are RELEASE ON OWN. This means parents chose the RELEASE ON OWN class during the <u>Christ Church Kids online registration</u> so, teachers will allow children that have this indicated on their nametags to leave independently to meet their parents at a spot they have designated as a family ahead of time. Grades 1-3 will always need to be picked up by a parent or guardian.

If you have any other questions please don't hesitate to ask. We are so excited to have your children join us for programming and get to know you all better. Blessings to you and your family.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon! By His Grace, Shari Shari Knutson I Children's Ministry Director I Christ Church Oak Brook – Butterfield www.christchurch.us I sknutson@christchurch.us I 630.321.6772