

Babies & Toddlers Can Learn **Too!**



Surprisingly, the fastest growing area at New Vision so far is the nursery.

By talking with visiting parents, Pastor Nathan found out that choosing a curriculum is just one of many things needed to make a great first impression in the nursery. Here's how to get started...

1

Welcome parents and baby

Friendly volunteers. A warm smile is the best way to welcome both baby and parents. By arriving early to get everything ready for the day, volunteers can make a great first impression on new families.

Information packets. Preparing information about the nursery and what babies and toddlers will be learning makes it easy to emphasize how well children will be cared for. Include things like a welcome letter, check-in and safety procedures, an information page for the parent to fill out, helpful phone numbers, and an overview of what the child will be learning.

Check-in and safety procedures. Next, the nursery coordinator needs to organize the check-in process and train volunteers to carry it out each week. This important routine is comforting to little ones as they transition from parent to nursery. Plus it helps mom and dad relax and enjoy the service.



Get your nursery off to a great start! Helpful resources on the **Sunlight Kids Coordinator CD-ROM** share how to organize your program, train your workers, and communicate with parents. Included in **Sunlight Kids Kit**.

2 Show you care with decorated spaces and clean toys

Fun atmosphere. Bright paint and decorations on the walls extend the warm welcome into the babies' and toddlers' rooms. But the real fun comes from the volunteers who sign up each week to care for the kids. Singing and snack times are just a few of the ways they can make the nursery fun for little ones.

Age-appropriate toys. Check every toy to make sure it meets the safety requirements for young children. Hosting a nursery shower or taking a special offering are great ways to get everyone in the church involved in nursery ministry. Kids will enjoy variety, so separating the toys into different sets and alternating them will give kids the impression that there are new things to play with. Then it's up to the volunteers to get down on the floor and play too!

Note: The best toys are ones that can be easily sanitized after each service.



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Sunlight Kids Music CD

Add to the fun in your nursery as your little ones sing about God all year long. With 77 original songs, organized into monthly collections to reinforce what kids are learning, this CD offers plenty of songs to choose from. Consider making them available for every nursery family to reinforce lessons all week long. Included in Sunlight Kids Kit.





3 Recruit your nursery team

Finding volunteers. Nursery often requires many people to staff, so recruit as many as you can. Establish safe ratios of adults to babies. Then look beyond mothers to seniors and teens with supervision. Some churches even choose to hire one person to oversee the nursery. It can make a great part-time job for someone.

Background check. Don't overlook this important step to verify you have safe, responsible adults caring for your kids.



Preventing Child and Substance Abuse: A Parent's Guide

Find out how to avoid child and substance abuse and to report it if it's encountered. Included in the Sunlight Kids Kit.

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4 Do more than babysit

Choose a curriculum. Even little babies can learn, so find an easy-to-use curriculum. Whether the nursery coordinator or other dedicated volunteers lead the lessons each week, everyone in the nursery should be able to reinforce what's being taught. For example, the Cards on the Sunlight Kids Coordinator CD-ROM offer a simple way to reinforce the lesson at various stations around the nursery (changing table, snack table, etc.).

Repetition, repetition, repetition. The right nursery curriculum will repeat the same Bible story for multiple weeks to help little ones learn. Even if volunteers get bored, encourage them to focus on how much more the children are retaining from week to week.

BONUS! Everyone who serves in the nursery gets to be a part of the most important first in these little one's lives...their first steps toward understanding how much God loves them.



Share this article with the nursery coordinator at your church!



Sunlight Kids Kit

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Sunlight Kids Student Activity Book

Fun stickers, coloring pages, and learning activities make each Sunlight Kids Bible lesson come alive for little ones. Also includes a birthday card, graduation certificate, and sticker record page for completed units. Full color. Best for kids 18-36 months. Order one per child.

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