



August 31, 2020

DEAR **HISKids** FAMILIES,

2020 has certainly been a year like no other! As we continue to find ways to move forward in this season, we have had to develop new protocols and procedures that would allow us to have in-person gatherings as safely as possible. We know this season has been especially stressful on families with young children. Our hope is to provide a place where kids can gather, relax, and socialize in a safe, Christian environment.

To communicate this goal, and because of the extra-stressful connotations of "school" this year, we are rebranding our **HISKids** Sunday School to simply be "**HISKids** Sundays." We want parents to understand that, while our goal remains teaching kids about the truths of Scripture and demonstrating the love of Jesus to them, **HISKids** Sundays will look different than past years of Sunday School in both format and content.

Instead of using the TRU Curriculum as in years past, we will be using the same curriculum—Family Time Training—that parents will have access to use at home. This will provide kids with 15-20 minutes of learning through an object lesson and discussion. The rest of the hour will be spent in both directed and non-directed play, socialization, and relationship-building activities. We think this is a vitally important opportunity to provide for families during a time when many are worried about their children's socialization and frustrated by the lack of places to just let kids be kids.

That said, we will still be taking all the necessary safety precautions to ensure that we can continue to provide this opportunity for all families. We are asking for your careful review and full cooperation with the plans and procedures outlined below for the benefit of everyone in our CGLC family. If you have any questions about the information in this document, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at britta@gracepeople.church.

Jesus Makes Us Family,



Britta Maly
Children's Ministry Director

HISKids SUNDAYS PREPAREDNESS PLAN

General Information

Our **HISKids** Sundays will kick-off on Sunday, Sept. 13th. We will ONLY meet during the 10:30a.m. Worship Gathering/Traditional Service time. All Nursery and **HISKids** volunteers are encouraged to attend our 9a.m. Livestream service in-person in the Fellowship Hall (this service is closed to the public).

As usual, **HISKids** Sundays will be offered every 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sunday of the month. Watch for further communication about 5th Sundays as applicable.

Registration & RSVP

We are requesting that ALL families who are planning to send children to **HISKids** Sundays fill out our online registration form for each child in their family. The form can be found at:

<https://gracepeople.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/223/responses/new>

If your family does not plan to attend **HISKids** Sundays at this time, but you would like access to the Family Time Training lessons to do at home, please register here:

<https://gracepeople.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/224/responses/new>

We are asking that families planning to attend do their best to RSVP their children prior to a Sunday morning. While we are working on updating our technology to make this as seamless as possible, for now, we will be using the Sign Up Genius service. Please enter the names of each child planning to attend in their applicable age category. A new Sign Up Genius list will be sent out every week in our **HISKids** Highlights emails, as well as posted on the Children's page of the church website.

We will reserve a small number of spaces for walk-ins each Sunday, so if you forget to RSVP, or if there are no more spaces available to reserve on Sign Up Genius, feel free to come check in with us to see if there is still space available. We will do our best to accommodate as many kids as possible, but please understand that we do have some hard limits on capacity.

Drop-off/Pick-up Procedure

Drop-off AND pick-up for Preschool through Elementary **HISKids** will happen at the circle driveway on the west side of the building (Magnuson wing entrance). There will be NO internal access for parents to the **HISKids** wing of the building except in an emergency.

Please enter the HWY 61 circle driveway using the entrance closest to the staff parking lot and pull up to the double doors (see map below). Enter and Exit signs will be posted. Please do not leave your vehicle except to help children in or out of car seats/boosters as needed.

Doors will open for drop-off at 10:15a.m. We encourage families to arrive early to ensure you have enough time to complete the drop-off process before services begin at 10:30.

At drop-off, you will receive a number corresponding to your child(ren)'s nametag(s). At pick-up time, please return this number to our volunteers and your child(ren) will be brought out to you.



Nursery Care

Nursery care for children ages 0-3 (not potty trained) will be provided in the Community Room this year. As you enter the building, a check-in station will be available right outside the Community Room door. Nursery staff will be waiting to assist you and to take your child(ren)'s temperature(s) prior to entry. As in years past, you will receive a security tag matching your child(ren)'s nametag(s) for safe pick-up.

Mask Policy

Children ages 5 and above will **be required to wear masks** while indoors during HISKids. Children ages 3-4 are not required to wear a mask, but if they are able to do so, we encourage it. Should your child(ren) forget a mask, we will provide one for them as supplies permit. Weather permitting, we do plan to take kids outside for portions of the morning, during which time they may remove their masks. As the weather gets colder, please dress them accordingly.

Health Policies

ALL children will have their temperature taken at drop-off using a non-contact forehead thermometer. Any child who registers a temperature of 100° or higher at drop-off cannot participate in HISKids that day. Please do not drive away until you have received an "all-clear" from our check-in station volunteers. Siblings/household members of that child may also be asked not to participate depending on the circumstances. All HISKids staff and volunteers will also have their temperatures checked each Sunday.

If anyone in your household has experienced the following symptoms within the previous 48 hours prior to Sunday morning, and/or is awaiting test results for COVID-19 (even if they are asymptomatic), we ask that your family does not participate in HISKids: sore throat, fever of 100° or more, runny nose, cough, sneezing, unexplained skin rash, loss of taste or smell, vomiting, nausea, and/or diarrhea.

Sanitizing Procedures

Upon entry to our HISKids wing, kids will be asked to use hand sanitizer. If, for any reason, your family has a specific type of sanitizer that you use (skin conditions, allergies, etc.), please send some along with your child(ren) and/or have them use it immediately after exiting your vehicle. Our only requirement is that your sanitizer contains at least 60% ethyl alcohol, as recommended by the CDC. Kids will be asked to use sanitizer and/or take hand washing breaks throughout the morning as deemed necessary by the Room Leader(s).

During activities, we will do our best to have kids use their own materials whenever possible rather than sharing. Please be aware that this may not always be possible for every activity, but if/when there are shared materials, Room Leaders will ensure that they are sanitized after each use and that any child who uses a shared material will wash or sanitize their hands afterward.

Finally, Room Leaders and Assistants will be responsible for sanitizing and wiping down all hard surfaces that were touched or used during the morning after all children have been released for pick-up.

In Case of Exposure

If you become aware that your family has been exposed to COVID-19 and you have attended a HISKids Sunday within the previous seven days, we kindly ask that you inform us of the exposure and/or any positive test results as applicable. Your personal information will not be shared, but this knowledge will allow us to take increased precautionary measures against further spread, up to and including cancellation of one or more HISKids Sundays as deemed necessary by leadership.

If we become aware of a potential COVID-19 exposure within our CGLC community, you will be notified by one or more of the following methods: email, text message, phone call, and/or social media post. While we will not share personal details, we will prioritize informing individuals who had the most direct contact and potential for exposure. If this should happen, we highly recommend contacting your healthcare provider for further guidance on testing and/or quarantining.

Volunteers Needed

As always, to provide a safe HISKids experience, we need volunteers like you to help keep everything running smoothly. We need volunteers in several areas this year, including:

- Drop-off/Pick-up station
- Room Leaders (for all age categories)
- Room Assistants (for all age categories)
- Nursery volunteers
- Substitute Room Leaders & Assistants (in case of illness or emergency)

Due to the unique structure of our worship schedule this year, all HISKids volunteers will be permitted to attend our 9a.m. Livestream service in the Fellowship Hall. You do not need to commit to volunteering every Sunday, even as a room leader or assistant, although we would welcome anyone who feels led to do so.

No previous Sunday School teaching experience is required. All volunteers who have not had a background check performed by us within the last three years would need to consent to a background check prior to starting. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Britta directly at britta@gracepeople.church.