

Rules for the Classroom

1. Obey the teachers the first time, right away, all the way, with a happy attitude.
2. Show self-control. Keep your hands, feet, and objects to yourself, and treat others with kindness and respect.
3. Put others first by listening and looking when the teacher or others are talking. Raise your hand and wait patiently.

Parents, you can help your child get the most from class by.....

- Attending classes every week and every session (*9:15 Bible Education, Learning Lambs, Scripture Sowers*)
- Talking at home about how class is different from being at home. Talk about the number of children, the need for everyone to learn, courtesy to others, raising hands etc. (Discuss with your child how NOT to be a distraction to others.)
- Talking about WHY we have class: to learn about God, to study His Word, to worship Him (therefore the importance of attentiveness).
- Talking about our classroom rules and explaining key terms such as self-control, respect, obeying all the way.
- Practicing sitting still for periods of time with your younger child and giving your child opportunities to sit and work quietly at a table on coloring or a craft.
- Having your child use the bathroom *before* class.
- Making sure your child gets to bed at a reasonable time on Saturday evening.
- Talking about the lesson from Sunday throughout the week. (Utilize the take-home papers.)
- Having your Primary and Junior age children bring a Bible to each class. We recommend the Children's ESV.
- Having your child *participate* in the worship that precedes class—standing when the congregation stands, singing when we sing, praying during prayer, etc.
- Praying at home, with and without your child, for your child's understanding of the lesson taught and obedience in class.

Discipline Guidelines:

Our aim is to call each child to obedience and submission as set forth in the Word *and* to create a classroom that is orderly, where the Word is the focus.

3 steps of Correction:

1. Correction in the Class
2. Parent Correction with Return to Class: For repetitive disobedience, significant disruption, or a rebellious response, the parent will be asked to remove the child briefly from the classroom and administer correction. The child is then encouraged to *return to class* to experience forgiveness, restoration, and a new opportunity to obey.
3. Parent Removal from Class Session: Will be implemented where steps 1 and 2 have been utilized and are ineffective in helping the child grow in obedience, self-control, and submission.
4. Standing Parent Removal from Class: Parents will be notified by the Team Leader or Director of Children's Ministries (before this step is implemented) that any time parents are summoned for correction the child will immediately be removed and may not return to that class session.