



Bible Class Safety Plan

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Our goal for our Children's Bible class program on Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings, and Wednesday nights is that we will provide a safe and comfortable learning environment, capable Christian teachers, and age appropriate materials so that our children can learn about the Bible and grow closer to God. Contained in this document is our plan for how we will maintain a class environment so that learning can happen.

To maintain a safe and comfortable learning environment:

1. We will monitor the classroom areas in our building.

There will be a group of men who serve on a rotational basis, monitoring the classroom areas during class times. They will be available should a teacher ever need special assistance for any reason with a child. Along with this, when classes are not in session, we encourage all children to remain in the building, not going outside until they are with a parent or guardian.

2. We will communicate about any behavioral incidents requiring special assistance.

If there are any situations where a teacher feels it is necessary to ask a child to leave the class, to call in a parent, or there is any other acute problem, all such situations are to be reported by the teacher *in writing* to the education minister, Mark Adams. Forms for reporting incidents will be available at the hall monitor desks or on the website where they can be downloaded and printed.

<http://www.oldhickorychurchofchrist.com/members/education-program/>

3. We will follow a "Three Strikes and We Talk" policy.

If any individual child accumulates three reported incidents, before this child will be allowed to attend Bible classes again, the child and at least one parent or guardian must meet with Mark Adams and an elder to discuss the child's behavioral incidents. If there is another incident reported after the discussion, further actions will be taken as deemed necessary by the church leadership. *If an incident occurs that is particularly severe, the "Three Strikes" rule will be bypassed, and the situation will be dealt with immediately.*

Thank you for assisting us in making our Bible Class Program the very best it can be!