
Children's Ministry

BEHAVIOR
GUIDELINES

DISCIPLINE
POLICY

Attention Parents

Placing your child into any of WBC's ministry programs signifies your acceptance and support of this policy. Discipline as outlined in this policy may be administered as deemed necessary by the children's ministry workers. We encourage you to join with us as we partner with you to discipline—and disciple—the children that God has given to us!



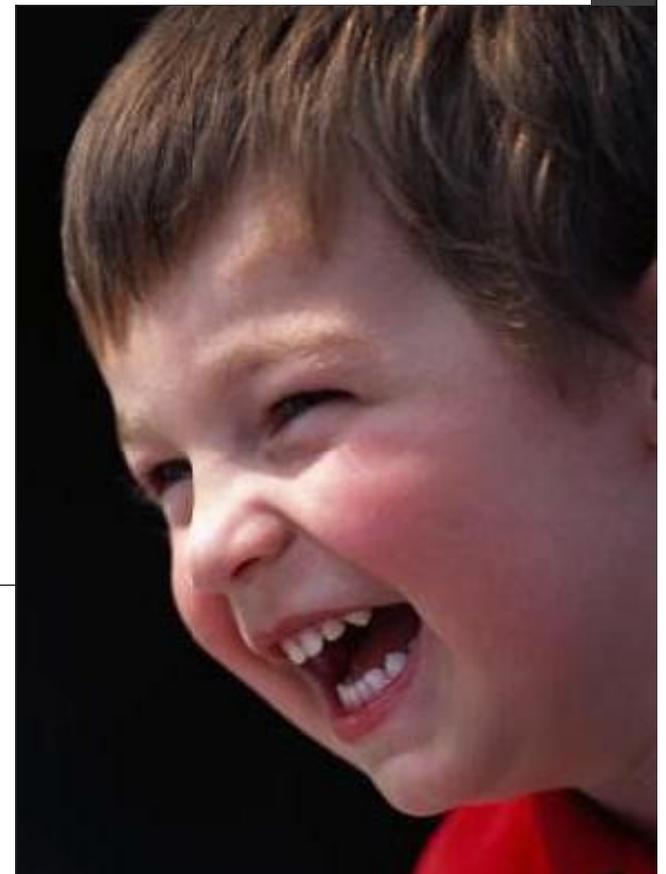
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Behavior Guidelines

Since God created the heavens, the earth, and all people (Genesis 1), He sets the rules for us to live by. Following God's rules always brings about abundant life! The following guidelines and policies are set by our

Creator God and are intended to provide the structure and expectations needed to create an environment where all children can safely enjoy the ministry programming of Wausau Bible Church. Children are expected to follow these behavior guidelines at all times:



“Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”
- Matthew 6:33

At Wausau Bible Church, we want children to internalize Biblical principles and to grow in their personal relationship with God. Only the Holy Spirit can accomplish a change in heart and equip people to live faithfully for Him. Biblical expectations, structure, boundaries, and consequences help develop habits of discipline. We believe that when students know what is expected of them, we are able to create an environment where children can grow and exercise their faith as defined by God. Also, we believe that every parent will find great joy in a child who learns that God loves him/her and then lives in that love.

Appropriate behavior - thinking of others as more important than yourself. God teaches us that respect of leaders and kindness toward other children is a priority.

Inappropriate behavior - self-centered disobedience to God's rules. The Bible call this sin (James 4:17). Sinful behavior will be addressed by a children's ministry worker and will be handled in a manner as outlined in this **Discipline Policy**.

- **BE RESPECTFUL OF THE TEACHERS AND CLASSMATES.** (JOHN 15:2 - LOVE EACH OTHER, JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.)
- **TREAT OTHERS THE WAY YOU WANT TO BE TREATED.** (MATTHEW 7:12 - DO TO OTHERS WHAT YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO TO YOU.)
- **USE KIND WORDS.** (GALATIANS 5:22-23 - BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS...SELF-CONTROL.)
- **LEAVE THE ROOM BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT.** (I CORINTHIANS 10:26 - THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S, AND EVERYTHING IN IT.)

- When a correction of behavior is needed, one-on-one instruction will be provided with a Christ-like, loving desire to demonstrate “appropriate” behavior.
- If this instruction is not obeyed and willingly accepted, a second leader will be brought into the conversation with additional prayer and loving instruction.
- Only God's love provided through the Holy Spirit can truly change intentional defiance into obedience. If any child refuses to respond to loving instruction of one or more leaders, his/her parents will be notified and the child will, as an unfortunate last resort, be removed from the current session.
- Before returning the next week, the child must repent (recognize his/her selfish disobedience) and ask the forgiveness of the leaders involved. The child should then communicate that he/she is willing to obey.

