

# SPECIAL NEEDS CLASSROOMS

Timberlake's Special Needs Ministry is primarily self-contained in a classroom. Each child will have a "buddy" to be with them for the duration of the service time. We will have Bible stories and activities that are meaningful to the children who attend. If the parent feel it is okay for their child to attend the main stream kids classes for a short period of time, there is the possibility that their "buddy" can walk them over to a class and attend with them for that time. Checking in and out of children will happen at the Special Needs classroom.

## PARTICIPATION AGE

Timberlake's Special Needs ministry is designed for children 4 year olds to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Our program serves children who cannot function in a mainstream classroom without the assistance of a caring adult.

## QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about Timberlake Church's Special Needs Ministry, or you are interested in volunteering, please email [owen@timberlakechurch.com](mailto:owen@timberlakechurch.com)



## TIMBERLAKE KIDZ

TIMBERLAKE KIDZ' EXISTS TO PROVIDE A SAFE, FUN ENVIRONMENT FOR STUDENTS TO FIND & FOLLOW JESUS.

Your kids won't want to miss any weekends this fall! Aside from all of the fun events we have planned on the weekends, all of our children from 1 year old to 5th grade will be learning about God's amazing love for us!

Also, this is a perfect time to bring friends and neighbors to visit Timberlake. Timberlake has outstanding, extremely safe, age-appropriate programs and environments created for every child so that they can learn, grow in their faith, and have fun while they are there.

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## 1 TO 1 CLASS RATIO

We have 1 to 1 ratios in the Special Needs classroom during **the Sunday, 11:15am service**, assigning a caring adult to every child. With a 1 to 1 ratio, we can only bring in as many kids as we have adult volunteers. However, if the parent is willing to stay with their child in the classroom, both can stay. The service will be on a television in the classroom so that the parent won't have to miss a service if they wish or need to stay with their child.



## BATHROOM NEEDS

We ask that parents handle all bathroom needs or diapering for their children. Please take your child to the restroom before service. Also, please put your cell phone on vibrate in a place where you can access it during service just in case of an emergency or we need to reach you.

## TIMBERLAKE CHURCH'S SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

The purpose of Timberlake Church's Special Needs Ministry is to facilitate inclusion inside the life of the church for the individual with additional needs and for their family.

In support of our broader church mission, the goals of the special needs ministry are to lead families affected by unique needs into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

The objectives of the ministry are fulfilled through the ministry's efforts:

- 1) To create an accepting church environment for the family impacted by special needs or disability.
- 2) To develop an appropriate accommodation plan for the individual with additional needs that benefits the individual while working within the policies and resources of the church.

To the best of our abilities, our ministry volunteers will strive to follow guidance from, and utilize tools provided by, parents. What is important is that the ministry is able to assist identified children to help them experience success in the church setting.