



Parent Guide

Welcome

At Real Life Ministries Texas, we're dedicated to partnering with parents to lead children to become disciples of Jesus Christ (Matthew 4:19). We believe that the parent is called to be the primary disciple-maker in a child's life.

We are also committed to creating a safe place where children learn to understand the life-changing message of Jesus, develop a genuine relationship with God, build a biblical foundation in their lives, grow with friends and leaders, and love being at church.

Through age-specific lessons, activities, and small groups, children ages birth-5th grade learn biblical truths and real-life lessons that we pray God will use to change their hearts and their lives forever.

To help your kids develop a strong spiritual foundation, we partner alongside you, their family. Together, we can help encourage, train, and pray for your children as they grow in their faith.

**I have no greater joy than to hear that my
children are walking in the truth.**

3 John 1:4



LiferLittles

Nursery/Preschool

We believe in building a solid foundation for kids from the youngest age possible. Leaders will intentionally weave Biblical truths, Bible stories, songs, and other gospel-centered activities into the normal rhythm of their time spent with the preschoolers.

This will enable our babies and early childhood aged kids to experience the gospel in a clean and safe environment while being rocked or fed, participating in playtime, or engaging in other fun activities.

We love our LiferLittles!

LiferKids

Elementary (K-5th)

Elementary children will learn the story of the Bible through a 3-year chronological plan. Each story taught includes a visual timeline of the Bible, a map of Israel, and a fun activity to bring the story to life.

Small groups are led by intentional leaders who will build relationships with kids, discuss the Bible story, and pray with the kids. Our Kids Small Groups align with our Adult Small Groups format to include a Biblical Foundation, Intentional Leader, Relational Environment, and Reproducible Process.

Every session will point kids to the Gospel of Jesus Christ as the source of heart transformation and the foundation of spiritual growth. Kids will learn that the Bible is one big story about Jesus, while experiencing the Gospel through the love of their leaders.

We are intentional to create a safe, fun, and engaging environment where your LiferKids thrive!



LiferAbilities

Special Accommodations

LiferAbilities--our Real Life Kids special needs ministry--exists to share the love of Christ by assisting individuals and families needing special accommodations to become full participants and contributors in the body of Christ. With support available for children and families, we are committed to providing a safe and comfortable environment that allows all members access to worship, ministry, and fellowship with one another.

REAL LIFE SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY (AGES 4-12)

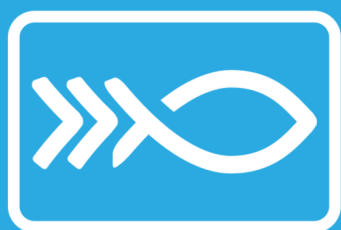
Our goal is to integrate children into an age-appropriate Real Life Kids class with the right level of assistance. If the need is identified, we do have a LiferAbilities classroom during one service and are happy to discuss this option with families interested as space allows.

TEEN ACCOMMODATIONS (AGES 12+)

Students meet together Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights at designated times. We do our best to partner with families to accommodate and integrate children with special needs into our normal activities with the right level of assistance. As God adds passionate and qualified leaders to our team, we can expand this effort together.

To learn more about this ministry, please scan the QR code below!





KIDS

What to Expect

Check-In

Before service each week, the Kid Connect Team will be there to greet you and assist with checking your child in. Both you and your child will receive a set of stickers with a matching code, also known as a “security tag”. This sticker is what you’ll use to pick up your child(ren) after the service. If we need to reach you for any reason, we’ll text or call you using the phone number on your child’s name tag.

Drop-Off/Pick-up

Once your child is checked in and arrives at the room printed on their sticker, our leaders will be ready to greet your family. At the end of service, a team member will verify that your security tag code matches the code on your child’s tag before he/she is released into your care. In the event of a lost sticker, we will use your photo identifications as an alternative to the security tag to verify information and check out your child.

Small Groups

Your child will be taught age-specific, biblical truths and practical lessons through a learning plan and collection of topics throughout the year.

The learning plan for your child's specific age will be taught and discussed in relational Small Groups by their leader on **Sunday mornings** and **Wednesday nights**. Each week in their Small Group, they will work together to get to know one another more, rebuild the Bible story, discuss questions, and pray. Our Kids Small Groups model after our Adult Small Groups to live out a practical disciple-making method that aligns with the message and method of Jesus.

Learn Plan

We believe that scripture should not be injected into topics, but rather topics and lessons should be pulled from the context of scripture. Therefore, in all our curriculum we choose biblically based storying that kids learn over a multi-year cycle that focuses on how the gospel and Jesus is threaded throughout all of scripture. We teach stories from Genesis to Revelation chronologically to help children understand the full picture of God's Word.

**We are a church committed to follow
Jesus' method as we share His
message. This starts with our kids!**

Safety

In Real Life Kids, we are committed to safety, and it is the heart of our children's ministry to make every effort to ensure the safety and well-being of every child.

With this in mind, we do not allow anyone to pick up a child without a corresponding security tag. In addition, all team members serving in a Kids area go through a screening process and are trained in safety and security protocols before serving. Kids Leaders are all required to check-in and have a printed name tag before entering the Kids areas.

Once in our care, a child is not allowed to be picked up by anyone who does not have a security tag with the code that coincides with the one on his/her sticker. Any adults entering the Kids area must show either a pick-up sticker or be wearing a Leader name tag before entering the hallway.

In addition, we have cameras in each classroom and access controlled doors that secure the kids hallways during the service. All of this is in effort to do our part to keep your child safe!

If a need arises or you have any questions, please contact a staff member or coach and they will be happy to assist you!



Additional Info

- **Mothers Room:** The Mothers Room is equipped with chairs and changing stations. Mothers may comfortably view the service via live stream while they tend to their infants or small children. To respect everyone's privacy, these rooms are for mothers only. The women's restroom is connected to the Mothers Room!
- **Parent/Child Dedication Service:** For information regarding this special time or to register, please visit our website reallifetexas.org/events.
- **Small Groups:** Small Groups are the engine that drives our church! We were made to be in relationship. These groups are a hub for disciple-making. Please visit our Small Group wall or reallifetexas.org/small-groups to find a group that works for you!

We will follow Jesus' method as we
share Jesus' message.



**Your kids will be guided with the Real
Life Kids values:**

LOVE GOD

**because God is Love and
He first loved us.**

LOVE PEOPLE

**because God loves
all people.**

BE A DISCIPLE

**who follows, is changed by,
& is on mission with Jesus.**

HAVE FUN

because God gives us joy.

Elementary Scope

LiferKids work through the Bible over a 3-year chronological study using our storying method, maps of Israel, activities, and Bible stations. Kids will see how the entire Bible points to Jesus through Christ-Connections as they learn in relational Small Groups.

VOLUME 1: CREATION AND COVENANT (Genesis; Job)

Unit 1: God Rules Over Creation

- Session 1: God Created the World (Genesis 1–2)
- Session 2: Sin Entered the World (Genesis 2–3)
- Session 3: The First Family (Genesis 4)
- Session 4: The Great Flood (Genesis 6–9)
- Session 5: The Tower of Babel (Genesis 11)

Unit 2: God Made a Promise

- Session 1: Abram Followed God (Genesis 11–13)
- Session 2: God's Covenant with Abraham (Genesis 12; 15; 17)
- Session 3: Abraham and Isaac (Genesis 22)
- Session 4: A Wife for Isaac (Genesis 24–25)

Unit 3: God Is in Control

- Session 1: Jacob and Esau (Genesis 25; 27)
- Session 2: Jacob Fled from Canaan (Genesis 28; 32)
- Session 3: Joseph Taken to Egypt (Genesis 37; 39–46; 50)
- Session 4: The Suffering of Job (Job)

VOLUME 2: LAW AND LIFE (Exodus; Leviticus; Numbers; Deuteronomy)

Unit 4: God Delivers His People

- Session 1: God Called Moses (Exodus 1–4)
- Session 2: Moses Confronted Pharaoh (Exodus 5–12)
- Session 3: Moses Parted the Red Sea (Exodus 13–15)
- Session 4: God Provided for His People (Exodus 15–17)
- Session 5: Moses Led the Israelites (Exodus 17–18)

Unit 5: God Instructs His People

- Session 1: The Ten Commandments (Exodus 19–20; 31)
- Session 2: The Golden Calf (Exodus 32; 34)
- Session 3: Building the Tabernacle (Exodus 35–40)
- Session 4: Worship at the Tabernacle (Leviticus 16; 19; 26)

Unit 6: God Guides His People

- Session 1: The People Grumbled (Numbers 11–12)
- Session 2: The People Doubted (Numbers 13–14)
- Session 3: The People Complained (Numbers 16; 20–22)
- Session 4: Moses' Farewell (Deuteronomy 31–34)
- Christmas Bonus Session:** Jesus Is Our Greatest Gift (Luke 2)

VOLUME 3: LAND AND LOSS (Joshua; Judges; Ruth; 1 Samuel)

Unit 7: God Is Powerful

- Session 1: Crossing the Jordan River (Joshua 1; 3–4)
- Session 2: Conquering Jericho (Joshua 2–4; 6)
- Session 3: Achan's Sin and the Defeat of Ai (Joshua 7–8)
- Session 4: Taking the Land (Joshua 10–11)
- Session 5: Joshua's Farewell (Joshua 23–24)

Unit 8: God Is Gracious

- Session 1: The First Judges (Judges 3)
- Session 2: Deborah Led Israel (Judges 4–5)
- Session 3: Gideon Led Israel (Judges 6–8)
- Session 4: Samson and the Philistines (Judges 13–16)

Unit 9: God Sees and Hears

- Session 1: The Story of Ruth (Ruth)
- Session 2: Samuel Was Born and Called (1 Samuel 1–3)
- Session 3: The Ark Was Captured (1 Samuel 4–6)
- Session 4: Freedom from the Philistines (1 Samuel 7)
- Easter Bonus Session 1:** Jesus' Triumphant Entry (Matthew 21; Mark 11; Luke 19; John 12)
- Easter Bonus Session 2:** Jesus Saves Us from Our Enemies (Matthew 26–28; John 18–20)

Elementary Scope

VOLUME 4: FOOLISHNESS AND WISDOM (1–2 Samuel; 1 Kings; Psalms-Ecclesiastes)

Unit 10: King Saul

Session 1: The Israelites Wanted a King (1 Samuel 7–10)

Session 2: Saul Rescued Israel (1 Samuel 11–13)

Session 3: Saul Disobeyed God (1 Samuel 14–15)

Session 4: Samuel Anointed David (1 Samuel 16)

Session 5: David Played for Saul (1 Samuel 16)

Unit 11: King David

Session 1: David Defeated Goliath (1 Samuel 17)

Session 2: David Showed Mercy (1 Samuel 24)

Session 3: David Became King (2 Samuel 5; 7)

Session 4: David Sinned and Was Restored (2 Samuel 11–12; Psalm 51)

Unit 12: King Solomon

Session 1: Solomon Became King (1 Kings 2–3)

Session 2: Solomon Built the Temple (1 Kings 6–8)

Session 3: Solomon Thought About Life (Ecclesiastes 1)

Session 4: The Queen of Sheba Visited Solomon (1 Kings 10)

Session 5: Wisdom of God's People (Proverbs 1; 3–4)

VOLUME 5: DIVISION AND DEFIANCE (1–2 Kings; 1–2 Chronicles; Jonah; Jeremiah)

Unit 13: A Broken Kingdom

Session 1: The Kingdom Divided (1 Kings 12–13)

Session 2: Israel's History of Evil Kings (1 Kings 14–15; 2 Chronicles 12–13)

Session 3: Elijah Confronted Ahab (1 Kings 18–19)

Session 4: The Reign of Ahab (1 Kings 20–22; 2 Kings 1)

Unit 14: The Northern Kingdom

Session 1: Elisha the Prophet (2 Kings 2; 4–6)

Session 2: Jonah, Prophet to Nineveh (Jonah)

Session 3: Hosea, Prophet to Israel (Hosea)

Session 4: The Northern Kingdom Was Destroyed (2 Kings 17)

Unit 15: The Southern Kingdom

Session 1: Judah's Good Kings (1 Kings 15; 2 Kings 18–19; 2 Chronicles 14–15; 22–24; 29–35)

Session 2: Prophets to Judah (Amos; Micah; Nahum; Habakkuk; Zephaniah)

Session 3: God Promised a New Covenant (Jeremiah 17; 31)

Session 4: Judah Was Taken Captive (2 Chronicles 36)

Session 5: Ezekiel Gave Hope (Ezekiel 37)

VOLUME 6: PROPHETS AND PROVISION (Ezekiel; Daniel; Nehemiah; Haggai; Ezra; Esther; Malachi)

Unit 16: Hope for Captives

Session 1: Daniel Obeyed God (Daniel 1)

Session 2: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (Daniel 3)

Session 3: Daniel in the Lions' Den (Daniel 6)

Session 4: Daniel's Prophecies (Daniel 7–12)

Unit 17: Hope at Home

Session 1: God Brought His People Home (Ezra 1–3)

Session 2: Rebuilding the Temple (Ezra 4–6; Haggai 1–2)

Session 3: The Prophet Zechariah (Zechariah)

Session 4: Esther Saved Her People (Esther)

Unit 18: Hope to Come

Session 1: The Walls Rebuilt (Nehemiah 1–6)

Session 2: Ezra Taught God's Law (Ezra 7–10; Nehemiah 8)

Session 3: The People Worshiped God (Nehemiah 7–13)

Session 4: The Prophet Malachi (Malachi)

Session 5: The Old Testament Points to Jesus (Luke 1; John 1)

Christmas Bonus Session: Jesus Is Our Rescuer (Luke 2)

Volume Bookmarks and other resources are provided in the Lobby with dates so you can help your kids continue the conversation at home!

Elementary Scope

VOLUME 7: THE SON HAS COME (Matthew; Mark; Luke; John)

Unit 19: Jesus Came to Earth

- Session 1: Jesus Was Born (Matthew 1; Luke 1-2)
- Session 2: Jesus Was Dedicated (Luke 2)
- Session 3: Wise Men Visited Jesus (Matthew 2)
- Session 4: Jesus at the Temple (Luke 2)

Unit 20: Jesus' Ministry Begins

- Session 1: John's Ministry Began (Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3; John 1)
- Session 2: John Baptized Jesus (Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3; John 1)
- Session 3: Jesus Was Tempted (Matthew 4; Mark 1; Luke 4)
- Session 4: Jesus' First Followers (John 1)

Unit 21: Jesus' Ministry Continues

- Session 1: Jesus' First Miracle (John 2)
- Session 2: Jesus at Passover (John 2)
- Session 3: Jesus and Nicodemus (John 3)
- Session 4: John Pointed to Jesus (John 3)
- Session 5: Jesus and the Samaritan Woman (John 4)
- Easter Bonus Session 1: Jesus' Triumphant Entry (Matthew 21; Mark 11; Luke 19; John 12)
- Easter Bonus Session 2: Jesus Saves Us to Follow Him (Matthew 26-28; John 18-20)

VOLUME 8: THE SON HAS AUTHORITY (Matthew; Mark; Luke; John)

Unit 22: Jesus the Healer

- Session 1: Jesus' Second Miracle (John 4)
- Session 2: Jesus Rejected in Nazareth (Luke 4)
- Session 3: Healings in Capernaum (Mark 1; Luke 4)
- Session 4: Healings in Galilee (Mark 1; Luke 4-5)

Unit 23: Jesus the Teacher

- Session 1: Jesus Forgives and Heals (Matthew 9; Mark 2; Luke 5)
- Session 2: Jesus Chose Disciples (Mark 2-3; Luke 6)
- Session 3: The Lord of the Sabbath (Matthew 12; Mark 2-3; Luke 6)
- Session 4: Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7; Luke 6)

Unit 24: Jesus the Promised One

- Session 1: John the Baptist in Prison (Matthew 11; Luke 7)
- Session 2: Jesus Raised a Widow's Son (Luke 7)
- Session 3: Jesus Was Anointed (Luke 7)
- Session 4: Jesus Taught about Prayer (Luke 11; 18)
- Session 5: Jesus Taught about Possessions (Luke 12)

VOLUME 9: THE SON HAS TRUTH (Matthew; Mark; Luke; John)

Unit 25: Jesus Brings Truth (Matthew, Mark, Luke)

- Session 1: Jesus Taught in Parables (Matthew 13; Mark 4; Luke 8)
- Session 2: Jesus Taught about the Kingdom (Matthew 13; Mark 4)
- Session 3: Jesus Calmed a Storm (Matthew 8; Mark 4; Luke 8)
- Session 4: Jesus Gave Life and Healing (Matthew 9; Mark 5; Luke 8)

Unit 26: Jesus Brings Life

- Session 1: Jesus Fed a Crowd (Matthew 14; Mark 6; Luke 9; John 6)
- Session 2: Jesus Walked on Water (Matthew 14; Mark 6; John 6)
- Session 3: Jesus Healed a Child and a Man (Matthew 15; Mark 7)
- Session 4: Jesus Raised Lazarus (John 11)

Unit 27: Jesus Is the Way

- Session 1: Jesus Healed a Blind Man (Matthew 20; Mark 10; Luke 18; John 9)
- Session 2: Jesus and Zacchaeus (Luke 19)
- Session 3: Jesus' Triumphant Entry (Matthew 21; Mark 11; Luke 19; John 12)
- Session 4: Jesus Taught About the End of the Age (Matthew 24; Mark 13; Luke 21)
- Session 5: The Lord's Supper (Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; John 13)

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Elementary Scope

VOLUME 10: THE SON HAS RISEN (Matthew; Mark; Luke; John; Acts)

Unit 28: Jesus Is for Us

- Session 1:** Jesus' Arrest and Trial (Matthew 26–27; Mark 14–15; Luke 22–23; John 18)
- Session 2:** Jesus' Crucifixion (Matthew 27; Mark 15; Luke 23; John 19)
- Session 3:** Jesus' Resurrection (Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20)
- Session 4:** Jesus Appeared to His Disciples (Luke 24; John 20)

Unit 29: Jesus Is with Us

- Session 1:** Jesus Ascended to Heaven (Mark 16; Luke 24; Acts 1)
- Session 2:** The Holy Spirit Came (Acts 2)
- Session 3:** Peter Healed a Man (Acts 3)
- Session 4:** The Apostles Arrested (Acts 4–5)
- Session 5:** The Apostles' Persecution (Acts 6–7)

Unit 30: Jesus Changes Us

- Session 1:** Philip and the Ethiopian (Acts 8)
- Session 2:** Paul Met Jesus (Acts 8–9)
- Session 3:** Peter and Cornelius (Acts 10)
- Session 4:** Barnabas in Antioch (Acts 11)
- Christmas Bonus Session:** Jesus Is Our Substitute (Luke 2)

VOLUME 11: THE CHURCH HAS A MISSION (Acts; Galatians; 1–2 Thessalonians; 1–2 Corinthians; Romans)

Unit 31: To Know Jesus

- Session 1:** Peter Was Rescued (Acts 12)
- Session 2:** Paul's First Journey (Acts 13–14)
- Session 3:** Justification Through Faith (Galatians 1–4)
- Session 4:** Living as a Christian (Galatians 5–6)

Unit 32: To Share Jesus

- Session 1:** Paul's Second Journey (Acts 15–18)
- Session 2:** Paul's Letter to the Thessalonians (1–2 Thessalonians)
- Session 3:** Paul's Third Journey (Acts 18–21)
- Session 4:** Paul's Letter to the Corinthians (1–2 Corinthians)

Unit 33: To Live for Jesus

- Session 1:** Life in Jesus (Romans 5–6)
- Session 2:** The Gift of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8)
- Session 3:** For His Glory (Romans 10; 15)
- Session 4:** Paul Was Arrested (Acts 21–26)
- Session 5:** Paul's Shipwreck (Acts 27–28)
- Easter Bonus Session 1:** Jesus' Triumphant Entry (Matthew 21; Mark 11; Luke 19; John 12)
- Easter Bonus Session 2:** Jesus Saves Us to Live for Him (Matthew 26–28; John 18–20)

VOLUME 12: THE CHURCH HAS A FUTURE (Philemon; Ephesians; Colossians; Philippians; 1–2 Timothy; Titus; Hebrews; James; Jude; 1–3 John; Revelation)

Unit 34: A Life Together

- Session 1:** Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (Ephesians)
- Session 2:** Paul's Letter to the Philippians (Philippians)
- Session 3:** Paul's Letter to the Colossians (Colossians)
- Session 4:** Paul's Letter to Philemon (Philemon)

Unit 35: A Life of Faith

- Session 1:** Paul's Letters to Church Leaders (1–2 Timothy; Titus)
- Session 2:** The Superiority of Jesus (Hebrews)
- Session 3:** Faith in Action (James)
- Session 4:** Defending the Faith (Jude)

Unit 36: A Life with God Forever

- Session 1:** John's Letters (1–3 John)
- Session 2:** Letters to the Seven Churches (Revelation 1–3)
- Session 3:** Before the Throne (Revelation 4–5)
- Session 4:** Jesus Will Return (Revelation 19–22)
- Session 5:** It's All About Jesus (Luke 24; John 5)

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Preschool Scope

LiferLittles work through a 24-month curriculum to learn biblical truths through Bible storying. Our Leaders teach these Bible stories in a fun and relational way with activities and real-life applications.

	Year 1	Year 2
JAN	The First Sin	A Baby & a Bush
FEB	Through the Roof	A Test in the Desert
MAR	God's Wonderful Gift	The Brave & Beautiful Queen
APR	A Happy Sunday	It Is Finished
MAY	Abraham's Big Test	Stones, Slings, & Giant Things
JUN	The Donkey & The King	The Dreamer
JUL	Two By Two	God's Good News
AUG	Journeys for Jesus	Everybody's Welcome
SEP	Dreams Come True	In The Beginning
OCT	The Big Picnic	A Roaring Rescue
NOV	The King & the Kingdom	A Voice in the Night
DEC	The First Christmas Gift: Jesus Is Born	The First Christmas Gift: Always With Us



Partnering with Parents

We believe the best way we can help your kids develop a strong spiritual foundation is by partnering with you. Together, we can help encourage, train, and pray for them as they grow in their faith.

Here are some practical ways you can help us make the most of your child's time at church:

- **Pick a consistent service time** to help your kids build relationships with their leaders and make friends at church.
- **Practice** the current Kids Scripture memorization and main points to discuss at home with your kids.
- **Pray for your children each week** as they learn to be a member of Jesus' church, and pray for our teams as they serve and care for your kids.
- **Pray** about how God might be leading you to join one of our LiferCrew teams to minister to the body of Christ as a way to grow as a disciple of Jesus. Maybe God leads you to be a leader in your Child's class to get to know their friends, the families of their friends and teach them the gospel of Jesus with us!

Team Member Interest Form





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