



# Gateway Kids

WELCOME PACK



## Hello and welcome to Gateway. It's awesome you are here!

At Gateway Kids, we desire that our kids would grow to love & follow Jesus for the whole of their lives. We see parents and caregivers as the primary disciplers of their children, and we're here to support that journey. That's why our kids gatherings are more than just childcare — they're a partnership in discipleship.

We want our Sunday kids gatherings to be a space where children learn God's Word, grow in their understanding of Jesus, and experience the Holy Spirit — all in ways that are age appropriate and meaningful.

Our kids rooms are a fun, safe, and inclusive environment for every child. We provide unique room experiences for all ages 0 -12 to engage them in the story of God. We offer care for toddlers through to intermediate age for most of our Gateway Sunday morning gathering, with all kids participating in some worship with the entire church before joining their age group to learn from the bible.

For more info about the individual age groups please read on. If you have any other questions, we would love to hear from you! Please contact our Gateway Kids Lead, Annabelle Russell.



**Annabelle Russell**

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# What you need to know for today

1. Check your kids in via the check in desk before the service starts. Open from 9:30am.
2. Stay in for the first part of the worship with your kids.
3. Kids will go to their groups as follows:

**Primary (Tribe) and Intermediate (Emerge):**

Leave when you see the slide that says, "It's time to go." Look for the signs up the back!

**Preschoolers (Kingdom):**

Go out during the break.

4. Pick up your kids at the end from their rooms using the parent tag you got at check in.

**Any questions see a team member at the Kids Check in desk, they are there to help!**

# Our Gateway Kids areas

## Kingdom

Preschool  
0-5 Year Olds

## Tribe

Primary School  
School Years 0-6

## Emerge

Intermediate  
School Years 7-8

# Kingdom

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

Kingdom seeks that our children will come to know that God made them, loves them and wants to be their friend forever. We seek to capture the hearts of our children through pre-school based activities that create a special and welcoming environment that is safe and supportive. We have three separate rooms within Kingdom.



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## **Babies & Crawlers:**

Our Nursery is open from 9:30am for the duration of our gathering for parents with babies (newborn up to confidently walking) who need to feed, or need a quieter space to be in. There is a play space for our babies there too.

You will be welcomed by one of our volunteers to serve you a hot drink & a sweet treat during the service as you sit and interact with your baby in a relaxing environment.

## **Tots:**

From confidently walking until 3 years old, in our Tots room there's lots of fun to be had with free play and a short mat time with songs, stories and snack time. We have a great space with plenty of age appropriate toys. You are welcome to stay and support your child or as they grow in confidence you can leave them with our amazing team of volunteers. Your child will be issued a three digit number and if you are needed during the service, this number will go up to the left of the stage in the auditorium.

Please note, our volunteers do not change nappies. A three digit number will go up above the stage if you are required to come for a nappy change.

## **Juniors:**

For those 3 years old until school age we run an interactive mat time filled with songs and stories. This is followed by snack, prayer and play time. We have age appropriate toys for free play and sandpit play outside to enjoy when the sun is shining! Please take your child to the toilet before the service to help minimise toilet trips for our volunteers.

# Tribe

Primary age kids are full of life, discovering new ideas and experiences every day. In Tribe, we love getting to know the kids; their interests, what makes them laugh, their favourite sport or their pet's name. Tribe is a safe place where children can learn to love God, make friends and use the bible to learn God's truths. We pray these truths would be anchored deep in the hearts of our Gateway children.

Each Sunday the children are welcomed into their coloured mat group to connect with other kids with some fun activities and a snack of a biscuit, apple and water. We come together as a large group to hear our Bible story and memory verse, followed by games and activities to help deepen their understanding and connect it to their own everyday lives. Everyone is welcome in Tribe. We love meeting new friends.

Tribe is broken down into three age groups, following the school year age brackets:

- Eden (School Years 0 to 2)
- Canaan (School Year 3 & 4)
- Zion (School Years 5 & 6)



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# Emerge

We hope Emerge will be a place where our Year 7 & 8's begin to examine their faith and foster a growing relationship with Jesus. We love having fun together and building lasting connections within our Emerge community, as well as asking lots of questions, developing our identity in Christ and exploring what that looks like amongst family, friends and the world we live in.

Emerge takes place on the top floor of Gateway. At the end of the gathering, one of the Emerge leaders will bring the group back down to the auditorium & release the kids from there. Our Emerge kids are checked in, but stickers aren't printed as they do not require a parent tag to collect them. Rest assured they are checked off a list when they arrive to their room in the morning.



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# Extra Info



# Kids Check in:

On Sunday mornings all of our kids are checked in at the 'Check In' desk, open from 9:30am. This is for the safety of each child we care for on Sunday mornings and so we know who to contact should we need to for any reason. Please see a team member at the check in desk if you need assistance to check your child in.

During worship, a slide will come up that says 'TRIBE & EMERGE its time to go' – our Tribe (Primary) & Emerge (Intermediate) kids head up the back to their leaders and their corresponding signs to head out to their areas for the rest of the gathering. Our Kingdom (Preschool) kids can head out anytime after this until the end of the break, whenever they are ready. You will drop them off to their room yourself.

We also ask that you let the check in team know if for any reason you check your child in pre-service but they remain with you in the gathering.

## Check out:

### **For those in Kingdom & Tribe:**

At the end of the gathering go to the room your child is in and using your parent tag, collect your child. A leader will be on the door to check out your child by matching their sticker to your parent code. In order to keep our kids safe please ensure you see this leader on the door & they have checked them out on the room device. If you don't have a tag or you lose it, please see the check in desk.

### **For those in Emerge:**

Your child will be brought as a group to the auditorium and released to find you.

## Please note:

If the kids have already gone out to their areas after you arrive, you will need to check them in and then take your child(ren) to their areas yourself.

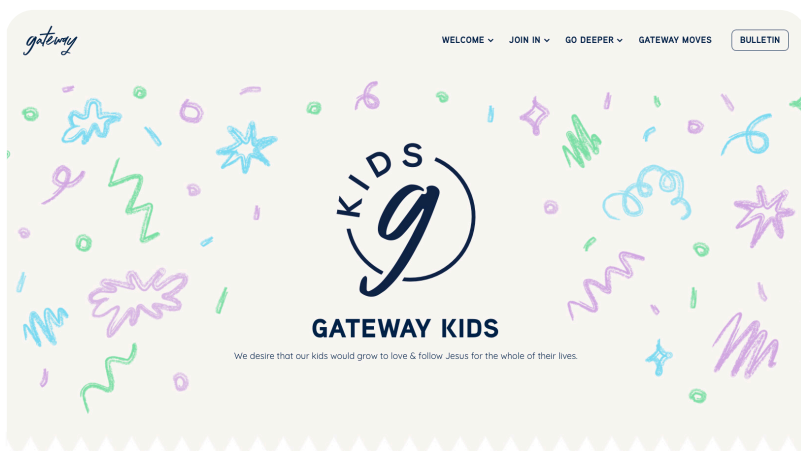
# Learning & Resources

We recognise that you, as parents, are your child's primary teacher about faith. You have much more time with your children than the hour or so they spend in Gateway Kids each week!

We want to support you in this so visit our kids page and go to the From Sunday section to find programme resources to help spark family conversations in your everyday moments during the week. For more practical tips & recommended reads for your parenting journey see the parenting resources link.



All found on our kids page:  
[www.gatewaychurch.org.nz/kids](http://www.gatewaychurch.org.nz/kids)



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# Serving in our kids areas

We ask that all parents consider serving in some capacity in their kids rooms. We have opportunities to serve monthly in all our kids areas currently.

Please visit our 'serve' tab on the Gateway Church Center app to sign up for this or email [annabelle@gatewaychurch.org.nz](mailto:annabelle@gatewaychurch.org.nz)

# Stay in the loop

## Monthly Email Sign Up



We have a monthly email that comes out in the first week of every month. Here you can find key info & all things coming up for Gateway Kids.

Sign up via this QR code or through our website on: [gatewaychurch.org.nz/kids-connect](https://gatewaychurch.org.nz/kids-connect)

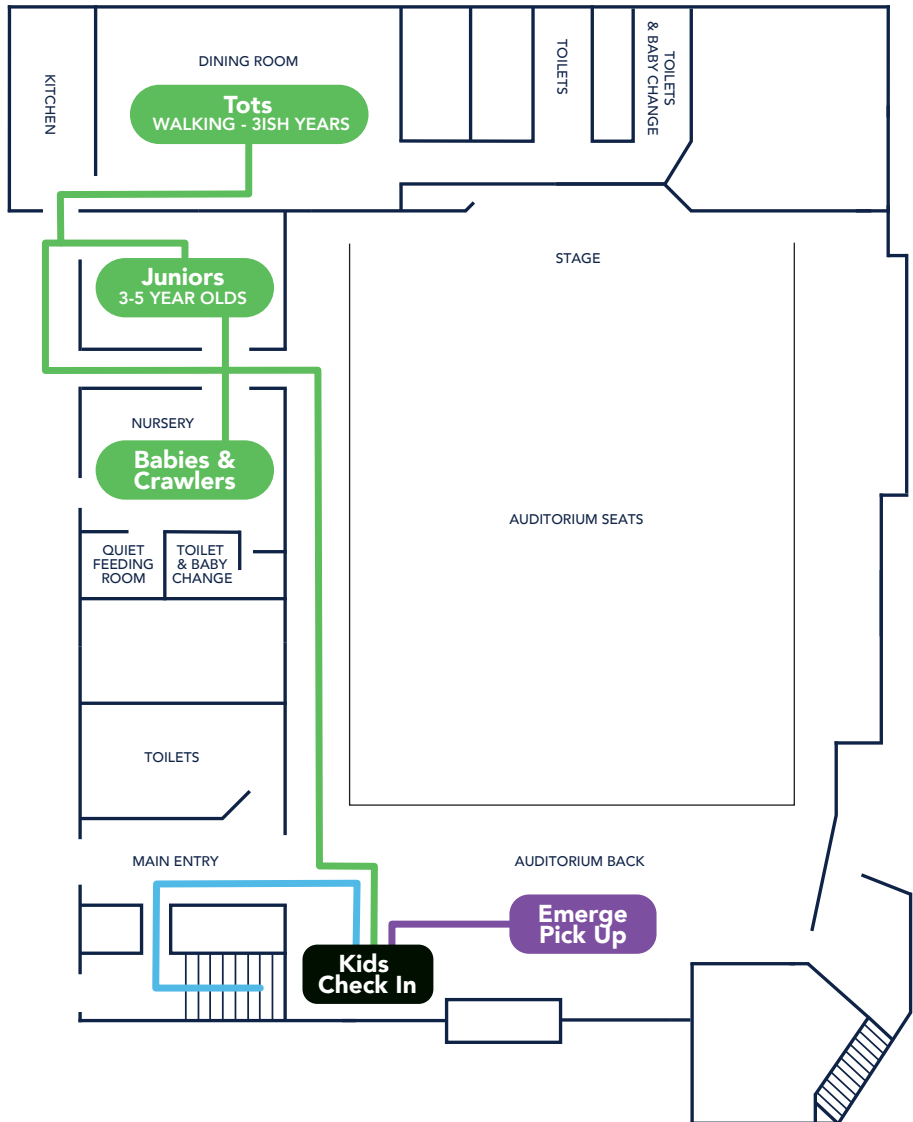
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