

The Testimony Church (TTC) Expectations for Children During Service

1. You are not allowed to be excused from the table unless your parents give you permission. No wandering around during the service.
2. No running in the hallways.
3. Your parents must give you permission to go to the children's room.
4. You are not allowed to leave the children's room unless your parents are with you (this includes using the bathroom).
5. You are to obey the one who oversees the children's room.

Guidance to The Testimony Church for Use of the Children's Room

1. The children's room is for children ages 0-3 during the sermon if the parents need it (they are welcome to stay in service should the parents deem it unnecessary for their children to take a break in the children's room).
2. All children will stay in the assembly during worship. Children that are 4 and older are encouraged to stay during the teaching, and prayer time.
3. During the prayer time, all ages of children are permitted to stay in the children room but are not allowed to leave unless their parent comes and gets them.
4. The members who are overseeing the Children's room are being a blessing to parents by helping them train their children. The goal is to train children to love being in the church among us. The children's room is a tool to help parents train their children. IT IS NOT a day care program.
5. The one who oversees the children's room will be a female, trusted member of TTC.
6. During the prayer time, the overseer can be "tagged" out to minister or be ministered to as the Holy Spirit leads us.
7. The room overseer will NEVER take a child not their own to the bathroom unless the child's parent gives them permission to.

Guidance to Parents During the Service

1. Parents must actively teach their children to behave during service. They cannot allow their children to leave the tables whenever the child wants. This will take a lot of training, but the Testimony Church will love and support you in your efforts. Here are some suggestions:
 - a. Young children can be encouraged to sit still and listen with small snacks like cheerios.
 - b. When a child becomes disobedient or restless take them to the children's room for either discipline or a break. The sermons are recorded and you can catch what you missed later.
 - c. The church has coloring pages and quiet toys available for the children to play with at the tables.
 - d. Set your expectations for little ones to sit in service low. Start with trying to get them to sit and behave for 1 minute. Then incrementally add time to it. Be patient with them, and it will pay off.
2. If you win at home during the week, you will win outside the home during church. Consider the ABCs of Parenting:
 - a. Always Win
 - b. Be Gentle
 - c. Consistently be Consistent
3. We want your goal to be to train your children to love Jesus, the Church, and win the lost to Him.