



Reality LA Kids Sundays 2021

Overview

We are overjoyed to be heading back at Helen Bernstein High School on Sundays! With the move back “home” comes another round of changes for Reality LA Kids Sundays as well. Our primary goals of safety, joy, and faithfully teaching the Gospel remain constant, but we are asking for your patience, understanding, and grace as we make transitional steps back into this space. Some things in our ministry will not look the same as before or will need time to ramp back up, whether for health/safety reasons or because of our need to rebuild/re-establish our volunteer team. As always, you are absolutely welcome to have any of your children join you in the auditorium - we are a church family, and our family includes kids of different ages, so please feel the freedom to do what is best for you and your family on Sundays.

Please read through this document to learn how this shapes Sundays for your family, and don't hesitate to reach out with your questions by emailing us at kids@realityla.com. It's such a joy to partner with you in making disciples of Jesus!

Mom's Room (<6 months)

Any mother who would like a private/female-only space to feed their child, give them space to cry or sleep, or honestly whatever reason you may have, can go to the Mom's Room located in a private room off of the Northeast part of the courtyard (signs will direct you day-of.) This room will have rocking chairs, a small foam-matted area for little ones to crawl on, a TV with a live feed of the sermon, and a changing table/diaper genie. The room is located down a small hallway and there are room divider walls for an extra level of privacy. Our typical suggestion is that if you have one child aged 6 months or younger, this is the best spot for you.

Nursery/Toddler Aged Children (6-36 months)

Please read this one carefully, as it is a bit different than how our Nursery/Toddler room functioned pre-pandemic

To begin our time at HBHS, **the Nursery/Toddler room is a space where children 6-36 months can come accompanied by a parent or caretaker during the gathering.**

Because of volunteer limitations and health/safety regulations we are not yet at a place where we can have families drop their children off in this room (though that is the eventual goal.)

This room will have a live feed of the gathering playing on a television in the room, so parents/caretakers will still be able to hear the preached word on Sundays while accompanying their child. We will have carpets set up throughout the room, snacks available for you to give your child(ren), and toys (sanitized before and after each gathering) for children to play with. We will also have changing tables/diaper genies to do diaper changes and tables for bag drop offs. A couple other quick notes for this space:

- There will be a few Reality LA Kids Volunteers in the room each Sunday. Their role is to support you, to help play with the kids, and to ensure health/safety. You cannot drop your child off with these volunteers, but they can support you for short time periods (i.e. you need to take your 2-year-old to the restroom - a volunteer can hold your 3 month old while you do.) The general rule of thumb: you are responsible for the kiddos you bring into the room, with our team there to support however we can.
- You do not need to register OR check in on Sunday at the Welcome Area to use this room.
- Masks are required for anyone aged 2 and up for the entire time you are in the room.
- If you are a parent/caretaker with multiple children under 36 months (i.e. a 2 year old and a 3 month old) you may absolutely have them both with you!

Preschool-4th Grade Aged Children (3 years and up)

Any child participating in these area must be fully potty trained and able to communicate with our volunteer team.

Children in **Preschool-4th grade can join us for a full version of Kids Ministry, meaning you can check them in and drop them off with us.** Our background-checked volunteer team will be with your children for the full duration of the gathering, with parents/caretakers coming to pick them up immediately after the service concludes.

Children participating in this area will need to be checked in at the Reality LA Kids Welcome Area each Sunday, but we are no longer requiring pre-registration to attend. The Welcome Area is located on the south side of the courtyard, with signage and volunteers directing you to its location. After being checked in, you will walk your child to the small gym area, where we will greet your family and place kids in the group they will be in for the day (broken down by age.) We will have a Gospel-centered teaching time, musical worship, outdoor activities, snack, and crafts during our time together.

Masks are required for everyone in the space; the only times they will not be worn is while eating snack or playing outdoors (both done with as much space and safety as possible.)

Here is a typical Sunday schedule:

TIME	ITEM
9:45AM	Welcome Area is open for check in for families with Preschool-4th grade children; once you're checked in, walk to the small gym for free time/games
10AM	Help with clean up and get ready to participate in musical worship!
~10:15AM	ALL: Video Bible Lesson
~10:45AM	- YOUNGERS: Outside activity - OLDERS: Bible lesson Quiz-o-Rama/Discussion time + Snack
~11:05AM	- YOUNGERS: Inside craft + Snack - OLDERS: Outside activity
11:25AM	ALL: inside the gym; free time until picked up