

GUIDELINES FOR DISCIPLINE

It is our endeavor in the LAF ministry to trust in the Holy Spirit to help us address the heart attitude of children, not merely their behavior when guiding them toward godly obedience and a heart that willingly submits to the Lord. It is our desire to allow the love of God to motivate children and to create an atmosphere of grace in each classroom where correction is given and forgiveness offered to help them be restored back to a place where they can learn and allow others to learn. The guidelines below are not meant to replace seeking the Lord for wisdom in each individual situation and may not be necessary in many cases, but are designed to provide a framework for a course of action and means for obtaining parental support when needed. Our ultimate goal is that each child come to understand and experience the love of Christ through our modeling, our teaching and our discipline so they will be drawn to Him.

DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

In order to have an optimum atmosphere for learning and to help enhance respectful behavior in each classroom, we wanted to pass on the discipline guidelines that the teachers will be using in Sunday School:

- A) Teachers will give children classroom expectations routinely.
- B) If a child is noncompliant, these steps will be taken:
 - 1) He will be reminded of the expectations and a warning given.
 - 2) If noncompliance continues, he will be separated from the group within the room. He will be invited back when an attitude change is apparent to the teacher.
 - 3) If the child is not been able to come back with a cooperative attitude after this 2nd step, he will return to his parents in the sanctuary.

DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

In order to have an optimum atmosphere for learning and to help enhance respectful behavior in each classroom, we wanted to pass on the discipline guidelines that the teachers will be using on Wednesday nights or other LAF activities:

- A) Teachers will give children classroom expectations routinely.
- B) If a child is noncompliant, these steps will be taken:
 - 1) He will be reminded of the expectations and a warning given.
 - 2) If noncompliance continues, he will be separated from the group within the room. He will be invited back when an attitude change is apparent to the teacher.
 - 3) If another incidence of non-cooperation occurs, he will be taken to another area outside the classroom with an adult, who will supervise him until he has a willingness to cooperate. If, after a reasonable amount of time it becomes apparent that parents need to be contacted, Step 4 will take place.
 - 4) If the child is not been able to return with a cooperative attitude after this 3rd step, the child's parents will be called and consulted.

LAF Ministry Vision Statement :

Partnering with parents to help children understand the supremacy and grace of God in all things, through reliance on the Holy Spirit, the Word of God, and life-giving relationships with other people for their joy and the expansion of Christ's Kingdom.