



Church of the
INCARNATION
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP*

**God is love
God loves me
God help me to love you
and to love everybody**

Our vision

Each Sunday before the children depart, we invite them (and everyone else as well) to say the words above together, then we sing the same words over them as they go. This sums up our hopes for children, and our hope the role that children's worship will play in their lives. We want it to be a place where kids learn that God is love, that God loves each of them, and where they learn to love God and to love all people (the two greatest commandments). We do this by telling them about Jesus, but also by showing them in simple ways what it means to be Christlike.

What we do

The children 3-8 depart early in the service (after 10-12 minutes) to go upstairs with two adult volunteers where they will be taught an interactive lesson, do a craft/activity, and eat a snack. The children and adults then return downstairs so that they can participate in communion.

What we promise

It is a joyful responsibility to be entrusted with the care of children, and our first priority is the safety of the children in every respect: physical, emotional, spiritual, etc. We will always have at least two adult volunteers present and we are intent on avoiding situations where any child is alone with a single adult. We will also communicate directly with parents when anything happens or when we observe/hear anything that we believe they would want to know.

Qualifications/requirements for volunteers

While it might help to know the Bible well or to have experience teaching, the most important thing is the desire to love children and to help them grow in love for God and one another. The requirements for teachers are:

- to have been part of the Incarnation community for at least 6 months (or, before the church is six months old, to have a long relational history with multiple people in the church)
- to demonstrate character which, though not perfect, is recognizably Christlike
- to share our vision for children's worship
- to pass a Luxembourg criminal background check (which can be obtained in-person or at myguichet.lu).

***Why we call it "Children's Worship"**

At Incarnation we will believe that worship is all about orienting your life toward God. That's what we do on a Sunday when we gather to sing, pray, read, hear, and receive communion. Although what the kids do upstairs on a Sunday might look different than what happens downstairs, what they're doing is still worship, for there we form them to orient their lives to God.