

Children's Ministry Graduation Guidelines

In the Children's Ministry at ACCF, we have different procedures for moving kids up to their next classes. Our policy varies based on the age of the children. For younger kids – infants through 4 year-olds – it has to do with age and birthdays. These kiddos attend the class that corresponds to their age. So when a birthday comes along, they 'graduate' into the next class. For the older kids – kindergarten on up – it is based on their grade in school. These kids move into their next classes in mid-June, when the traditional school year comes to an end.

For kindergarteners through 5th graders, if a given child has a birthday during a school year they would still remain in their class till the end of that school year. Only if a child stays back a grade can they remain in their class for more than one school year. Are there any exceptions? Very rarely. Please call James at 971-327-2120 with any questions or requests.

FAQ:

Q: When does a kindergartener move up to the grade school class?

A: In mid-June, when most kindergarteners finish their kindergarten school year.

Q: What about a 3 year old?

A: They move up to the 4 year-old class when they turn 4.

Q: When does my 5th grader move on to the Jr. High youth group?

A: In mid-June, when they finish their 5th grade school year. At that point they begin attending Jr. High youth group, and Jr. High events. At this point they can no longer attend Grade School events or classes. For anyone at least 12 years of age, there are opportunities to help out with Children's Ministry classes [including Grade School], as well as with Grade School events. Please call the church office, or sign up at the Children's Ministry information table to pursue this.

Q: What if my kindergartener stays back a year, and thus goes through kindergarten for a second year?

A: If your child stays back a grade in school, then they remain in the classroom at ACCF that corresponds to their grade in school.

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 18:1-4