**Pew card regarding children**

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**A Note to Children:**

*Jesus loves you*

*And we love you. Welcome.*

**A note to Grown-ups**

*When you hear or see . . . remember . . .*

\* A baby cry or child yell in frustration:

God hears us when we cry out.

\* A child singing: Make a joyful noise!

\* A child jumping or dancing: Pay attention to the movement of the Spirit in your soul.

\* A child playing or coloring: God places a creative spirit in us.

*Remember:* The presence of children means God’s church continues.

**A Note to Parents and Caregivers:**

*Congratulations! You made it to church. That is an accomplishment. We are glad you are here.*

\* Worship bags are handed out during children’s time, to be returned after the service.

\* You are welcome to keep young children in the worship service. We also have staffed rooms for children through age 2.

\* We would love for you and your children to join us for Sunday School after worship.

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*“Tips for Worshipping as a Family”*

"Let the little children come to me and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” - Mark 10:14b-15

**“. . . allow the spirit of God**

**to breathe**

**around you and your family.”**

**Tips for Worshiping as a Family**

\*Model attentive participation in worship

\* Give your child a coin to put in the offering plate, to participate and to practice stewardship

\* Bring a snack along to worship

\* Help your child participate in every way they can

\* Sit near the front. Being able to see helps children engage

\* Many of us worship better when we are doing something tactile. You can encourage your children to do this, and you an model it. Doodle, knit, mold playdough, trace a finger labyrinth, color, or do other things that help you come into the presence of God.

*Remember*

We are glad your children are here. We don’t mind their noises and movements! Worshiping as a family is important to developing your faith together. Know that you are doing a good thing, relax, and allow the Spirit of God to breathe around you and your family.