



Children's Discipline Policy

St. Paul's is committed to helping our children develop Christian character. We want children to internalize the Biblical principles we teach and to grow in their personal relationship with God. Only the Holy Spirit accomplishes a change of heart. We want to equip and encourage our children for success. Therefore, we expect our children to know what is expected of them. Specifics to this are:

- Treating others with respect
- Obeying authority
- Listening
- Appropriate indoor behavior

If a child is exhibiting inappropriate behavior (an action that disrupts the learning process or is an act of willful disrespect) the following steps will be taken.

1st Occurrence=Verbal Warning

The child will be separated from the other children and verbally made aware of the inappropriate behavior. The Sprouts/Seedlings volunteer will clearly define to the child how to change the behavior so that it is acceptable.

2nd Occurrence=Time-out

The volunteer will separate the child from the class/group. The child will be reminded of the inappropriate behavior and encouraged to correct it. The child will then sit separate from the rest of the group, but in full view of the volunteer, for the number of minutes equal to the child's age.

3rd Occurrence=Speak with Children's Ministry Director

The Children's Ministry Director will speak with the child out of the room, explaining the consequences for continued inappropriate behavior. The child will be reminded and the parents will be notified.

Parent Notification

The Director will make the decision whether a parent needs to be notified during or after the service. It is our goal to talk to the parent in private. Parents will be notified every time their child's behavior results in their removal from class.