



Welcome to Image Church OC's HayDay Vacation Bible School!



Dear Parents:

We're so glad you've signed your child up for HayDay! This VBS program is a wonderful way to help your little ones explore God's Word in new ways.

At HayDay, pre-schoolers will be in small mixed-age groups with other young children 3 through 5 years old. These small groups, called Crews, are led by adults or teenagers who love children and love the Lord. Crews are an important part of HayDay! Here's why.

Older kids share their skills and abilities with younger kids. Five-year-olds play an important role in their Crews. They become the "big kids" who can cut with more accuracy, glue more easily, and (gasp!) even write their names! Younger children will love being with your child and will show their affection generously. All this admiration is wonderful for your child's self-esteem and allows him or her to serve younger children in hands-on, practical ways.

Younger kids are loved and nurtured by their Crew members. They'll be loved, served, and doted on by the older children in their Crews. Plus, in a mixed-age small group, the Crew Leader has much more time to spend one-on-one with your child. And you can be sure that the activities are all specially designed for mixed-age groups, so younger children won't be in over their heads.

Pre-schoolers develop new friendships. While it's true that your child may not be with his or her very best friend, there will be opportunities to make many new friends. Studies show that children learn as much—or more—when they're linked with kids of different ages. If your child really needs the security of a familiar face, we can most likely pair him or her with one special friend.

Millions of children have experienced the multi-age "family" approach at Group's VBS, with surprise and delight at the outcome. However, the most important factor in making this program a success is your attitude. If your child has doubts, reassure him or her that this is a wonderful opportunity to try something new. Your support will speak volumes to the children we're serving.

At the end of each day, pre-schoolers will attend Friendship Finale and then return to the preschool area where you can pick them up. For safety reasons, please don't intercept your child before the Little Peep's Preschool Leader and Crew Leaders have had the opportunity to return to the preschool area, count the children, and make sure they and their belongings are ready to go home.

Little Peep's Preschool Leader

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