



Dear Disciples Families,

Welcome to General Assembly 2017! We're glad you're here!

This letter is your invitation to join us (during each evening's worship) in the Family Friendly Worship Spaces. These spaces have been created so that young children know they too are invited to *participate in the worship life of the Church*. They are safe, comfortable places for families, who have young children, to be during each worship service.

In the Family Friendly Worship Spaces you will find:

- Age-appropriate arts and crafts materials to enhance the themes of the worship services.
- Chairs, surrounding the Family Friendly Worship Space, for those family members unable to sit on the floor.
- Arts and craft materials for families to take to other seating areas during worship services.
- Volunteers to help you and your children find a comfortable place to be during worship.

Please note that these Family Friendly Worship Spaces are for families. They are not spaces to which children can be sent unaccompanied. **At least one adult family member must be with children in the Family Friendly Space at all times.**

We have a few tips and guidelines for making the space safe and enjoyable for all:

Parents, please stay with your children.

Children, please walk; don't run, if you need to get additional supplies.

Everyone, please use your very quietest voice if you have to talk; please return unused materials to supply tables at the end of worship; and please throw away or recycle trash.

Note: The Family Friendly Space in the back of the Plenary Hall is designed ages 0-3 years. The two other spaces on either side of the hall are for ages 4 years and up.

This year the children will be working with specific items from the Children's Moment that will build on each other over the week. They will house these items in the Family Worship Storage Space until GA is over. You can find the Family Worship Storage space at the back of the auditorium, in front of the bleachers, closest to the entrance. Please pick up your items as you come in each evening and then make your way to the FFS of your choice.

Please see the reverse side of this letter for tips on how to best enhance your child's experience at General Assembly.

Sincerely,

Family & Children's Ministries