

# What is the Wee Worship space in Spiritwind?



Wee Worship is an area in the front corner of the Spiritwind sanctuary specifically set aside for families with infants and toddlers.

The space consists of a rug, small table with child-sized chairs, and soft blocks, books, and toys.

There are also bouncy seats (for smaller infants), Bumbo chairs (for babies who can hold their heads up but can't yet sit up on their own), and baby gyms available.

## For whom is the Wee Worship Space intended?

Generally-speaking, the Wee Worship space is intended for infants and toddlers, or for kids 4 and under. The Children's Ministry provides Activity Bags for older children who need a few extras to help hold their attention while worshipping.

## Why is it in the front of the sanctuary?

Because children pay more attention when they can see what's going on, and they're short! We recognize that kids will play much of the time, but they also pay attention to what's happening in worship. When children can see what's going on, they absorb worship language and rituals in a different way.



## Isn't it noisy?

Not really, and certainly not any noisier than it would be if those same kids were sitting in chairs. We took great care in selecting play items that would keep the noise to a minimum: the blocks are made of foam, the books are all made of fabric, the toys are all plush, and even the baskets where we keep the toys are made of fabric.

## Aren't the kids distracting to the preacher? Will the congregation be able to pay attention to the sermon when there are kids playing up front?

In my mind, any preacher worth their salt can handle a baby crying or a toddler screeching here and there. There are quite a number of places in the sanctuary where you can sit and not see the Wee Worship space at all. Some people may decide to change where they sit because they thought they'd be distracted by the kids. Others might change where they sit to see them better!

## How do you keep it all clean?

It's actually pretty easy – almost everything can either go in the washing machine or can be sprayed and wiped down. Our Child Care staff will clean the area and toys every week.