



***LITTLE LAMB***

**PRESCHOOL & CHILDCARE**

# **PARENT HANDBOOK**

**2025-2026**

**LLPC is a ministry of Divine Shepherd Church,  
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The mission of Divine Shepherd’s Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare is to bring Jesus to as many children as possible by providing them with Christ-centered education and care.

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## **ABOUT US**

### **WELCOME TO LITTLE LAMB PRESCHOOL & CHILDCARE!**

Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare (LLPC) is a ministry of Divine Shepherd Church (DSC). We are devoted to you and your family and desire to assist you in your spiritual needs. We would like to share with you the message and the love of God in His Son, Jesus, who came to be our Savior. We cordially invite you to join us in worship and Bible study.

**SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00 pm – BLENDED**

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

**8:15 am - TRADITIONAL**

**9:15 am – CONNECTIONS & BIBLE STUDY**

**10:15 am - MODERN**

Check [dsomaha.org](http://dsomaha.org) or contact the church office at (402) 895-1500 for information regarding Children's, Youth, and Adult Ministry opportunities.

## **LICENSING**

Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare is licensed to provide childcare and preschool classes for children between the ages of six weeks and six years old. To contact the Nebraska State Department of Health and Human Services with licensing or other questions, please call (402) 471-3121 or the Omaha DHHS office at (402) 595-3343. A brochure from the DHHS is given to each family before the child's first day. Parents should read the information, sign and date the receipt and return it to LLPC by the first day of care.

## **OBJECTIVES OF LITTLE LAMB PRESCHOOL & CHILDCARE**

The mission of Divine Shepherd's Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare is to bring Jesus to as many children as possible by providing them with Christ-centered education and care.

To provide a rich Christian environment for your child so that he/she may grow in the love of Jesus, our Savior.

To provide interactions and activities designed to develop your child's self-esteem and positive feelings toward learning.

To provide experiences that meet your child's needs and stimulate learning in all developmental areas – spiritual, physical, social, emotional and intellectual.

To increase your child's ability of creative expression through music, art, dramatic play, literature, nature, field trips and games.

To increase your child's ability to socialize with other children and adults outside his/her family.

To help your child learn responsibility by providing many opportunities for him/her to make choices.

To help your child learn to share, wait, take turns and be patient.

To teach your child to follow simple directions and be independent.

To help your child develop a strong body through exercise and controlled use of muscles (large and fine motor skills).

## **ATTENDANCE**

When you know your child will be absent, please call or text the preschool office at (402) 714-3950 or email [rhonda@dsomaha.org](mailto:rhonda@dsomaha.org) or message through the ProCare app. We are unable to adjust tuition due to absences.

## **VISITING PROCEDURES**

You are always welcome to visit our preschool and childcare classrooms. We appreciate you making an appointment with your child's teacher. A child rarely handles his/her day the same if a parent is present. Present your request in the same way you would a conference.

## **ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL**

In order to assure the safety of your child, we ask that you sign your child in and out each day at the fingerprint kiosk. The door will unlock as you check your child in. Please do not hold or prop the door open for other parents or individuals. The safety of the children is always a priority in our facility.

Please bring your child to the classroom. When dropping off an infant and older sibling, please drop off the older child first and pick up the older child last. This helps keep all our infants safe without older children in their space.

Help each day to get off to a good start with a good night's sleep, clothes picked out the night before and perhaps a special "good- bye routine." Our teachers will be on hand to welcome you. Bring your school bag and a smile! We do everything we can to make each child feel comfortable.

When picking up your child, please be sure to contact a staff member. NEVER remove a child from the building or playground without staff acknowledgment.

LLPC MUST HAVE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION IN ADVANCE FROM A PARENT if someone other than a parent, guardian or designated childcare carpool person will be picking up your child(ren).

IN AN EMERGENCY, a call to the office is acceptable notification. In either instance, this person will be asked to provide identification and MUST KNOW YOUR FAMILY SAFETY CODE WORD before we release your child to them. Please understand this process is for the safety of your

child. On occasion we may call you to verify the person has permission to pick up your child.

Due to the importance of communication between teachers, parents and your child(ren), we ask that you NOT use your cell phone while dropping off or picking up your child.

### **PROCARE APP**

We use the ProCare app in all classrooms at varying levels. Parents and teachers may communicate via the app throughout the day. Toddler and Infant parents will receive updates on meals/bottles, diaper changes and potty training, naps, pictures, and messages through the ProCare App. Parents will receive an email invitation with the ProCare App sign-up instructions as your child's first day at LLPC approaches. If your child has an allergy to specific foods, please contact Jennifer Perkins via the ProCare App.

### **GUIDANCE & DISCIPLINE TECHNIQUES**

We recognize that families differ in their approach to discipline. In our program, harsh or threatening methods will not be used. Discipline will be handled in a Christ-like manner as we share God's love through the steps below: Discipline = Discipling = Teaching

1. Let the children know what we expect in a positive way
2. Praise good behavior
3. Change the environment when needed-calming space
4. Help the children realize and verbalize feelings
5. Redirect the children
6. Offer classmates' forgiveness and ask them to do the same
7. Quietly remove a child or children from the group to allow time for the child to reflect on his/her actions followed by a discussion of the problem and how to solve it.

Even with discipline, children must be allowed to think, learn that actions bear consequences, be held accountable/responsible for their actions, work on “sharing God’s love in all we say and do” and to be forgiven by staff, a friend, and Jesus. Effective discipline is vitally important. “He who ignores discipline despises himself, but whoever heeds correction gains understanding.” Proverbs 15:32

## **BEHAVIOR MANAGERMENTS**

While we embrace an abundance of grace with children and behaviors and have varied expectations regarding what is developmentally appropriate behavior, LLPC is not able to allow continuous disruptive, aggressive or violent behavior by children of any age against staff members or other children. If a child exhibits repeated disruption, aggression such as but not limited to hitting, biting and kicking, or violent behavior, we will call the parent(s) or guardian(s) to pick up the child from care that day. In addition, if a child has behavioral issues, refuses to cooperate, continually runs away from staff, or continually yells, the parent(s) or guardian(s) will be called. Director or Assistant Director will communicate and consult with parent(s) or guardian(s) to determine the best course of action for all involved. Family cooperation and a plan for a change in behavior will be needed for continued enrollment.

If a child’s behavior continuously takes away from a staff member’s ability to safely care for other children, or if the child is not able to function in the childcare center, LLPC reserves the right to remove a child from the program.

## **BITING**

Biting is a normal part of early childhood development. Babies and toddlers bite for a variety of reasons such as teething or exploring a new toy or object with their mouth. As they begin to understand cause-and-effect, they also might bite a person to see if they can get a reaction.

Biting also can be a way for toddlers to get attention or express how they are feeling. Frustration, anger and fear are strong emotions and



toddlers lack language skills to deal with them. So, if they can't find the words quickly enough or can't articulate how they are feeling, they may resort to biting as a way of saying "Pay attention to me!" or "I don't like that!"

## **ACCIDENTS & INJURY REPORTING PROCEDURES**

By enrolling your child in Little Lamb Preschool & Childcare (LLPC), you release and hold harmless LLPC, Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church, their directors, officers, advisors, employees, instructors, volunteers, childcare workers, and all other persons or entities acting for them from any and all claims, demands, suits, cost and shares, in connection with or arising out of LLPC programs, including but not limited to personal injury, bodily harm, injury, or property damage occurring while your child is being cared for at LLPC.

You further acknowledge that LLPC has your permission to obtain emergency medical treatment for your child when you cannot be reached or if a delay in reaching you would be dangerous for your child. Understand that LLPC may have an emergency vehicle transport your child in an emergency medical situation, and the emergency vehicle will take your child to the nearest hospital or medical facility. Understand that you assume all financial responsibility for any treatment or injuries sustained by your child while he/she is at LLPC.

Parents will receive an injury incident report or a report on having hurt another child through the ProCare App. Please acknowledge receipt of the report through a message on the ProCare App.

## **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Phone conferences will be scheduled with parents at the end of October, but you may request a conference at any time by submitting a written request to the Teacher, leaving a phone message or sending an email to the Director. In March, teachers will post sign-up sheets for face-to-face conferences at school.

## **PERSONAL BELONGINGS**

Please LABEL all diaper bags, blankets, bottles/sippy cups, jackets, boots and the insides of mittens and caps with your child's name or initials. Children can have similar-looking items, so labeling helps the teacher keep the items organized.

## **BOOK ORDERS**

Reading to your child is one of the best things you can do with him/her to stimulate thinking, listening and increase vocabulary skills. You may purchase books online by going to [Scholastic.com](http://Scholastic.com)/book clubs and using our class activation code: 32V2N7. Periodically, we will be sending home 2 or 3 book order forms. You may wish to take advantage of these great prices and the excellent choice of book selections. Feel free to share them with grandparents too! If you would like to place an order as gifts, just attach a note stating this and the Teacher or Director will get the books to you. We will also have a Scholastic Book Fair in the spring.

## **ANIMALS**

To help children learn about animals, teachers may bring fish or small animals such as turtles, hamsters or rabbits into the classrooms. Parents will be notified when children have access to these animals. The children will be supervised and protected at all times.

## **TUITION AND REGISTRATION FEES**

LLPC families use weekly automatic withdrawal to pay tuition. The \$150 registration fee can be paid in cash or by check at the time of enrolling your first child. This is a non-refundable, one-time fee for families. Registration Fees for additional siblings are \$75.

### **WEEKLY FEES:**

Infants (6 weeks - 18 months) \$290

Toddlers (18 months - 3 years) \$270

Preschoolers (3 - 5 years) \$250

Rates effective June 1, 2025

Tuition is due the Friday before the week of care and is the same each week regardless of holidays or absences. Children will not be able to attend until payment is received in full. A \$25.00 charge will be assessed for insufficient fund payments.

For families with three children enrolled at LLPC or the Concordia Lutheran Schools of Omaha system, a 20% discount is offered for the third child. Scholarships are also available for families in need of tuition assistance.

Drop-in care for enrolled part-time students is optional on days/times when ratios and staffing allow for it. The fee to drop-in for an extra day is \$60-\$80 or half-day is \$30-\$40. Payment is due on the day of drop-in care.

### **LATE FEE POLICY**

Please be considerate and pick up your child by closing time. A late fee of \$1 per minute will be charged for any child picked up five minutes or more after closing time.

### **VACATION CREDIT**

For children enrolled full-time, tuition will be charged at 50% for one week of family vacation the first year of attendance. This vacation is used for 5 consecutive days within a week. The Director must be notified at least two weeks prior to the time that the child will not be in attendance. Following one year of full-time attendance, you will receive one week of vacation where no tuition will be charged or two weeks charged at 50% tuition, provided that the family notifies the Director with at least two weeks' notice.

### **HOURS OF OPERATION**

LLPC operates from 6:30am to 5:30pm. Monday through Friday, year-round.

## **DAYS OFF**

When a holiday falls on the weekend, families will be notified of the date childcare will be closed in observance of that holiday. We will be closed, and care will not be provided on the following holidays and workdays:

|                                   |                               |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| New Year's Day                    | President's Day               |
| Good Friday                       | Monday after Easter           |
| Memorial Day                      | Independence Day              |
| Last Friday in July               | Labor Day                     |
| Thanksgiving Day                  | Friday after Thanksgiving Day |
| Christmas Eve thru New Year's Day |                               |

## **SNOW DAYS**

LLPC reserves the right to close in the event of inclement weather. Every effort will be made to be open, keeping in mind the needs of the families being served. We want to make safe decisions for your children in our care, your family, and our staff members. When Millard Public Schools closes due to hazardous weather and road conditions, LLPC may delay opening time or close as well. If we are closed or open late, the decision will be posted on our Facebook page and families will be contacted by email and the ProCare App. If the center needs to close early because of severe weather, parents will be notified by email and ProCare App. No tuition adjustments are provided for inclement weather closings.

## **CURRICULUM & DAILY SCHEDULE**

LLPC uses One in Christ curriculum in all classrooms and Learning Without Tears in the preschool classrooms. We also follow the standards and guidelines set by the NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) and LEA (Lutheran Educators' Association).

## **INFANTS**

Infants follow a different schedule of feeding, napping, and play. Babies will sleep and be fed on demand unless otherwise instructed by the parent. Parents must provide a schedule that will be followed as much as possible; however, staff will use personal discretion when the schedule does not go as planned.

## **TODDLER & PRESCHOOL SCHEDULE**

|                                    |                |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Drop Off & Choice Time             | 6:30am-8:30am  |
| Breakfast                          | 8:00am         |
| Learning Centers & Recess          | 8:30am-11:30am |
| Snack                              | Mid-Morning    |
| Lunch                              | 11:30am-Noon   |
| Nap Time, Learning Center & Recess | Noon-3:00pm    |
| Snack                              | Mid-Afternoon  |
| Pick Up, Recess, Choice Time       | 3:30pm-5:30pm  |

## **CIRCLE TIME**

A time when the children get to share BIG NEWS from home. This sharing time is very important for preschoolers and teachers alike. Teachers introduce children to new songs and special activities in the learning centers. Songs, group stories and games are shared, too. Movement and physical activity are important to your child's health and a fantastic way to keep little eyes watching and ears listening. Each circle time involves 3-5 minutes of "wiggle time." This may be with songs, exercises, scarves, or other tools that help the children move, build muscles, get their blood flowing, and have fun.

## **JESUS TIME**

“Jesus Time” is not one specific time of day. We encourage the children to share God’s love in all we do. We will sing His praise during Circle time, share His love in our play, honor Him as we obey our teachers and celebrate being His children, and worship Him in Chapel.

We talk to God through prayer each day. We tell God “Thank you” for loving us, for making us special and we ask Him to help us use His strength by sharing His love with others. We pray before we eat snacks and meals.

Our Bible story curriculum this year will be the stories included in the children’s Bibles. Each child will receive a Bible so that you can read and reread the stories of God’s love and promises with them. We hope each child will see what a special gift from God we have through His Word. We also work with the children’s phonics as we “read” God’s Word together.

## **CHOICE TIME**

This is the block of learning time where children choose the centers and activities where they work and learn through play. Play is a child’s work. It is the young child’s “mission in life.” Our job is to provide creative, stimulating play situations for the concepts taught.

LLPC is a highly creative, strong play-ethic preschool and childcare center. We are always seeking ways to stimulate imagination and thinking.

Children are offered a wide variety of manipulatives (puzzles, letter and number games, pegboards, building sets, sensory objects), tactile experiences (playdoh, sand, water, finger paint), math and science activities, an extensive creative art center, writing projects, reading area and many dramatic play situations. Due to each child having their own unique learning style, we teach the same concept in every center. The question is not “How smart is my child?” but rather “How is my child smart?”

## **LEARNING CENTERS**

LLPC classes have learning centers each day where children may choose to work and play. Preschool age students are involved in specific learning centers with their friends in small group settings. During this time, each teacher will lead a learning activity using rhyming, math games, letter sounds, and the Learning without Tears curriculum.

## **BOOK LOOK TIME/HAND WASHING**

As children transition to snack and lunch time, they take turns using the restroom. The children may use the restroom at any time but prior to snacks and meal are when everyone is asked to try. Each child will be asked to use warm water and soap, scrubbing between the fingers and the top and bottom of their hands. While waiting for a turn and for friends to finish, they enjoy looking at books from the library and “picture read” with friends or alone. Sometimes the teacher may read to the group.

## **SNACK TIME**

Snacks are served twice a day and are provided for all ages. Preschool families take turns bringing snacks (see below). No juice will be served at snack time. Children are offered water or milk as a choice. Please inform teachers if your child cannot have milk or please bring an alternative milk for your child(ren) that is nut free.

**PRESCHOOL FAMILIES:** A preschool snack helper is asked to provide a healthy snack and help the teacher assistant serve it. Teachers will assign snack helpers each month which will be listed on the monthly calendar. We encourage you to think nutritiously and creatively. Suggestions include cheese and crackers, celery, carrots, veggie dip, fruit, frozen yogurt, raisins, graham crackers, etc. Please do not bring cupcakes or other sweet treats unless it is your child’s birthday celebration. A refrigerator is available for snack storage.

**NO PEANUTS, PEANUT BUTTER OR OTHER TREE NUT ITEMS, PLEASE.**

We are Nut Free. Thank you!

## **MEALTIME**

For children staying all day, nutritious meals and afternoon snacks are provided by LLPC. These are prepared on-site by our cook and meet the guidelines and recommended dietary allowances set by the NE DHHS. Children are served breakfast and lunch and given plenty of time to eat together. Children will receive milk with meals unless an alternative drink is requested. Your child may bring a packed lunch which should contain something from all five food groups, with no nut products. All dietary restrictions or allergies must be documented by a physician and an action plan completed.

## **OUTDOOR PLAY**

Outdoor activity is planned daily so children can develop large muscle skills and express themselves freely and loudly. Our goal is to take your child outside as often as possible. The children enjoy the gym on the days the weather is not conducive to outdoor play. Rain and freezing cold do keep us inside, but snow does not always.

Watch class newsletters and emails to know when your child should bring outdoor snow gear. Please dress your child for the weather. Send a jacket or coat with them when needed. Tennis shoes with easy closure protect your child's feet best and help them be independent. Slip-on shoes, sandals, or shoes and boots with slick soles are fun to wear but are not the best choices for active play. Safety must always be emphasized.

## **NAPTIME**

Children have the opportunity to nap or rest each afternoon. Nap times and their duration depend on the child's age. Each toddler and preschooler need to bring in a crib sheet and may bring special blanket and/or stuffed animal for naptime. Parents are asked to provide a reusable bag (not plastic) with handles with your child's name on it for their naptime supplies. We ask that parents take the reusable bag home every week to wash bed sheet and blanket. Please label the blanket and



stuffed animal with your child's name. Parents may opt their child (over age three) out of naptime. Children under the age of three are required to lie down and rest but are not required to sleep.

Infants follow a different schedule. Babies will sleep and be fed on demand unless otherwise instructed by the parent. Parents should provide a schedule that will be followed as much as possible; however, staff will use personal discretion when the schedule does not go as planned.

### **FANTASTIC FRIDAYS**

Fantastic Fridays are for our preschoolers. In the morning, preschool rooms will rotate having cooking class with Mrs. Perkins and special music activities, instruments, and silly songs.

### **CHAPEL**

Children worship and praise God in Chapel each weekly. Chapels are led by church and preschool staff members in the Sanctuary or Luther Chapel. We find this time of worship together valuable. If Chapel falls on a day when your child is not regularly in class, please feel free to join us in the sanctuary on those days!

### **HEALTHY & SICK POLICY**

State regulations dictate that children should have all standard immunizations included as part of their personal file. All health forms must be completed and turned in by the child's fifth day of school.

Your child(ren) must be kept home when he/she cannot participate in daily activities or has one or more of the following symptoms:

\*A fever of 100° or higher

\*Vomiting

\*Diarrhea

\*Lethargic (without reason)

\*Mucus in eyes

\*A communicable disease

\*Unusual skin color

\*Mouth sores

\*Skin rash

\*Head lice/nits

\*Continuous mucus from the nose

\*Body aches and fatigue

We ask that if one of your children is sick that you, please keep all your children home so that exposure to these symptoms above are not shared between families. For flu related illness your child(ren) may return to class once she/he has been symptom FREE for 24 hours without fever/symptom reducing medications. Please notify LLPC if your child has contracted a communicable disease, so we can notify families of possible exposure. All names are kept confidential.

### **PRACTICE HEALTHY HABITS**

Please teach your child to blow their nose into a tissue.

Please teach your child to cough or sneeze on their arm or elbow rather than using their hand.

Please teach your child to use warm water, soap and prolonged scrubbing when washing their hands. (You can count to 20 or sing ABCs with them.)

### **MEDICATIONS**

Medications can only be administered with a proper medical release/authorization on the child's record and by filling out the Medication Permission and Instructions form. All medication must be in an original container with the child's name on the prescription label. The staff will maintain a record of the time and the amount of medication given or applied. Medication will be returned on the ending date on the container or when expired. Do not bring medications to school unless necessary. If your child has an allergy or asthma, etc., and requires an epi- pen or medication to treat the allergy, a Food Allergy and Action Plan form should be completed and signed by your doctor. LLPC staff CANNOT give the first dose of medication. The first dose must be given by the parent and monitored for the risk of side-effects and/or allergic reactions to the medication.

All of our teachers are certified in First Aid and CPR and have completed the Safe With You training.

## **DIAPERS & POTTY TRAINING**

Families provide disposable diapers, ointment, and wet wipes in the manufacturer's container. Children are checked frequently throughout the day and changed at the first sign of wetness or soiling. The changing tables are disinfected after each use and diaper change. Contact your child's teacher when you feel your child is ready to begin toilet training, and we will assist your child in accomplishing this skill. We recommend you dress your child in clothing that allows your child to use the restroom independently.

Each child needs to be potty-trained before they begin preschool class as there are strict standards for changing and disposing of diapers and pull-ups and the preschool rooms are not equipped for this. A toilet trained child can do the following:

- Communicate to the teachers that he/she needs to go to the restroom before they need to go
- Alert him/herself to stop what he/she is doing, to go and use the bathroom
- Pull down his/her clothes and get them back up without assistance
- Wipe him/herself after using the toilet without assistance
- Get on/off the toilet by him/herself
- Wash and dry hands

Please note this policy is not to place shame or punish a child rather, cleaning accidents are time consuming, and this time takes away from the teacher's time interacting with children and facilitating the classroom. Preschool staff will be supportive in giving reminders throughout the day and assistance with clothing when needed. We understand that even potty-trained children will occasionally have toileting accidents, especially in a new environment. We ask preschoolers who have accidents to change their own underwear and clean up with wipes as much as possible. In the case of multiple accidents, the Director or Assistant Directors will communicate and consult with parents to decide the best course of action for all involved,

including whether the student should remain enrolled or take a break from preschool to concentrate on areas of needed improvement.

Every child needs to bring in a baggie with extra clothes to keep in the child's classroom. Children may need clean clothes for bathroom accidents, meal/snack time spills or messy fun at the sensory table or art easel.

### **FIRE & TORNADO DRILLS**

Fire and tornado drills are conducted to ensure proper procedures in case of emergencies. During tornado emergencies both teachers and children take refuge in the storm shelter. This is an interior room with block walls, restrooms, and no windows. It is certified to withstand an F-4 tornado.

In an evacuation, children will be supervised by preschool and childcare staff and church staff to provide extra supervision. In case of an evacuation from the building, we go to Millard South High School, if available. Parents will be notified by email, ProCare App and cell phone of the evacuation situation and instructed about pick-up procedures during that time. Children will only be dismissed to a parent or authorized adult knowing the family safety code word.

### **CHILD ABUSE REPORTING**

According to Nebraska law, any LLPC employee is mandated to report any suspected child abuse and/or neglect to Social Services. The Director is not required by law to notify the parents before contacting Social Services.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES**

Social media is a great way to share and receive information related to events or activities at LLPC. When commenting on social media about LLPC we ask you to think about how your comments might impact our center positively or negatively and consider the following guidelines to help protect the ministries of LLPC and Divine Shepherd Lutheran

Church. We welcome you to connect with other parents by searching out the Little Lamb Preschool Parents Facebook private group.

Please do not share confidential information, internal discussions or specific information about students, staff, or other families. A media waiver is given to each family for their approval to use their child's photos on the LLPC website, Facebook pages and for other publicity. Children's names will never be posted with pictures. Please do NOT post classroom or group photos without permission from LLPC.

### **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

Each child's birthday will be celebrated. Your child's teacher will choose a day as close to the actual birthday as possible to celebrate. Once the celebration day is determined by the teacher it will be assigned to the monthly calendar so the birthday girl/boy can bring a special treat/item.

Many children choose something other than cupcakes like cookies, donuts or Rice Krispy treats. Cupcakes and other sweet treats are reserved for birthdays only. No candles, please. We sing a special "Happy Birthday" song and give each child a small gift bag.

### **FIELD TRIPS**

Our goal is to provide one special experience or field trip each month. Some will be on-site experiences (i.e.: firefighters & fire trucks visiting) that may be appropriate for all ages. Three trips will be taken elsewhere with our preschool-age students. Each child is required to have a parent transport and accompany them on these off-site trips. Field trips usually take place during your child's regular class time. When we have a field trip on a day your child is not in class, you will be given the option to choose which day you and your child attend with the group. The registration fee covers admission for 1 parent and 1 child on each of these trips. We encourage one parent to attend each field trip with their child. If a parent is unable to attend, a grandparent or other special friend is welcome to attend with your child. Toddlers will have 1 field trip during the summer.

## **APPENDIX 1 - 2025-2026 THEME**

Our theme this year is **Only With the Lord's Strength**(OWLS) as we will be learning "I can do all things through him who strengthens me," Philippians 4:13 . We want each of your children so excited about God's great love and care for them that they leave each day excited to share that great news! God loves each child so much that John 3:16 tells us He sent His Son for each of us! Our prayer is that your family may know about God's love for you and His Son who died, rose, & cares for each of us. God promises salvation for the whole world, including you and me through His Son, Jesus. What an amazing God!

In our theme song we will learn how God is with us always and will help us through the good times and the bad times. We will rejoice and praise God for providing the gift of salvation. We will sing His praise in the classrooms. We will worship Him in Chapel. We are so excited to tell your child about Jesus and to hear stories of how they tell others!

### **THEME SONG: ONLY WITH THE LORD'S STRENGTH**

Only with the Lord (hoo)  
Only with the Lord (hoo)  
Only with the Lord's strength (hoo, hoo)  
Only with the Lord (hoo)  
Only with the Lord (hoo)  
Only with the Lord's strength (hoo, hoo)  
His blood for you was poured,  
He gave His Holy Word,  
The love of God has not length (now I can do all things, but...)  
Only with the Lord (hoo)  
Only with the Lord (hoo)  
Only with the Lord's strength (hoo, hoo)

Celebrate each day with your child(ren)! Give thanks for them and with them! Together praise God as you think about your family relying on

God and loved by God. Please spend some time learning our theme song for the year.

God loves us so much that He richly blesses us. One great gift to us (adults) is our child(ren). He gives us clear instructions in His Word as parents. His command to each parent is:

*"Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these."* Mark 10:14

And

*"Train a child in the way he should go."* Proverbs 22:6

We thank you for entrusting Little Lamb staff with your precious gift (s) from God so that we may assist you in teaching your child (ren) about Jesus and His love!

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