

BBF Children's Ministry Student Safety

Infant safety in the nursery and Student safety in our Children's Ministry is very important to us. We have set up several policies and best practices with the twin aims of preventing child abuse and protecting the many volunteers that pour themselves into our Children's Ministry.

Application Process

Those working with nursery through high school students in Children's Ministries at Bridge Bible Fellowship can expect the following in the application process:

- A background check
- An interview with a BBF Pastor or Elder to determine if they would be a good fit for Children's Ministry, including questions about the volunteer's faith journey and personal struggles
- Request for three non-family references
- Signed BBF's statement of faith and core values

Nursery and class Room Practices

In the Nursery and each classroom we schedule 2 to 3 children's ministry volunteers for accountability, to protect both the children and the teachers.

Accountability to BBF

A member of BBF's leadership team will give quarterly updates on Children's Ministries during the announcements at the Sunday morning service. The update will include an introduction of the new Children's Ministry volunteers both to request prayer & encouragement as well as to invite anyone having any safety concerns involving volunteers to bring them to the leadership in private.

Volunteer Training

Twice a year we hold volunteer appreciation meetings which include ongoing training. For example, in 2017 we had a local attorney share about Idaho policies regarding the reporting of child abuse. Best practices were also discussed.

"The safety of our kiddos is definitely something we are passionate about doing right"

—Nate Anglen, Children's & Youth Ministries Pastor