

# || NEWSONG LA KIDS RE-OPEN PLAN

## OVERVIEW // THE WHY?

**i** After much prayer and discussion Newsong LA Kids will begin the slow process of incrementally opening our In-Person Kids Ministry program. Newsong LA Kids desires to provide a space where all families feel safe and welcome to bring their children during our Sunday services. As we reopen, we will do so in an incremental and safe manner, adapting to any changes that may arise in the process. An incremental manner means that we will reopen in stages which will allow smaller groups of kids, with modified classroom procedures and safety protocols which meet the latest local and federal standards for health and safety.

*We realize that there are a wide range of emotions and thoughts on gathering in person for kids' ministry. Some may not feel comfortable yet having their kids in Newsong LA kids' ministry at this time. While others may have been ready for weeks to rejoin in person. We have options for each family to engage in discipleship together both in person and virtually. This is why we will continue our online Zoom option for families choosing to remain virtual at this time. The content will be the same as our in-person class, but the delivery will be slightly different due to the virtual space.*

*As we slowly reopen, we ask that you extend much grace and love to one another as we are truly all in this together. Please see below for any new procedures or protocols that will help you navigate this process of reopening Newsong LA Kids.*

## The Objective

**i** Newsong LA Kids serves to help children grow socially, emotionally and spiritually with God and with one another. They do this by:

1. Using song, prayer, teaching, and play to teach the children about the entirety of the Bible.
2. Helping children to grow developmentally in their faith.
3. Using a variety of methods to engage spiritual growth throughout their time with us.

## Newsong LA Kids “Ways To Engage”

**i** As we begin the ReOpen process, we have 3 ways to engage with one another, with God and with Newsong LA Kids Ministry. Each area of engagement will provide opportunities for children and families to grow stronger in their faith together.

## At Home // Virtual Engagement

- This option allows families to be at home in your PJ's as you learn together. Each week Newsong LA Kids will provide a family discipleship newsletter with links to that week's curriculum, discussion questions, spiritual formation, memory verses, weekly themes and fun activities to do together. It will also include our link to the

Newsong LA Kids Zoom Bible Study which will help students grow deeper in their faith as they study God's Word. Our ZOOM Class time may change over time as we adapt in our reopen process so, please check the latest newsletter for the correct information.

### **In Person @ Newsong LA Church**

- This option will include the same content that Newsong LA Kids Online offers, but with the added in person fellowship connection. This option will have students working alongside one another in a safe and welcoming environment.

### **HYBRID (Online & Virtual)**

- This option gives you the best of both worlds. Staying in your PJ's one week to attend Newsong LA Kids virtual Bible Study and RSVP to attend the in-person classroom the following week. Both our virtual and in person classrooms will have the same content but the delivery will differ based on the format.

### **“NEW” Check-In / Drop Off / Pick Up Procedures**

**i** *Our Newsong LA Kids Check In / Drop Off / Pick Up Procedures have changed. Due to the safety and health precautions, we are taking, we will adjust these as the months go on. We do realize that there are a wide range of thoughts when thinking of gathering in person. Some may not yet feel comfortable coming back in person, while others may have been ready for weeks. We have options for both as we engage in discipleship together. We ask that throughout the re-open process, you extend much grace and love to one another as we all are in differing places and may take things a different pace. With that being said, for those who will be joining us in person, please read below for our “NEW” procedures.*

#### **1. Pre-Service RSVP Registration**

- Due to capacity limitations in our church building at this time, everyone is required to RSVP for our Sunday Worship Services. Please register your kid(s) when you register yourself for Sunday services. Please indicate their grade level so we can plan for them accordingly. (Infant / Toddler / Preschool) should indicate as listed above.
- You have the option on the RSVP Form to “Opt Out” of having your child in children's ministry if you feel more comfortable having them with you in the worship service. If this is the case, please indicate that on the form when you RSVP for your intended worship service.
- A Confirmation Email will be sent from Newsong LA Kids confirming that your child is all set and ready to attend.
- Please Note: That due to classroom capacity limits, and volunteer availability, space within the classroom and Newsong LA Kids offering may vary. This will be indicated in your Confirmation Email.

## **2. Arrive Early to Check In**

- Arrive Early to check yourself and your child in with our Welcome Team outside.
- Temperature checks will be taken. A temperature of 100 or higher will not be allowed in the building. Anyone exhibiting symptoms of sickness will be asked to join us online for church that week.
- Masks are required within the Newsong LA building for anyone 3 yrs and over.
- Children will begin the worship service in their classrooms, unlike before where they were dismissed after the worship songs. Classrooms will be open for drop off beginning 10 - 15 minutes before the intended worship service start time.

## **3. Classroom Drop Off**

- Classroom use and availability will vary each week depending on the registered children, availability of volunteers and capacity limits.
- Classrooms will open approximately 10-15 minutes before the intended worship service start time.
- Check in your child with their classroom teacher by signing in on our classroom sign in sheet with your child's name, allergies, ages, and your contact info. This information will help us with contact tracing if or when an outbreak of any virus were to occur.

## **4. Classroom Capacity Limits**

- Currently we are running with classroom capacity limits at 50% so that we can create a welcoming and safe space for our children and volunteers. This number may adjust depending on state and local guideline adjustments, as well as the availability of volunteers. New Volunteers are always welcome and will help us get back to full capacity soon!
- RSVP is required so that we can maintain our capacity limits and prepare for your child appropriately. There may be flexibility for unregistered children if capacity limits are not met for the week. Once capacity limits have been met, all other children will sit with their family in our worship service.

## **5. Pick Up After Church**

- For safety and cleaning purposes, we ask that you promptly pick up your child after the Newsong LA Worship Service has ended.
- Only one parent should pick up their child at the door of their classroom to limit crowding and spacing around Newsong LA Kids.

## Greeting & Distancing

**i** *At this time, please give others grace and space as we remain physically distant in our church building. We know that you have missed one another, but please refrain from hugging or hand shaking. Air Hugs / Air High Fives / Waving / Fist Bumps are all creative ways to greet one another at this time.*

- The physical distancing guideline may change as our state and local guidelines change with time. As we seek to live out loving our neighbor, please respect one another by asking what someone is comfortable with. One person may be comfortable with big hugs, while another feels safer waving from a distance. At this time, let's seek to love one another well as we reopen.
- **Infant / Toddler Classroom:** Due to the nature of play with young kids, it may be difficult to practice physical distancing in this classroom. Because of this, we will limit classroom size and will clean/disinfect all toys before and after each worship service. Masks will not be required for this age group.

## Cleanliness & Contact Tracing

- Limiting Toys in classrooms to lessen multi touch items.
- No outside food / personal items / water bottles / diaper bags allowed in the classrooms at this time. For the infant / toddler classroom, bins will be provided to put needed items inside that classroom teachers can use. Please keep diaper bags with you in service.
- Hand Sanitizer will be available throughout the whole building.
- Diaper Changing: If a classroom teacher changes a diaper, plastic gloves will be provided at the changing table. The changing table will be cleaned frequently as well.
- **Contact Tracing Procedures:** If you or your child comes down with COVID 19 or another contagious virus, or experiences symptoms of one, please contact Newsong LA via these methods:
  - Call the Office at (310) 692-2911
  - Email Pastor Sheri ([sheri@newsongla.net](mailto:sheri@newsongla.net))
  - Email Newsong LA Administrator ([info@newsongla.net](mailto:info@newsongla.net))
- The information provided will be helpful in contacting other families or children at the building or in one of our classrooms on the Sunday you may have attended. All information provided will be kept confidential.