

# FAQ: Sonshine Ministry

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## Tuition and Fees

### What is the cost of tuition?

A \$225 nonrefundable fee is needed for registration and supplies. Tuition starts at \$225 monthly from September, with discounts for additional children: \$215 for the second and \$210 for the third. Payments are due by the second Tuesday monthly.

### Is tuition reduced for months with holidays?

No, tuition remains consistent throughout the year, balancing out months with five weeks without charging extra.

## Class Structure

### How many teachers are in each classroom?

Each classroom has 2 teachers.

### What are the class days and times?

We meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

### Will the program expand beyond two days?

No, to emphasize family time and due to other church activities and regulatory considerations.

## Teacher Requirements

### What are the hiring requirements for teachers?

Candidates undergo two interviews, a background check, Ministry Safe certification, and must provide 3 references.

## Class Size and Age

### How many students are in each class?

We believe that smaller class sizes are essential for fostering an enriching learning environment. By maintaining a low student-to-teacher ratio, we ensure that each child receives personalized attention and tailored instruction.

### What age can children start?

Children must be one year old by August 31 of the current school year.

### What if my child struggles to adjust?

We will contact you by lunchtime to decide if they should stay or be picked up early.

## **School Year**

### **When is the first and last day of the program?**

The first day is the Tuesday after Labor Day, and the last day is in the third week of May.

## **Safety Measures**

### **What safety protocols are in place?**

Locked doors, key phrases for emergencies, and vigilant staff.

### **Are there cameras in the classrooms?**

No, but cameras are installed in hallways for security.

### **What if my child has an allergy?**

We prioritize student health by adapting our allergy management annually, applying restrictions as needed per allergy type and severity, possibly affecting specific classrooms or the entire program. For instance, a peanut-free policy was enacted in the 2023-2024 school year for five students' safety. Our priority is the health and safety of all children in our care.

## **Curriculum**

### **Do you follow a specific curriculum?**

No fixed curriculum, but monthly themes guide activities and learning.

## **Special Activities**

### **What special activities do you offer?**

Activities include chapel, music, nature walks, gym, and various themed events throughout the year.

## **Naps and Meals**

### **Do younger children take naps?**

Yes, nap mats are required for 1s and 2s.

### **Does my child need to bring lunch?**

Yes, please pack a lunch with foods they can eat independently.

## **Daily Requirements**

### **What should my child bring each day?**

A backpack with clothes, diapers for younger children, a nap mat for 1s and 2s, lunch, and a water bottle. Please label all items.

## **Potty Training**

### **Is potty training required?**

Yes, for children in 3s and 4s classes. Diapers or pull-ups are not allowed.