

Rock Pointe Church
Special Needs Ministry for Children
Parent Information Sheet

Who is the Special Needs Ministry program intended for?

Any individual (birth-adult) with physical, intellectual or behavioral disabilities is appropriate for this program. The Special Needs Ministry is primarily provided so that we might share God's Word with children with disabilities and their families. This Ministry is also provided so that parents/guardians may attend service and feel their children are being well cared for.

What do we provide?

If your child's disability is such that he/she is unable to benefit from participating in a traditional Sunday school classroom, he/she may spend the service time in the Special Needs classroom. This classroom will provide:

- sensory and special learning components
- each child with the opportunity to participate at their ability level
- modified lessons comparable to those taught in the traditional classroom.

If your child's disability is such that he or she can be integrated, he/she may be paired with an aide or "buddy" and attend an age-appropriate Sunday school class.

What don't we provide?

- Therapy
- Behavioral modification programs (but will follow through with programs in place as able based on parental guidance and tools provided to us).
- Medical intervention (only in emergency situations.)

What are some examples of diagnoses, which may be appropriate for this ministry?

Cerebral Palsy, Autism, Developmental Delay, Muscular Dystrophy, Cancer, and Down's syndrome are just a few examples.

How do I enroll my child in Special Needs Ministry?

The first step is to fill out the intake form online so that you may be able to express your child's needs. This will help in the correct placement of your child. If you have any concerns or specific questions, you may contact Marnie Piccin at marnie@rpcstaff.org. It is very important that you contact her before your first planned Sunday in the Special Needs program, so that she can make arrangements and be able to provide your child with the support that he/she needs.

What if I need to miss a Sunday service?

Please contact Marnie as soon as you know you will not be attending so she can adjust the schedule. If it is last minute, please contact her by 7:45 on Sunday morning.