



# United Faith Christian Preschool

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## Behavior Management Policy

Praise and positive reinforcement are effective methods of the behavior management of children. When children receive positive, non-violent, and understanding interaction from adults and others, they develop good self-concepts, problem solving abilities, and self-discipline. Based on this belief of how children learn and develop values, United Faith Christian Preschool will practice the following discipline and behavior management policy.

We:

1. DO praise, reward, and encourage children.
2. DO reason with and set limits for children.
3. DO model appropriate behavior for children.
4. DO modify the classroom environment to attempt to prevent problems before they occur.
5. DO listen to children.
6. DO provide alternatives for inappropriate behavior.
7. DO provide the children with natural and logical consequences of their behavior.
8. DO treat children as people and respect their needs, desires, and feelings.
9. DO ignore minor misbehaviors.
10. DO explain things to children on their level.
11. DO use short supervised periods of "time-out" (Time-out is described below).
12. Do stay consistent in our behavior management program.

We:

1. DO NOT physically punish children.
2. DO NOT verbally abuse children.
3. DO NOT shame or punish children when bathroom accidents occur.
4. DO NOT deny food or rest as punishment.
5. DO NOT relate discipline to eating, resting, or sleeping.
6. DO NOT leave children alone, unattended, or without supervision.
8. DO NOT allow discipline of children by children.
9. DO NOT belittle children's parents, families, or ethnic groups.

### "Time-Out"

"Time-Out" is the removal of a child for a short period of time (2 to 5 minutes) from a situation in which the child is misbehaving and has not responded to other discipline techniques. The "time-out" space, usually a chair, is located away from classroom activity but within the teacher's sight. During "time-out", the child has a chance to think about the misbehavior which led to his/her removal from the group. After a brief interval of no more than 5 minutes, the teacher discusses the incident and appropriate behavior with the child. When the child returns to the group, the incident is over and the child is treated with the same affection and respect shown to the other children.

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I, the undersigned parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (child's full name), do hereby state that I have read and agree to the United Faith Christian Preschool Behavior Management Policy. I will request a meeting with the Preschool Director or Assistant Director if I need clarification of any stated information.

**Date of Child's enrollment:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Parent or Guardian)

(Date)