

DISCIPLINE POLICY FOR BEACON BAPTIST CHURCH DAYCARE

From a Biblical Perspective...

Train up a child in the way he should go:
and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
Proverbs 22:6

The goal is for children to obey the authority that they can see so that they will learn to obey God whom they cannot see. Beacon Baptist Church Daycare believes in biblical discipline. The daycare does not administer corporal discipline, for this type of discipline should be handled by the parents. But, because of our sinful nature, even very young children will disobey. When this happens, teachers will remove the child from the situation for time-out. The amount of time given for time-out is based on the age of the child.

Children must learn to obey each teacher in the classroom, and discipline matters are handled consistently by our teachers. In order to ensure a child's safety, children must learn to obey the first time they are told. Beacon Baptist Church Daycare teaches that each child's actions always have consequences—sometimes the consequences are good and sometimes they are bad.

Teachers will communicate with parents concerning their child's behavior. If behavior problems persist, a parent/teacher conference will be scheduled. If a child continues in disobedience or defiance and does not fear the consequences set before him, he becomes a danger to himself and to others. At this time, parents will be called to administer the necessary discipline. Parents must arrive within the hour which begins once the parents are called. When the parent arrives, a private conference room/meeting area will be provided. Beacon Baptist Church Daycare encourages parents to remind the child of the wrong action, administer the discipline, pray with the child, and encourage the child to return to the class and make the right choices.

The goal of discipline is to see a change in behavior. When the child returns to the class, the child will apologize to the teachers and to the student (if another student is involved in the situation). Seeing a child exhibit a remorseful spirit is a good indication that the discipline was effective and the wrong behavior will not continue. If the behavior does continue, additional calls may be made to the parents.

Please know that while a child's wrong behavior is not acceptable, it may be normal for this age. Beacon Baptist Church Daycare will work consistently with all children to help them understand that obedience is an important lesson. When classroom discipline methods, parent meetings, and parent visits do not produce the desired behavior in the child, parents will be asked to remove their child from the daycare.

*I understand that even though my child's actions may be age-appropriate, those actions may require discipline.

*I understand that my child must learn to obey the first time he or she is told to do so.

*I understand that I will be called to come to the school to discipline my child for the following:

- 1) Cursing or indecent language
- 2) Fighting which includes biting, kicking, spitting
- 3) Defiance (the child understands what is asked of him/her, but the child refuses to obey-in other words, a battle of the wills)
- 4) Destruction of personal property or another's property
- 5) A continual disobedience

*I understand that if my child commits one of the above acts, that I will need to come to the school within one hour of receiving the call from the teacher or preschool director.

*I understand that I must work together with my child's teacher in helping my child to obey.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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