TIPS FOR FAMILIES IN WORSHIP

Kids are always welcome in worship
at First Baptist Katy!

BEFORE SUNDAY

- Prepare ahead of time by talking about it. Say, "Next week we get to go to Big Church together!" or "You are growing up, so now you get to come to Big Church!"
- Practice at home. Play church: set up chairs, and have someone preach and someone lead worship.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE

- Visit the bathroom with your child before the service begins. But it's okay if your child needs to go again during the service!
- Grab a copy of the Kids Sermon Notes and a couple of crayons from the table at the back of the worship center. Point out the categories on the sheet as they come up in worship (Scripture, sermon points, songs, etc.) Guide your child to use this sheet as a tool for engaging in the service, not as a distraction. (Save the "helpful questions" for the drive home!)
- Sit near the front where it's easier for children to see and hear.

DURING THE SERVICE

- Let your child see your joy in worship! When worship is a joy to parents, children will expect to experience the same.
- Help your child understand what is going on. Quietly explain the different parts of the service, help find Bible verses, and answer questions as your child experiences worship alongside you.

AFTER THE SERVICE

- Make Sunday lunches a big deal and a time to talk about the service. Talk with your child about what they liked or didn't like. Find out what questions your child has about church!

REMEMBER

- Don't become discouraged! You, Parent, are a worship trainer! Training in anything takes time, but it's worth it!
- Kids learn to worship by worshipping—through participation, practice, and patience. Don't worry if your child wiggles or makes some noise. Your child is welcome here!
- Our pastor and whole church family are cheering you on as your child learns to worship. We're so glad you're here!