

Parents Recommendations

Bring your child on time, (5 to 10 minutes prior to the start of the service) so that they may participate entirely of the worship and teaching, that begins in a timely manner at 12:30 PM. Constant interruptions bring forth problems in concentrating and understanding as well as hinder learning. When your children are late to class, they feel frustrated, they don't understand and they find it difficult to complete daily activities. Teach them that by being early, they honor God and their peers.

Help us help them!

- Bring your children fed.
- Take them to the restroom before leaving them in their class.
- If they have a diaper bag, don't forget to name it and leave their bottle and snacks with the teacher.

Praise and Worship:

- There is a designated place for children and parents from kindergarden to fifth grade.

Dropping off children in their classes:

- For your children's security and welfare, it is required that the adult responsible of each child be the one that drops them off and picks them up from Sunday school.
- Younger children cannot go to their class by themselves nor accompanied by minor siblings.
- Teachers have been instructed to only allow parents or guardians to drop off or pick up their children.
- Pick your child up on time between 2:20 PM and 2:30 before socializing after the service; remember and be mindful of parent volunteers that have been serving your children for around two hours so that you may enjoy the presence of the Lord.
- Show them your gratitude and honor them by picking your child up on time.
- If you haven't done so already, volunteer to serve in the children's ministry.

Welcome !

Dear Parents,
Welcome to El Shaddai. We're here to be an aid in your efforts to raise your children under a biblical guide, forming men and women in the likeness of Christ. As parents, we must equip our children with strong foundations that will last throughout their lives. The Lord tells us in his word:

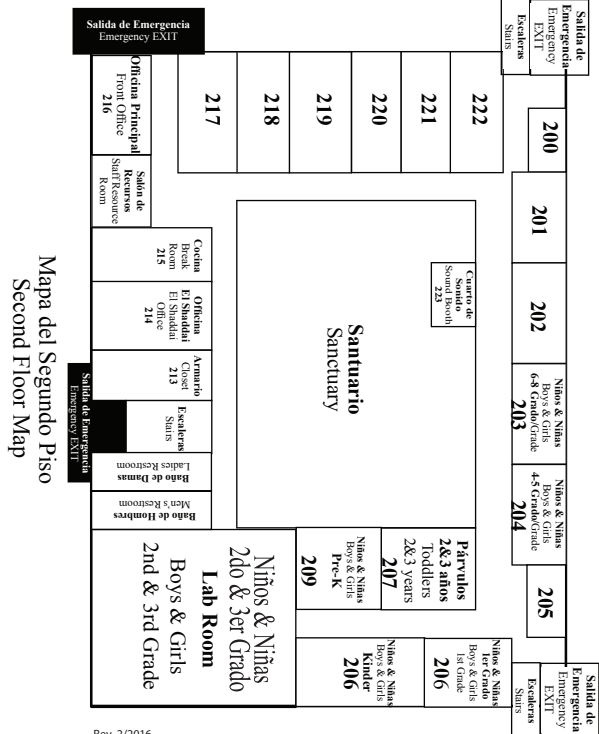
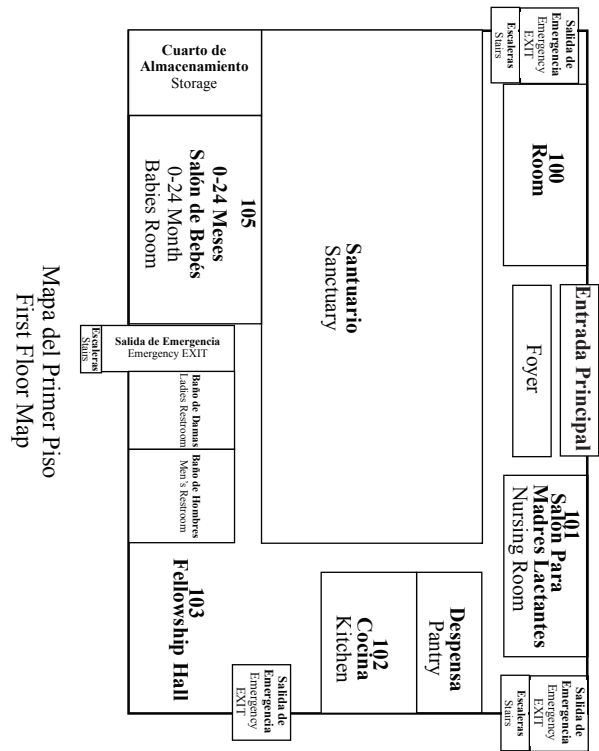
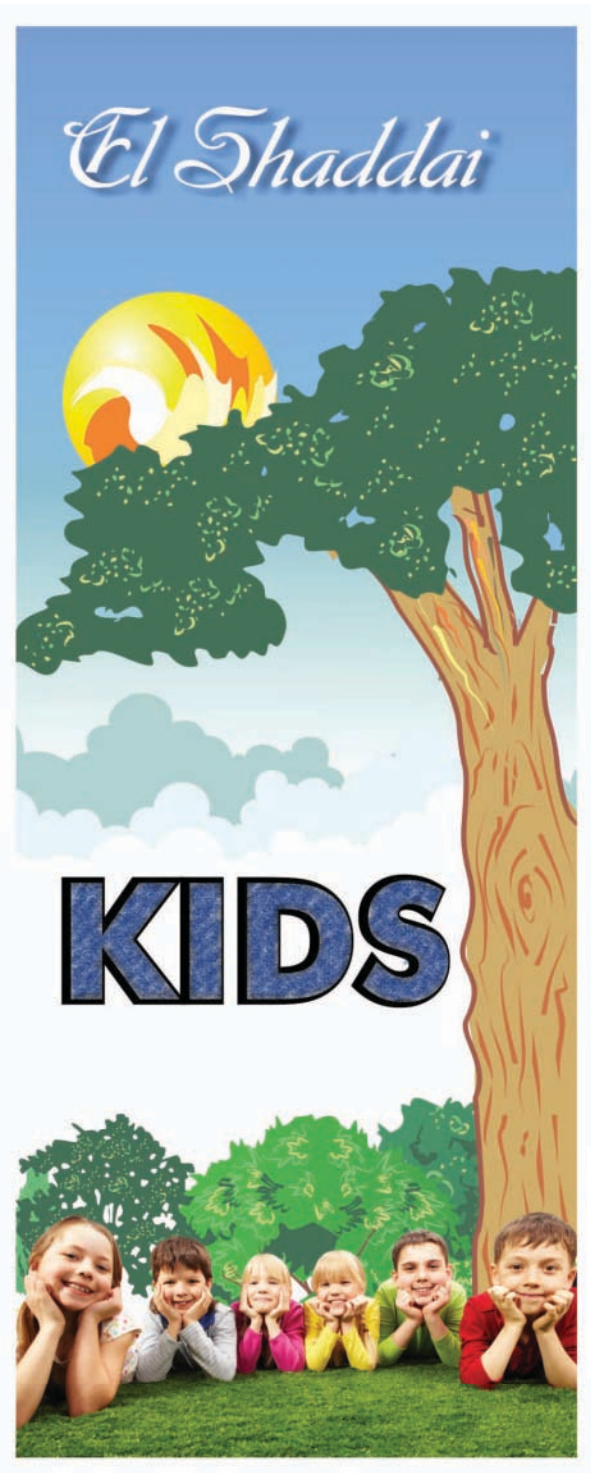
Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. Prov. 22:6

We have taken this command very seriously here at El Shaddai and that is why we strive hard to equip you as parents so that you may fulfill that promise before God.

Our Sunday school is made up of parents that, like you, have taken this challenge and have disposed of their gifts and talents to be trained and dedicate some of their time to give the children of our church a bible-centered lesson according to their age.

We count with a wonderful team of approximately 40 to 50 parents that serve in this ministry week after week. We hope that you soon join us in this select group of servants of the Lord.

Pastor German & Margarita Castro and the Children and Youth Ministry Team



- Upon the end of service as you pick up your children, help us with the order of the line and wait for your turn. This way, the process will be quicker for all of us.

Older Children:

- Young adults are at an age of joining the congregation. Grades 9th through 12th participate with the adults in the totality of the services, activities and ministries.

Offering:

The children's ministry takes up an annual offering of the families that are active members of the church, in support of the material used in Sunday school. This is a voluntary offering of \$20.00 for each child participating in Sunday school. Offering envelopes are available at the Sunday school registration center.

Bible

The bible is the manual of the disciple's life. In it, all God's wisdom for mankind is found. It is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.

- It is essential that you bring your child with their own Bible, marked with their name and phone number in case it is lost.
When you take your child to school, you take them with their books; when you take them to do sports, you take them with their uniform. Here at church we expect them with their swords, the Holy Bible.
- Our objective at Sunday school is to instruct your child in the Word of God.
- Nevertheless, you as a parent will determine if what we teach your children will be put into practice in their daily lives. That is why we need your active participation, reviewing and going over the weekly teachings in your house.

Your children will take home:

- A sheet summarizing the lesson.
- A task for the week and a bible verse to memorize.

Make sure they complete their tasks. Motivate them to memorize the Bible verse and supervise what they are learning each week.

Family Night: Study with your children what they have learned. Establish the habit of reading the Holy Scriptures every night before bedtime and once they wake up.

Other ideas: download the app "Bible for Kids", so that your child can play with the Bible instead of other video games. Go to: www.bible.com/kids to download this application.

Praise & Worship

The word of God says: **Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. How? With lifted hands, the tambourine and dance.** .

Praise and worship are an essential part in our worship of God. Therefore, it is vital that you bring your children on time for worship.

We have set aside a special place for children to sit at inside the sanctuary. Where the youngest to the oldest can be close to the worship team and can experience worship first hand. Their Sunday school teacher will be waiting for them there. There are also two seats reserved for the parents that arrive first so that they may sit with their children.

Nursing Mothers

For mothers with newborns through one year olds, there is a designated closed area with a TV so that you may attend to your child without missing the service.

This room for nursing mothers is located on the left upon entering the building and has everything necessary for the care of your baby.

We ask your collaboration in keeping quiet so that you along with the rest of the mothers present can listen to the message as well as be in pure communication with God and the congregation during this time.

The nursery is located in room 105. There, you may leave your children from 0 to 24 months old to the care of responsible teachers. (We do not allow parents to accompany their children in this room).

Important Note:

Require your children to respect the house of the Lord. Insist of them composure and active participation during worship. Do not allow your children to eat, lie down or run around in the sanctuary. Keep them by your side at all times.

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