



## Buddy Program

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### Special Needs

This ministry is designed to help children with special needs grow in their Christian faith while connecting to other children within our church family. Children are paired with a trained youth or adult "Buddy" who will walk alongside them during a designated Sunday School time or will visit our Buddy Zone room. We collaborate with the families to form a Spiritual IEP and provide resources and support to our best capability. Pre-registration is required.



## Parents' Night Out

3mo. to 12

Yes, parents, you read correctly...you get a night out without children! Why scramble for a sitter and pay a costly amount, when you can bring your children to P.N.O. at Calvary? Cost is \$5 per child for the night; Ages 3 mo.-12 years. Dinner and snack included. Offered every other month during the school year. You must reserve your child's spot by signing up no later than the Monday prior to the PNO date.

### Family Night Out-

On the opposite months of P.N.O, families will gather to enjoy fellowship and fun such as sledding, dinner & a movie, or mission projects.

## KidsLife Mission Statement

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

We are passionate about our commitment to help parents lay a spiritual foundation that their child can build his or her life upon -and our exciting ministries accomplish exactly that! Our programs expand beyond Sunday morning and into the week. Check out this brochure to see how your child can get plugged-in!

### KidsLife Ministries seeks to:

#### Teach and model the Word of God

We want to fill the children with solid Biblical truth that will provide a foundation to sustain them throughout life. Through creative and relevant Bible teachings and memorization of Scripture, the children will learn how to apply God's word to their daily lifestyle. It shall be written on their hearts for life!

#### Reveal the power of worship

**Our God is not a boring God!**  
We believe that Jesus can capture the emotion and imagination of our children in ways that yield heart-felt expressions of worship. We want the children to have a passionate and personal relationship with God and to feel a sense of awe and reverence for Him.

#### Reach out in service & to those who are lost

Children are capable of displaying the love of Christ by feeling compassion for those in need. Through community mission projects, Sunday offerings, and "Sponsor a child," the kids will see opportunities to help by praying, giving and serving. We will encourage them to think and pray about the spiritually lost people around them and we will equip them to lovingly share the Gospel.

#### Empower and support the family

We value parents as the primary spiritual leaders of their family. Our commitment is to support parents by providing resources, fellowship, family events, and parenting classes that are carefully designed to help parents impart a love for God and His Word to the next generation.

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complete information on  
all our programs.



# KidsLife Programs

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- Sunday Mornings (See next panel)
- Wednesday Evenings (See next panels)

## • Little Lambs & Story Hour

Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

While moms attend Coffee Break Bible Study, Little Lambs (2-3yrs), & Story Hour (3-5yrs) will experience exciting Bible stories, crafts, snacks and interactive play with others their age. Care for infants is also provided.

## • Moppets

1st & 3rd Fridays, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Your little ones can attend Moppets while moms are in MOPS—Mothers of Preschoolers. They will enjoy listening to fun stories, engaging in crafts, and learning to socialize with friends. Infants-Kindergarten.

- Sunday Mornings (See next panels)

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- Wednesday Evenings (See next panels)
- GEMS & Cadets (See next panels)

## • 4th Sunday Family Worship, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

By worshipping together with our children on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of every month, we pass on our traditions of praising God through the sacraments, music, proclaiming and hearing the Good News, and offering our gifts and prayers. The kids also have the opportunity to serve in the service by greeting, ushering, reading the Scripture and participating in Praise and Worship time.

## • Biddy Basketball, Grades 4th-6th

The boys program is offered in the Fall/Winter and the Girls play in the Winter/Spring. Practices are once a week with Saturday games.

## • Ribbon Troupe, Girls in Grades 4th-6th

Do you love to dance? Do you love to praise God? The Calvary ribbon troupe performs several times through the year praising God with beautiful and respectful music and movement telling Him just how thankful they are to be His.

## • Church Camp, Grades 2nd-5th

Calvary Church partners with Camp Manitoqua in Frankfort, IL. The kids enjoy classic camp activities while discovering who they are in Jesus Christ.

## • Vacation Bible School, June 2012

Preschoolers thru 5th graders enjoy a week-long morning program that is filled with exciting praise songs, crafts, Bible adventures, and wacky games.

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## Sunday Mornings, 9:30 & 11:00 “Growing into a Life of Faith”

These years are crucial. *“Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it.” Proverbs 22:6*

We want to lay the spiritual foundation for our littlest ones by introducing them to God and His Word as soon as they are born. We want to give them their first impression of their heavenly Father and the wonder of His love for each one of them. As they continue to grow in Tiny Town, the children will:

### Know what:

The Bible is true, Jesus really existed, and Jesus loves them unconditionally

### So what:

Make the spiritual truths relevant to their everyday lives, know that God will always help them, and know that God wants them to trust Him.

### Now what:

Apply the teachings to their lives, build relationships in their faith community, and begin a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

### Infants and Crawlers

Our nursery room is fully staffed with loving caretakers to hold, dance, sing, and read Bible stories to your littlest one. Children will stay in the “Garden Nursery” until they are stable walkers.

### Toddlers and 2’s

In the Post Office, our toddlers and 2’s will also enjoy loving caretakers who will dance, sing, and read Bible stories to our little eager ones. It is a great time for social play with others their age! Occasional crafts and snacks are also offered.

### 3’s and 4’s

In the Apostle’s Theater, this group really begins to grasp that the Bible is true and has many stories inside for them to discover and live by. They are soaking up God’s love for them! The children experience creative bible story telling through drama skits and other visuals. They dance and sing God’s praises and enjoy a craft.

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## Sunday Mornings, 9:30 & 11:00 “Where Kids learn to Live It Out Loud”

Jesus challenged the people of his time to rise above themselves and give their lives completely to God and follow Him. In other words, He encouraged people to live it out loud! That’s why our vision in The Loft is to equip kids to “Live it Out Loud.” We want to help them learn these 3 basic truths and teach them how to live these truths both inside and outside our church walls:

### Wisdom...I need to make the wise choice.

#### So I will....

- Trust and follow Jesus.
- Spend time getting to know God.
- Do whatever God says.
- Discover God’s unique plan for my life.

### Faith...I can trust God no matter what.

#### Because...

- He is my Creator.
- He is my Father.
- He is my Guide.
- He is my Savior.

### Friendship...I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

#### So I will...

- Show God’s love to those around me.
- Care enough to put others before me.
- Respect whoever God puts over me.
- Be the right friend to those beside me.

**Each week we strive to present biblical truths in creative, memorable ways through large group worship and drama. Each week we strive to partner with parents in modeling loving, Christian relationships. We provide resources, such as the weekly GodTime cards, to help them create devotion and prayer time with their children. Each week we strive to provide exciting opportunities for growth and learning through our small group age-appropriate activities. We do all of this so that a lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ can begin.**



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## Wednesday Evenings

### Calvinist Cadet Corps

#### 2nd-8th Grade Boys

1st and 3rd Wednesdays

6:30-8:30 p.m.

At Cadets, we believe that faith goes with sawdust. Cadets is about boys, campouts, pinewood derbies, working with wood, games, and above all, fun! All of this is done under the guidance, supervision and care of male role models. The goal is to help boys grow spiritually in all areas of life (devotional, mental, physical, and social) through a unique program, helping them discover what it means to be Godly men. Cadets effectively shares Christ’s love with the boys throughout the community. **Registration always open, \$40/year.**

### GEMS, Girls Everywhere Meeting their Savior 2nd-8th Grade Girls

2nd and 4th Wednesdays

6:30-8:30 p.m.

In GEMS—Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior—girls from second through eighth grade will get the chance to participate in fun small groups, exciting campouts, be active with various service projects, learn crafts, earn badges, and make friends with other girls their age. Divided among age groups (of 8-12 girls), 2 adult female Christian counselors help the girls to grow in Christ and become strong Godly women. Through these relationships they grow in the wisdom and confidence necessary to face problems and make good decisions. Help your girls meet the Savior today! **Registration always open, \$40/year.**

### “THE HANGOUT”

#### Every Wednesday

This group incorporates all ages, Infants-8th graders. The 2nd-8th graders, on their opposite Wednesday of Cadets/GEMS, “hang-out” in the Lounge, while Infants thru 1st graders “hang-out” in Tiny Town. The 5’s through 5th graders review a Bible lesson and do a craft that follows the curriculum used on Sunday mornings.