

## Children Ministry Re-Opening FAQ

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*Dear Parents and Caregivers,*

*It has been too long since we have been able to worship with you and your children. We miss you and being in God's house together with you all. Although we have not been able to gather in person, we are thankful for the different ways that we have been able to still worship our Heavenly Father together. As places of worship are now allowed to re-open, we wanted to answer some questions that you may have as we look forward to the day when we can safely see each other face to face.*

### **My family is not ready to come back for worship in the physical church building. How can our family continue to worship with the rest of the SCBC family?**

We will continue to provide weekly online videos for the different age groups as well as *Time with Pastor Amy*.

### **Will parents be able to drop off children and attend worship like before the pandemic?**

No. At this time exclusive children's programs at places of worship have been suspended. "Children should remain with their parents. Exclusive children's activities should be suspended." (as per 978e-COVID-19-Guidance-for-Places-of-Worship.pdf)

We are in discussions of creating child friendly worship services. Allowing families to attend in person worship in clusters.

### **What needs to be put into place before Children Ministry can consider restarting in person programs?**

1. The City of Toronto lifts the suspension of children programs in places of worship
2. Church volunteers to form Hospitality Team
3. Recruitment of enough screened leaders to provide safe leader to child ratio
4. Adequate space for social distancing, and acceptable cleaning time between uses, feasible scheduling of worship/program based on other activities at the church,

For further questions, feedback, or suggestions please send an email to [info@scbc.com](mailto:info@scbc.com).