



SAINT PAUL'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SPARKS Respect & Discipline Contract
Pre-K through 5th Grade

At Saint Paul's United Methodist Church we want all children to feel welcome, loved and secure. We want you to experience the love of God through programming that is designed to strengthen your Bible knowledge through fun and age-appropriate activities. We want you to join our family and call Saint Paul's your church home.

In order to be sure that all children are safe and secure, we have developed the following policies:

Respect Policy

- Keep your hands and feet to yourself and do not touch others without permission.
- Speak in a respectful voice and be polite. Courtesy is important. No harsh words, tones, or name-calling will be allowed.
- Treat our church building and property with respect—no kicking of walls or doors, no writing on church property, and no misuse of supplies. We are all visitors in God's house and as members of the church, it is our job to treat it with respect:
- Always help pick-up, clean-up, and put away materials. Do this work with a heart for service.
- Raise your hand before speaking and don't interrupt when adults are speaking. Showing respect for adults, especially your parents, is one of God's commandments.
- Share with others in your group and if someone needs help, lend a hand. As God's children, we are called to be servants to one another.

Discipline Policy

If you do not follow these rules while attending a Christian Education Program at Saint Paul's, the teachers, adults, and staff will follow these guidelines:

- You will be told to stop the disruptive behavior. You will be given two chances to follow directions.
- If you continue to be disruptive for a third time, you will have a short “time-out” (a chair in the same room away from the activity) to think about what you have said or done and then encouraged to rejoin the group. We hope that a short cooling off period will be all you need to gain control of your emotions/behaviors. However, if you continue to struggle with the rules, you may be given a “time-out” with an adult outside of the room. You will not be allowed to ruin the time of those children who are following directions and who actively participate in the programming. Your parents will be informed of the “time-out” when they pick you up.
- If your behavior continues to be disruptive, you will **NOT** be able to participate in that particular children’s activities at church for 14 days. After 14 days, you will be allowed to return to the program and the adults will support you in your goal of improving your behavior. However, if the behavior does not improve, your parents will be contacted and you may not be allowed to participate in the program for a period of at least 2 months.

I, _____, understand the rules of the Children’s Programming at Saint Paul’s and will do my best to follow these rules.

I, _____, parent of _____, have discussed these rules with my child. Additionally, I have been provided a copy of the parent version of these rules, thereby agreeing to the terms.

Child’s Signature Date

Parent’s Signature Date

Saint Paul’s Representative Date