

Social Story

This weekend, I will go to Uptown at Redeemer Church. I will have fun, meet new kids, and learn more about God.

When I arrive at Uptown, a special staff person or Buddy will be waiting to meet me. My Buddy will be there to help me while I am in Uptown, when I need it. They are going to help me have lots of fun. If I have a problem or need help I can tell my Buddy.

The first thing I will do when I arrive is check-in at the Uptown Desk. I will get a name tag sticker to wear on my shirt.

There will be many activities at Uptown. One of the activities will be playing on the indoor playground. It has a slide, rollers, ramps, tubes, and balls. It is a lot of fun. There will be other kids there to play with too. I can say "Hi" and ask them questions like "What is your name?", "Where do you go to school?". I can make new friends at Uptown.

The first activity is going to the Oneway Room with the other kids, my Buddy, and Uptown staff. This is a big room that has lots of pictures on the wall, a stage, video screens, speakers, and doors. It is a really fun place. I cannot go on the stage unless staff says it is ok. I cannot open the doors. I will sit/stand in the square on the floor that matches my grade in school. We are going to watch a video about the rules at Uptown. I need to listen to Uptown staff and my Buddy at all times. The most important rule is to "just have fun".

The next activity is called "worship". It is singing songs to God. I will sing along to music and the words that will be on the screen. I can dance, clap, or raise my hands, too. Worship is fun.

After worship, Uptown Staff will be on the stage to teach us an important lesson from the Bible. The Bible is a book. The Bible is like a long letter written to us from God. It tells us how much God loves us and His plan to rescue us. And if we are having a bad day the Bible can also help with that. God made sure there were lots of verses to make us feel better, and tons more where He tells us how much He loves us. The Bible is an awesome book!

During the lesson, I might watch a video, listen to the staff tell a story, watch a play or puppet show. There may even be a time where they ask me questions. I will need to do good listening and sitting.

Next, I will go into my small group. This is a small group of kids in my grade and maybe another grade. An Uptown group leader and my Buddy will be there, too. The group leader will talk more about the Bible lesson. The group leader will give me an activity to do. I might do an art project, play a game, read, write, answer questions or something

else fun. My Buddy is there to help me. I will need to sit on the floor and listen to the group leader, my Buddy and other kids in my group.

After small group, I will go back to my square. Uptown staff will finish the lesson of the day. I might answer questions or repeat the lesson of the day out loud.

When Uptown is finished I will wait for _____ to come and get me.

Before I leave, I can go to the Candy Store and get my Uptown Points. If I have enough points, I can buy candy or toys. I will need to wait in line to get my points. If I do not have time to stop at the store I can write my name on the Candy Store Points sheets and my points will be added later in the week. I will need my Uptown card to buy candy or toys.

Sometimes I can play Wii video games or play on the playground after service.