

WHY have a ministry for Special Needs Kids?

Giving all people compassion and inclusion is what the Bible tells us God wants from us, so why should it be any different for our special needs community. We are ALL God's children no matter our physical or mental capabilities and therefore Compass Coach Ministries is now actively working in our church to serve the children & youth with special needs while they are on this spiritual growth journey.

"...God not only loves you very much but also has put His hand on you for something special."

1 Thessalonians 1:4 (The Message)



Children are coached through their lessons so that they have the support they need to be successful.

How the Compass Coach Ministries has changed our lives

From a Parent:

"It (Compass Coach Ministry) is sent from Heaven! It has given him a chance to learn and be accepted. I just can't say enough."

From a Sunday School Leader:

"I've taught numerous children's Sunday schools and choirs - which means I've seen many different little personalities and experiences. When a child with special needs has someone like a Compass Coach with them, it makes it so much smoother for not only the child, but the teacher and other students as well. Lessons can continue with minimal interruption and frustration. My experience with Compass Coaches has been that **ALL** children benefit, and of course, the teacher benefits by the satisfaction of knowing all of the children are taken care of."



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Compass Coach Ministries

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Faithfully Coaching Children
with Special Needs Along
Their Faith Path



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What is Compass Coach Ministry?

The Compass Coach Program, a ministry of First United Methodist Church of Owasso, began in August of 2010. The Special Needs Council recruited volunteer Compass Coaches to help children with special needs navigate their faith path and foster a nurturing relationship of trust which allows the child to grow in faith.



Children enjoy the hands-on learning environment.

The Compass Coach is available to help smooth the path of the sometimes challenging and over-stimulating environment of Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and Wednesday Evening Activities.

There is also a resource center within the church: books, on-line materials and local listings of support groups and professional contacts. As the Compass Coach Program grows, we look towards God's direction on how we can best assist youth and adults.

How can I be a part of this Ministry?

To become a Compass Coach, please contact the church office and they will put you in contact with a Special Needs Ministry Council Member. You will be trained on how to best serve the children you will be assigned to, along with general behavior management.

You determine to what extent you can serve in this ministry and will then be scheduled accordingly. Some children do very well with rotating coaches and others need to have the same coach each time, so scheduling will be done in the best interest of the children and coaches in this program.

Any family that would like their child or youth to be paired with a Compass Coach should contact the Director of Children's Ministries, Corrina Robinson.

We welcome your inquires and look forward to helping you or someone you know.



Creation Station - a quiet classroom with individual instruction - is available when children need a break from the typical classroom.

General Information

We are blessed to have members of the Special Needs Council who offer professional advice from the areas of counseling, special needs education and early childhood education.

252 Basics is the Small Group and Large Group model on Sunday mornings. K-5th Graders learn about God and their relationship with Him through Bible Stories, Music, Memory Verse challenges, and Life Application. If an experience proves to be over-stimulating for any child, **Creation Station** allows for an individualized learning opportunity of that lesson, in a less restrictive environment.

Additionally, Compass Coaches are available for nursery-aged and pre-school children during 9:40 & 11:00.



252 Basics Large Group Worship for Kids - kids enjoy growing their relationship with God through music, prayer, skits, and life application.