

What Kids are Saying:



PREP4Kids is a great place to be! It has changed my life because I don't go to church a lot.
Elise, 4th grade

I feel good in PREP4Kids because I know that God is with me and He helps me learn about Him. I like everything about PREP. It is better than recess.

Katlin, Grade 3

What I learned in PREP4Kids is how to worship God. PREP has changed the way I do things because it taught me that God will always be with me.

Becky, Grade 5

I love going to PREP4Kids because it put a spark in my heart. What I learned in PREP was a lot, because I've never been to a church but so far it is the best.

Rickell, Grade 4

I like PREP4Kids because it has taught me how to be nicer to people. I have not been fighting with my brother and I am happy.

Breanna, Grade 4

I love PREP4Kids. It is very fun. I have learned that God is very 'spiec' 'speatial' IMPORTANT. And it is a great place to go.

Myranda, Grade 4

I like PREP4Kids because it teaches you more about God instead of waiting 'til Sunday. It has really changed my life.

Kiel, Grade 4



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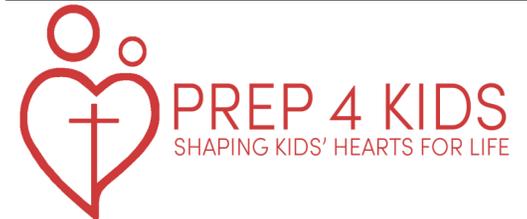
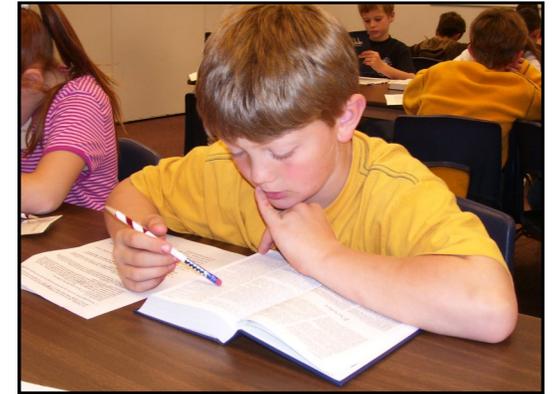
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Frequently Asked Questions



What is PREP4Kids?

Portland **R**elaxed-time **E**ducation **P**rogram is a non-profit, non-denominational Christian outreach to children attending public schools in the greater-Portland area. The mission of PREP4Kids is to help students and their families find purpose and direction in life by offering classes in the Bible within their weekly school schedule.

What is Released-time?

It means public school students can be “released” during school hours for religious training off-campus. Released-time is permitted throughout the state of Oregon and in other states as well. PREP4Kids operates within the legal statute of ORS 339.420.

Why is PREP4Kids held during school and not after?

We believe the Bible is a crucial tool that should be part of a child’s education. Besides moral & spiritual training, instruction from the Bible is valuable for understanding the many religious references in subjects such as history, language, music, and art, throughout a student’s entire educational experience.

Children miss only about one hour weekly (out of about 30 regular school hours) to attend PREP4Kids and receive education from the Bible **as part of their curriculum**. The students are allowed by law to make up any work that is missed at school.

The *YMCA, Dartmouth Medical School, & Institute for American Values* supported a study* which found that children in released-time classes did as well or better academically than their classmates who do not attend!

Where are PREP4Kids classes held?

PREP4Kids classes are always off-campus and are usually held at a church close to your child’s school.

How will my child get there?

Students are escorted by adult PREP4Kids supervisors who have been designated specifically to transport your child. Students walk if the church is within a few blocks, or are driven by the PREP4Kids supervisors with clearly labeled “PREP4Kids” vehicles.

Who are the workers?

Each class is run by an individual group of volunteers that consists of parents, pastors and other adults, all of whom have gone through an extensive application process and criminal background check. As a parent, you can feel safe with the volunteers who will be caring for your child.

What happens in a typical class?

Each class meets once a week and lasts about one hour. Students are led in fun Bible songs and taught engaging Bible lessons. Often, activities or games are used to reinforce the lesson and make practical applications to everyday life. PREP4Kids curriculum is an overview of Scripture in a continuous four year cycle. The Old Testament is studied the first two years followed by one year on the Life of Christ and one year on the New Testament Church.

Can I visit my child’s class?

YES, we welcome parents who want to visit. If you plan to visit more than once, we ask that you go through our application and background check process for the safety of the students.

Why should I send my child to PREP4Kids?

PREP4Kids is unique because it focuses on the student’s spiritual well-being. Each PREP4Kids student learns positive attitudes, healthy behaviors, how to set good moral standards and make wise choices, and is empowered with hope for the future.

If your child does not attend church or Sunday School, PREP4Kids is a great place to start! For students who do attend church, PREP is a good opportunity for them to continue their Bible learning during the week, and to develop Christian friendships at school.

How do I enroll my child?

There is no cost to attend PREP4Kids! Simply fill out the permission slip found on the website: www.prep4kids.org or contact the PREP4Kids office at: 503-281-7764.

Why haven’t I heard of PREP4Kids?

PREP4Kids is a grassroots organization that relies primarily on word-of-mouth advertising. For more information see the website: www.prep4kids.org

Is PREP4Kids school sponsored?

No. PREP4Kids is not sponsored or endorsed by any public school. Schools may not encourage or discourage participation or penalize students who do or do not attend.

**2003 study done by the National Council on Crime and Delinquency in Oakland, CA*
www.nccdcrc.org/nccd/pubs/2003_released_time.pdf

