

Why Do We Close Kidzworks Check-in?

We close down Kidzworks check-in 15 minutes after the service has started, and post signs that ask families to attend “big church” in the dream center together, or watch the service together in the Cry Room. Why do this? Well, it’s certainly NOT intended as a punishment for families who are running late!

Here’s why we close check-in:

- The most important reason is to create the best experience possible for children. Since we only have just over an hour for Kidzworks each weekend, we plan for every minute! Once we’re 15 minutes into the service, teaching has already happened that lays a foundation for everything we do later in the service. Children who arrive later than this feel lost because they’ve missed what’s already happened in the service.
- In many of our classes, children are divided into “small groups” for discussion and application activities. Continuing to interrupt these groups to add late arrivers hinders discussion and openness in the groups.
- Our check-in volunteers give freely of their time, usually every week or every other week. Many of them are already missing 15 minutes of the service to volunteer to check in children for families – we want them to be able to attend as much of the service as possible.

- For safety, we maintain certain volunteer to child ratios in our Kidzworks classes. By 15 minutes into the service, we have already made sure we are staffed sufficiently. Checking in additional children after this time may cause us to exceed our safety ratios.

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