

# PRAISE PARTY

## Section Leader Guide 2026

### THANK YOU FOR SERVING

We are grateful for you! You make Praise Party possible by signing up to serve. This guide will serve as your training. You have a simple but important role in leading your section of kids so the Easter story can be shared with them. Thank you!

#### ARRIVAL AND PICKUP

Please wear your green Kids Ministry shirt. If you do not have one, we will have some available on Easter morning. Check in on the Next Gen iPads as usual, then go to Room E 45 minutes before your schedule Mass time (that's **7:15 for the 8am, 9:15 for the 10am, and 11:15 for the 12n Mass**). Pick up your section bag which will contain the following:

- Leader Guide with Campus Map, routes, and section codes
- Glow bracelets and markers to mark the section on kids' hands
- Light stick
- Wipes (esp. in case glow bracelets break)

#### YOUR SECTION

Be as friendly and welcoming as possible. Your demeanor could be one of the things that makes a family feel welcome and open to Christ. You make a big difference! Approach families as they enter your section to sit. Ask if their elementary aged children would like to attend Praise Party. If they don't know what that is, explain it is like Time Travelers, where the kids leave at the First Reading and are brought back to their seats in time for the Eucharist. It is for kids in grades 1-5. If the children want to attend Praise Party, they need:

**(1) A glow bracelet and**

**(2) A mark on their hand with section code.**

Provide the glow bracelet and ask the parent to put it on their child's wrist. Write the section code on the back of their hand. The glow bracelet colors and section codes can be found on the back of this sheet. Let them know to listen for the Praise Party Announcement during Mass right before the First Reading. That's when the kids will get up and follow their section leaders (that's you!) to the Next Gen Wing for Praise Party.

#### IN CASE THEY ASK . . .

**Moving Sections:** Be sure to let the parents know that once the kids have a glow bracelet and hand marker, they may not move sections.

**Preschool Kids:** Kids younger than first grade are encouraged to check into All Stars. If preschoolers don't want to go to All Stars, we have preschool packs at the Welcome Center or family friendly seating with coloring tables in the Pavilion. If a parent asks if a younger sibling can go with an older one, advise them that once kids are at Praise Party they cannot leave. The performance is loud and energetic; if a parent thinks the younger child can handle it, they can go.

#### LEADING YOUR SECTION

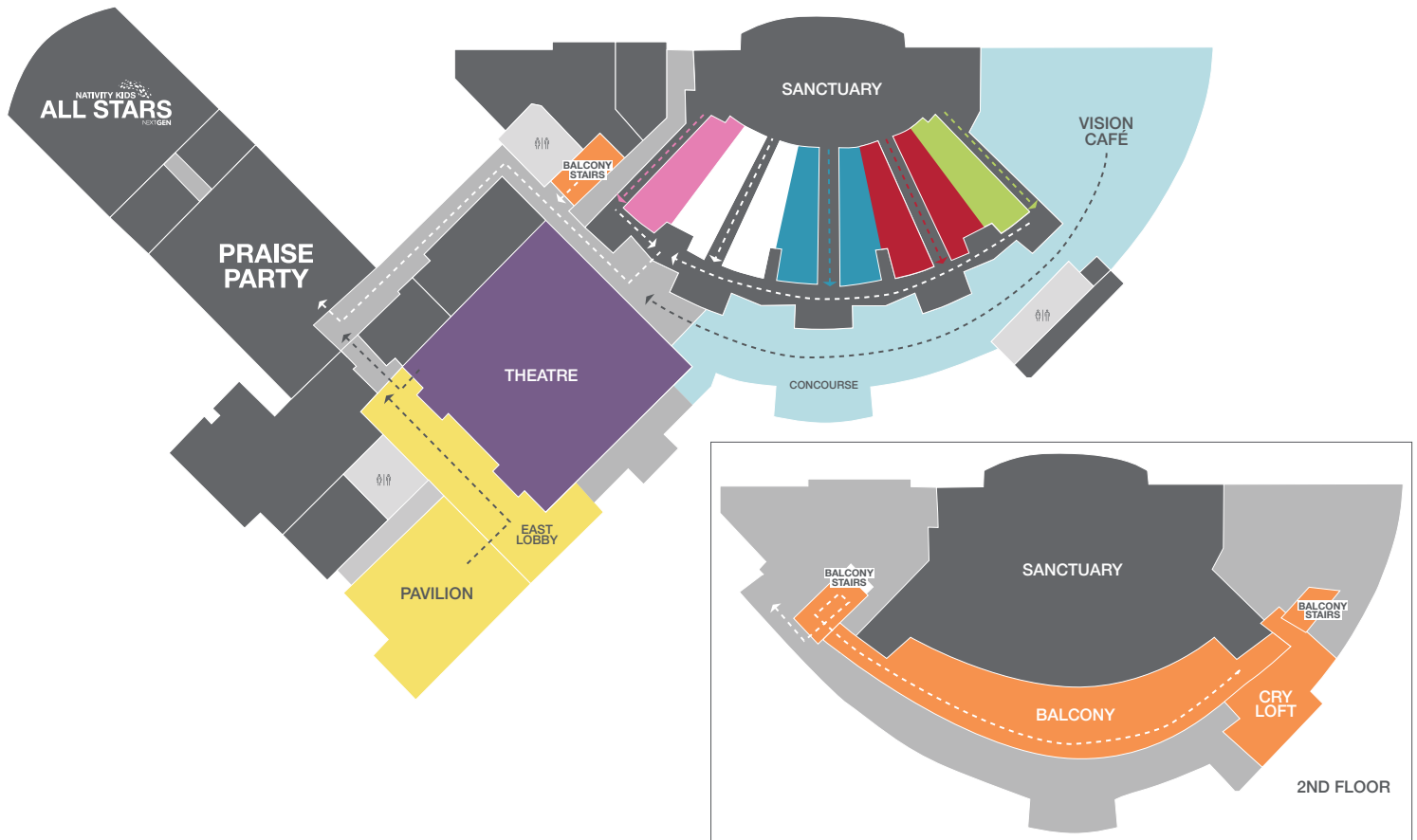
- When the video announcement plays, wave your glow sticks for the kids to see.
- When your line is assembled, lead the kids to Praise Party. Have one leader in front and one in back of the line.
- Sit with kids during Praise Party. There are designated areas for each color group.
- Actively participate by modeling worship for the kids.
- If kids have any medical or bathroom needs, ask a Staff member to assist.
- For dismissal, Meghan/Sage will give a cue for each group to leave. Listen for your section to be called and head back to your area, watching carefully that you have all your kids.
- If a kid has "lost parents," check their stamp and glow bracelet to be sure they are in the correct section. If their parents remain lost, find a Host minister and have them radio a description of the child, child's name, and parent's name. Stay with the child and follow prompts as guided by Host and Staff.
- Once all of your kids are seated, please bring your supplies back to Room E and place them on the table where you picked them up. You can then attend the rest of Mass.

## IMPORTANT TIDBITS

- We ask all ministers to park at the Ridgely Middle School Parking Lot along Lynncrest Rd. There will be a shuttle running from 6am to 2pm.
- Wear your green Kids Ministry shirt. You can wear bunny ears or Easter gear too!
- Fire Exit: In the event of an emergency, we will calmly proceed down the hallway and out the double-wide doors at the back of the building. Our meeting place is the cul-de-sac across Vista Ln.
- In an emergency, find someone with a Radio to contact the police. If you have a questions or a nonemergency occurs, please contact Joseph at 208-874-7409
- Have fun and help these kids love Jesus!

## SECTIONS

Here are the sections, codes, colors, and map. You will write the code for your section on each kid's hand. Give them a glow bracelet with your section's assigned color.



### SP Sanctuary Pink

Aisle on Ministry Suite side of Section 1

### SW Sanctuary White

Aisle between Section 1 and 2

### SB Sanctuary Blue

Center Aisle between Section 2 and 3

### SR Sanctuary Red

Aisle between Section 3 and 4

### SG Sanctuary Green

Aisle on Vision Café side of Section 4

### B Balcony & Cry Loft Orange

### VC C Vision Café & Concourse Multicolor

### T Theatre Purple

### P EL Pavilion & East Lobby Yellow