

Dance at Magnify/ Easter Drama 2023

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in the Dance at Magnify program. If your child's age group dances during the Easter Drama (please refer to the Dance at Magnify Info Sheet for those details), please read this Parent Letter in its entirety prior to registering. All children who dance during the drama will need to be a part of the full Easter Drama. This includes being on stage and singing and acting with the other children during all crowd scenes, not just appearing in the scene where they dance. If you have any questions, please ask before registering for Dance at Magnify.

OUR GOALS

- To help children learn and understand the true story of Easter.
- To encourage children to worship (give glory to God and express their love to Him) by assisting them in developing means of expression through the worship arts.
- To provide children with an opportunity to participate in evangelistic outreach.

BENEFITS FOR CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATE

- They will enter into an interactive learning experience with stories from Scripture.
- They will receive instruction and practice in communication through music, drama, art, choreography and public speaking.
- They will be challenged to grow in life-lessons of stewardship of time and talents, teamwork, responsibility, commitment, sacrifice and work ethic.

KICK-OFF/ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION

Please attend the Easter Drama Kick-off on **Sunday, February 26** to learn more about this year's story, register for the drama (please register for the Easter Drama to ensure that you receive all of the schedule emails and team updates), and learn about audition dates.

REHEARSALS (in addition to regular Monday dance rehearsals)

Please plan to attend all required Easter Drama practices, as it is essential for children to attend in order to participate in the program. We schedule the minimum number of rehearsals that we feel are necessary.

Saturday Rehearsals.

Most Drama rehearsals for kids begin 4-5 weeks before Easter and take place on Saturdays. During these rehearsals we focus on the songs and stage movement for the scenes that involve kids. These scenes are in addition to their dance. If you have a conflict with a rehearsal, please let us know.

Tech Week. March 30-April 8

Tech week is the week that the performances start. These rehearsals are mandatory. Please check the info sheet to confirm that you can commit to attend these rehearsals before registering for FLIPS. Be aware that tech rehearsals can run late into the evening. All large group kids' scenes are purposefully scheduled early in the show so that when their scenes are done, they are free to go home. *Please note: There will be additional rehearsals if your child takes on a speaking part.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

We need parental support to be able to provide this special opportunity for our children. We offer childcare for the kids participating in the program for the times that they are not on stage. It is mandatory that each child who is 8th grade and younger has an adult participating in the Drama. That participation can be on stage, or helping with childcare or another backstage opportunity. Any dancer 8th grade and younger who is participating in the Easter drama must have a parent on site each night of tech/performance week.

Looking forward to celebrating a blessed Easter with you,
Vicki Modert, Worship Arts Director