

## CEM Elementary In-Person Worship Guide (SK – Grade 6)

Since the pandemic began in March 2020, our Elementary worship services and small groups were moved online to protect the health and safety of all our students. For an extended period, our students have missed various in-person components of the children's ministry which are crucial for their faith formation and spiritual growth, such as interactions with their teachers and peers in-person. The CEM staff feel the strong need to have our students back to church EM as we closely monitor the situation. We are preparing to implement a **hybrid worship service** (both in-person and online) beginning **Sunday, October 3, 2021**. Following protocols will be put in place to ensure a safe and gradual return for our students:

1. All students who will be attending the worship service in-person must register each online each week, either for the 10:30am or the 12 o'clock worship.
2. Students who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 or who are feeling ill or have symptoms of COVID-19 must stay home, even if symptoms are mild. Online registration will include a self-assessment questionnaire.
3. In-person worship service will take place in Agape centre (gym) for optimal ventilation and physical distancing.
4. Students will enter through the main entrance and be dropped off at the entrance to the Agape Centre. After the worship, students will be picked up by one family at a time. Social distancing will be implemented for both drop-off and pick-up line for the parents.
5. All students must wear their masks at all times, and they will be seated two metres apart. Students will be kept in Agape Centre for the whole duration of the worship and only one student will be sent to the washroom at a time under the supervision of a teacher.
6. Small groups will be replaced by large group activities. There will be separate large groups for students attending in-person and online. Activities for in person participants will include individual worksheets and/or crafts that students can do while they are seated.
7. All staff, teachers and volunteers are required to be fully vaccinated to ensure that our children are in a safe environment while at church.

We will communicate any changes to these protocols. We look forward to welcoming our students back to the church.