



ARRIVAL

On Christmas Eve, please report to the staging area 60 minutes before your Mass time. **(Arrive no later than 2:00 for 3:00 pm Mass and 4:15 for 5:15 pm Mass.)**

When you arrive, proceed to the Minister Staging Area. This is where you will pick up your supplies and finalize your section assignment. Use the map on the reverse side of this guide to locate your assigned section.

PICKUP

At your table please gather the following things:

- Your nametag
- Pouch with the LED bracelets, markers, flashlight and tissues
- Your giant glowstick
- Your Section Sign (one per section)
- Cards with QR code for safety contact information

Once you pick up your supplies, write your section on the back of your hand with your marker and go to your section **(see map on back)**.

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 and the Church. You make a big difference! Approach families as they enter your section to sit. Ask if their children would like to attend Jingle Jam. If they don't know what that is, explain it is like Time Travelers, where kids get to engage in a fun, action packed sharing of the Christmas Story. Kids will leave at the first reading and are brought back to their seats in time for the Eucharist.

If kids want to attend Jingle Jam, they need two things:

- (1) An LED bracelet and
- (2) The section they are seated in, marked on the back of their hand.

Provide the LED bracelet and ask the parent to put it on their child's wrist. Write the section code on the back of their hand.

New this year: You will have a card with a QR code. Ask the parent to scan the QR code and complete a quick form so that we can easily contact and find them if needed. Tell them to watch for the Jingle Jam Announcement during Mass (right before the first reading). That's when the kids will turn on their bracelets, get up and follow their Section Guide (that's you!) to the Jingle Jam area.

Thank you for serving and celebrating Christmas Eve with us!

IN CASE THEY ASK...

Changing Sections: Be sure to let the parents know that once the kids have an LED bracelet and hand marking, they may not move or switch to a different section.

Preschool Kids: If a parent asks about a younger sibling, advise them that once kids are in the Jingle Jam area they cannot leave. The performance is loud and energetic; if a parent thinks the younger child can handle it, they can go. Parents are also welcome to come with their child but they will miss the adult message.

Restrooms: We are unable to escort kids to the restroom during Jingle Jam.

LEADING YOUR SECTION

- When the live announcement plays, wave your giant glow stick for the kids to see.
- When your line is assembled, lead the kids to the Jingle Jam area, keeping one guide in front and one in the back if possible.
- Follow your designated path to and from the Jingle Jam area (located on the map).
- Sit with kids during Jingle Jam. There are designated areas for each group.
- Actively participate by modeling worship for the kids.
- Kids must remain in the Jingle Jam area for the entire program; they are not allowed to leave for the restroom.

DISMISSAL FROM JINGLE JAM

- Listen for your section to be called and head back to your area, watching carefully that you have all your kids.
- If a kid can't find their family, first check their hand for the correct color and section. If they are in the wrong section escort the kid to the correct section once all other kids in your section are seated.
- If there is no marker or if the family has not been located, have the Host Minister with a radio, signal "Jingle Jam Alert" and provide name of the child and current location. We will follow up with instructions.
- Once all of your kids are seated, please bring your supplies back to the staging area and place them on the table where you picked them up.

IMPORTANT TIDBITS

- Wear your green Kids Ministry shirt. If you need one, you can get it at the Minister Open House on Sunday, December 22, 4:30-6:30pm.
- Emergency Exit: In the event of an emergency, we will lift the pipe and drape, and you will take your group out the side of Jingle Jam to the sliding garage doors on the west side of the building. Calmly take your group and gather together outside. **See map below.**
- If you have a situation where you need help during Jingle Jam (i.e. lost child, injury, unforeseen circumstance), wave your section sign and Staff will come to assist. Otherwise, call Joseph at (208) 874 - 7409.
- Have fun and help these kids feel the love of Jesus!

FAIRGROUNDS "COW PALACE" JINGLE JAM SECTIONS, by color

