



## Child Dedication at VCNP

The decision you make to dedicate your child is one of the most important you will ever make as a parent. As you dedicate your child to the Lord for His plans and purposes, you are publicly committing before the church body that you will raise your child "...in the training and instruction of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4

Here at the Vineyard, we do all we can to make this a **memorable and enjoyable occasion** for your family, from providing **invitation cards** you can personalize and send out to your friends and family to a **free reception** for your family and friends, where you can meet your children's ministry pastor and coordinators, to a **gift bag** filled with tools you will need to parent your precious little one.

We encourage you to invite your friends and family to the dedication ceremony and reception to help you celebrate this important decision in your life as a parent.

In preparation for the ceremony, parents will be asked to attend a **dedication class**. You will learn the biblical basis for dedicating your child and the importance of laying a godly foundation in their life.

## Upcoming 2009 Child Dedication Dates Ceremony/Class

January 18th/January 24th  
April 19th/April 25th  
July 19th/July 25th  
October 18th/October 24th

All **ceremonies** are held on Saturdays during the **4:30 pm** service. All **classes** are held the **preceding** Sunday during the **11:30 am** service.

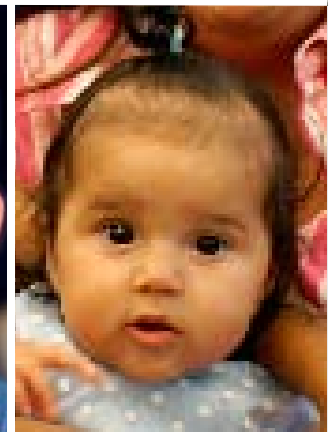


## What should I do if I want to dedicate my child at Vineyard Church?

If you decide to dedicate your child here at Vineyard Church, you will need to register for one our four yearly dedication ceremonies by filling out and turning in the form in this brochure. By registering, you are agreeing to attend the mandatory Parenting Class. Contact Heather at 623.234.2921 or [heather@vineyardnorthphoenix.com](mailto:heather@vineyardnorthphoenix.com) with any questions.

# vcnp child dedication

"Train a child in the way he should go,  
and when he is old he will not turn from it."  
Proverbs 22:6



# Child Dedication Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please read brochure in its entirety before applying. Please fill out as completely as possible and drop into the offering bag or the registration box at the Information Counter in the lobby. Child Dedication is on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications must be received 2 weeks prior to the ceremony itself. Someone will contact you to confirm your reservation.

Parent's Name(s), Phone Number(s) & Email(s):

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Full Name(s) of the Child(ren) being dedicated/Date(s) of Birth:

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Small Group Leader(s) Name(s):

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I/We agree to the guidelines set forth in this brochure, with regards to Child Dedication. We understand that we must attend the Parenting Class to be able to participate in the ceremony.

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## What is Child Dedication?

Child Dedication is a **commitment made** by parents **to God**, giving themselves to the work of laying a godly foundation in the life of their child that will be built upon for years to come. We are asking God to give us the tools we need to raise our child into a morally upright individual with godly character.



## What is the difference between Infant Baptism and Child Dedication?

All of us come from different backgrounds and bring different expectations to this ceremony. Some of you or your family members have had experience with infant baptism.

Dedication is **not the same as baptism**. Through dedicating a child, parents are making a commitment to raise that child according to God's Word and His ways. It is important to understand that dedication is not about the child's salvation; instead, it is about the parent's decision to raise that child in the training and instruction of the Lord so they can later make a personal decision to follow Jesus Christ.

## Do both parents have to participate in the dedication of the child?

**No**, but both are welcome – even if one parent does not attend VCNP as long as they are in agreement with the guidelines of Child Dedication.

**Note:** Parents in a cohabitating situation will be asked to wait until they are married to dedicate their child. We believe scripture is clear with regards to God's best in this area of family life.



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## Do I have to be a member of VCNP to dedicate my child?

No. As long as at least one of the parents has attended VCNP on a regular basis for four months or longer and the parent is in alignment with the guidelines of Child Dedication.

## Can anyone other than a parent or parents dedicate a child?

We understand that there are many different family dynamics in our society today. However, unless the person wishing to dedicate the child is ultimately responsible for the care and upbringing of that child, they will not be allowed to dedicate the child.