



Sometimes the hurts, hang-ups and habits that children struggle with go unnoticed. That's why Celebration Place is so important. It's a place where kids ages K-5th grade can discover their own pathway to healing.

With structure, love, discipline, and guidance, we hope to help children to develop life skills that will be vital in their times of struggle and daily life. Celebration Place is designed to equip kids with practical coping techniques, strategies, and values to prevent the development of unhealthy coping mechanisms. We like to think of it as "PREcovery."

Celebration Place gives kids...

- Hope for all the amazing things God has in store for them
- Truths that help them overcome life's challenges by learning to lean on Jesus
- Joy as they embark on a wonderful, year-long journey of songs, games, videos, impactful experiences, and great conversation
- Friendships with other children

**We look forward to being with you—learning, growing, and doing lots of fun things together!**



Welcome to  
**Celebration**  
**Place**<sup>™</sup>

A "PREcovery" Program for  
Kids Ages K-5th Grade



## Welcome!

We're excited that you're joining us on a special journey. While the people you came with are at Celebrate Recovery, we will meet here to make new friends, share ideas, play games, sing songs, create crafts, watch videos and movies—and each week we'll learn the same things the adults learn about during their meeting time. And most important of all, we'll learn about God's amazing love for us.

## The Lessons

Celebration Place is truly a celebration—of the joy of life, the wonder of God's love, and the promises of the future. Kids will experience sessions on topics such as denial, powerlessness, forgiveness, mercy, grace and more—at their age level.

Weekly lessons includes songs, small groups, crafts, learning centers, games, teaching times, and free play. Every lesson closes with a time of commitment, reflection, or worship-and the child version of the Serenity Prayer.

## Centers

Every lesson has three centers that help reinforce what is being taught. These centers include things like games, crafts, object lessons, and snacks. They are a lot of fun and give kids a way to connect with each other.



## Small Groups

We have small group time before and after our centers. This is a time for the kids to talk about the lessons, to ask questions and share what they learned. It also gives the kids a safe place to come out of their shells and talk about whatever is going on in their lives.

Small group guidelines:

1. We talk about our own thoughts and feelings, not about other people. When it's our turn, we only talk for a few minutes.
2. We talk to the whole group, and not just one person.
3. When others talk, we listen quietly without interruption
4. We don't talk outside the group about what others say, unless we're worried that people might hurt themselves and others.
5. We never use mean words or put-downs at Celebration Place

During small groups, kids use their Celebration Place Journals to get in touch with their feelings and record their thoughts. This unique aspect of the journal opens the door to healing communication by teaching kids to talk to each other, talk to God, and talk to their parents.

Children bring home a discussion sheet so that the parents can talk to the kids about the week's topic and healthy choices can be reinforced. The unique approach initiates positive, fun, faith-filled conversations between kids and parents that let them practice open communication and sharing in ways they may never have experienced before.