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- We take a 10-minute break during the gathering to fill up on coffee, talk with one another, and dismiss children to their classes. We call it [Coffee & Connection Time](#). It's a good time. We hope you aren't scared off by it.
- [Nursery care](#) is available for babies who are 24 months and younger. The nursery is located on the 4th floor past the Sunday Cinema rooms. You can take your child there at anytime and our trained staff and volunteers will put your mind at ease.
- [Kids @ the Ridge](#) is our program for kids age 2-grade 5. Sign-in for age 4-grade 5 is available at our sign-in table in the Banquet Hall. Sign-in for age 2-3 is in Room A on the 4th floor. Because of this large concrete building, we ask that parents escort their kids to the classrooms on the 4th floor during our Coffee & Connection Time. You can pick up your child from their room after the gathering. Be prepared for your child to come home with a bunch of papers and stories to tell. Make sure to ask them what they learned. They might teach you something
- If you're a student in grades 6-12, you should check out [The Source](#), our small group Bible study that meets on the first and last Sunday of each month in Room 3 of the Rec Centre. You'll want to ask other students about our youth functions on Thursday nights. The group has some awesome times together.
- Want a [Bible](#)? We have free copies at the Welcome Centre for you to take home. No strings attached. Just take it and read it.
- Want someone to [pray](#) with you? We'll have people who can pray with you available at the end of our gathering. You can tell them as much or as little as you'd like. They won't be nosy and they'll keep it to themselves.

We'd love for you to fill out a Welcome Card at the Welcome Centre. This will give us an idea of who you are and help us respond to any questions that you might have. It's also a good idea to visit our website, www.jerichoridge.com, and join our weekly e-newsletter group or facebook page. Don't worry, we won't bother you with annoying phone calls or spam mail. Promise.

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JRCC's Gift Guide

Less than a week before Christmas, but still lots of opportunities to give a gift that won't ever be wasted! You can give a gift to support our workers and agencies that are spreading God's hope across the globe. JRCC's 2010 Gift Guide features a number of items (such as building supplies for a Guatemalan home, educational supplies to assist Iranian pastors in their teaching, or contributions toward a translator's monthly salary) and you can have confidence in knowing that your gift will have an immediate impact. Copies of the Gift Guide are located at the Welcome Centre. If you have already completed your order, you can pick up your personalized thank you card acknowledging the gift. If a Gift Guide item is on your personal wish list, please let others know they can access the Gift Guide from the front page of JRCC's website (the Gift Guide will be open for giving through Dec 31).

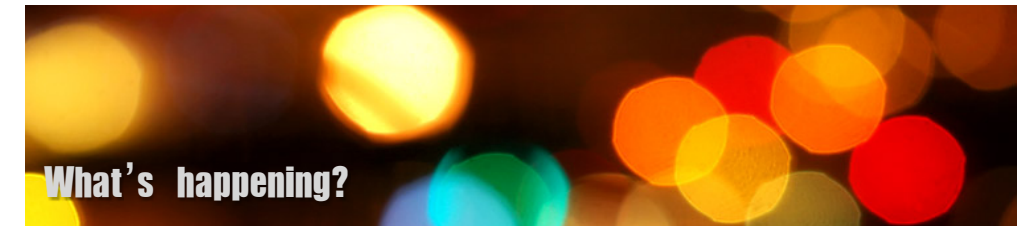


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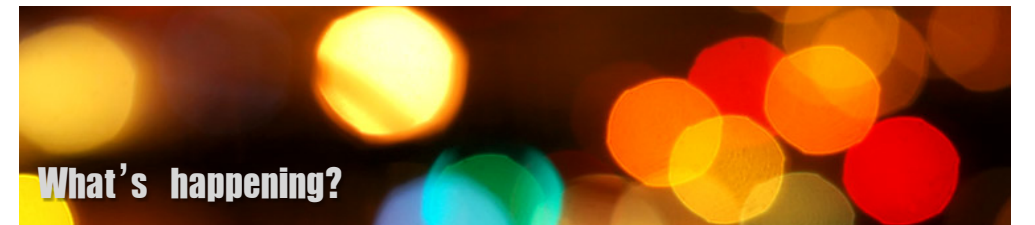
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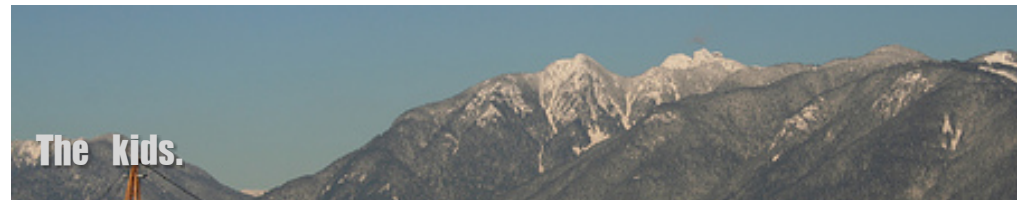
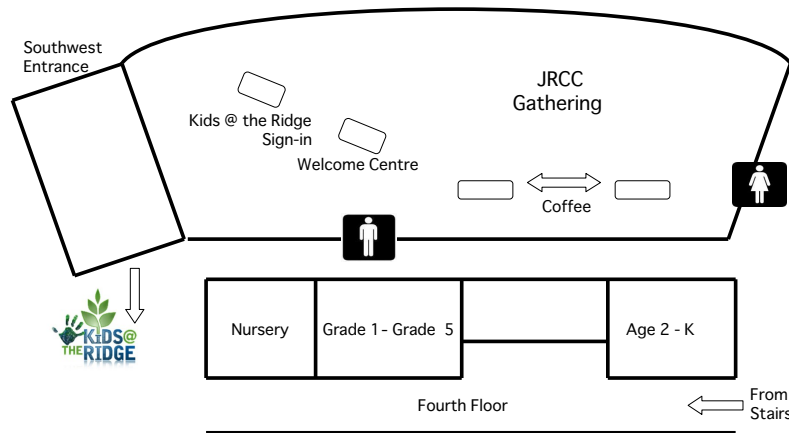
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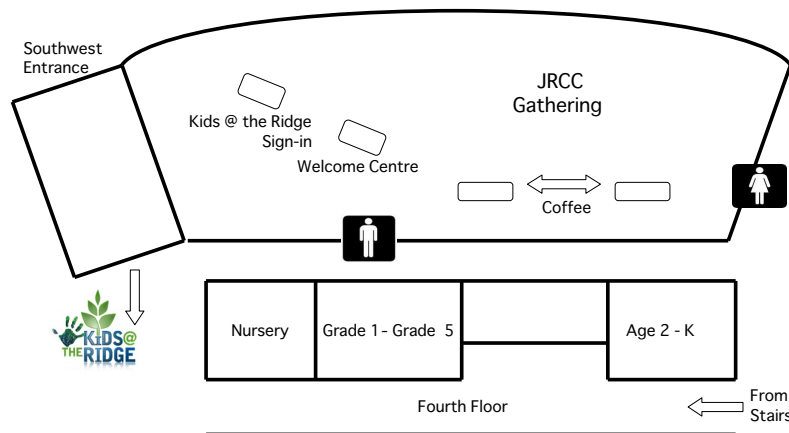
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