

# A DAY IN THE



Thanks to a special relationship between the ELCA's Indiana and Kentucky Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile (IELCH), these children are able to attend a nursery school based at the IELCH's Buen Samaritano (Good Samaritan) Congregation in Santiago, Chile. Your support enables these kids to have safe and quality care while their parents go to work as housekeepers, maintenance workers, market vendors, and shopkeepers. Now let's take a walk through a typical day at Buen Samaritano:

## 8-9:00 a.m. MORNING ARRIVAL

At the entrance to Buen Samaritano, a sign greets children and their parents as they arrive in the morning: "Welcome Girls and Boys: Never stop smiling, being excited and feeling that you are the protagonists of your lives." Early childhood education specialist Vanessa Saavedra (above) is always available to talk with parents about any special concerns they have.



# LIFE OF BUEN

## 9:30 a.m. BREAKFAST

Before eating their breakfast, the children fold their hands and say a prayer of thanks and ask for God's blessing on their parents at work.

## 10:15 a.m. GOOD HABIT-FORMING MOMENT

Throughout the day, kids at Buen Samaritano have "good habit-forming moments" when they go to the bathroom, wash their hands, brush their teeth, and generally learn about taking care of themselves.



## 10:15-11:30 a.m. COGNITIVE ACTIVITIES

At this point in the morning, teachers engage kids in age appropriate learning activities. Below left, the 4, 5 and 6 year old class makes and plays with playdough. Below right, the 2 and 3 year olds are listening to soothing music and swimming on the floor like little fishies.



# SAMARITANO

## 11:30 a.m.— 12:15 p.m. OUTDOOR PLAY

Before lunch, kids have a chance to get outside and run around or play with toys in the yard. After playing outside, the kids make a train line into the bathroom to wash their hands for lunch.



## 12:30 LUNCHTIME

Kids fold their hands for grace and then eat a healthy lunch. Teachers reinforce good table manners and self-sufficiency. After lunch, kids go to the bathroom, wash their hands and brush their teeth.



# NURSERY SCHOOL

**1:30-3:00 p.m.**  
**NAPTIME FOR THE LITTLE ONES**

**BOOKS AND GAMES FOR THE  
OLDER ONES**



This little 3 year old is getting ready for her afternoon nap.

**3:00 p.m. SNACKTIME**

**3:30 p.m.— 5:00 p.m.**  
**AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES**

Afternoon games, music, and activities focus on values such as love, justice and peace. On Fridays the whole school together sits in a circle around a candle for a special lesson. For example, at the beginning of Holy Week the teachers dramatized with the children the arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem. Lessons follow along with the church calendar.



Pastor Gloria Rojas (above) is the president of the IELCH and pastor of the Buen Samaritano congregation. She lovingly provides pastoral accompaniment to the staff, parents and children of the school.

**5:00 p.m PARENTS' ARRIVAL**

Most parents pick their kids up by 5:00 p.m. The school stays open until 7:00 p.m. for parents who have long work days or commutes.