

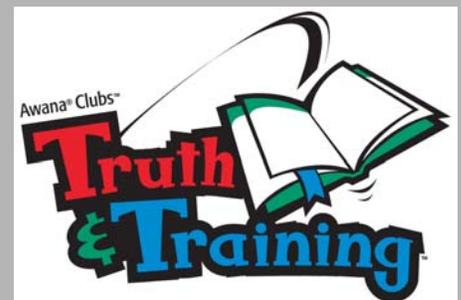
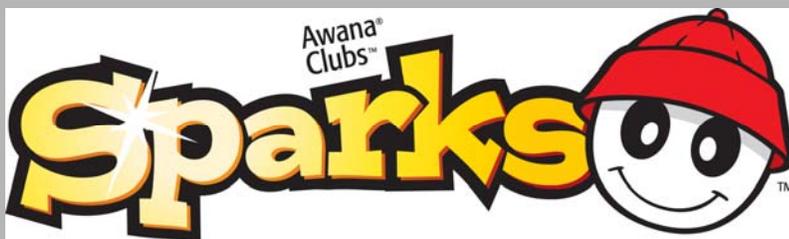
Ridgedale Baptist Church  
**AWANA**  
Parent Resource Manual

**Our Goal & Prayer:**

Our goal is to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and train them to serve him.

Our prayer is for all children and youth throughout the world will come to know, love, and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

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# AWANA

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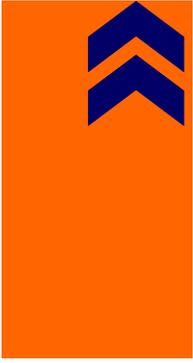
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# Parents



**Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.**

**-Proverbs 22:6**

Dear Parent or Guardian,

If this is your child's first year in AWANA at Ridgedale, then "Welcome"! If your child is returning to our program then "Welcome Back"! I want to thank you for bringing your child to AWANA and let you know that I am very excited about AWANA this fall. While I say this every year, I have not been disappointed yet, and I do not expect this year to be any different. While we attempt to make every AWANA club night memorable, from time to time we also incorporate special theme nights into our club schedule. These nights serve to keep our program energized and our clubbers excited. I hope that your child comes home with stories about AWANA every Wednesday night.

Since taking the role as Commander in this program, I've had the opportunity see Christ work in the lives of our clubbers and their families. The main reason I continue to be involved in the AWANA program at Ridgedale is because it works. The AWANA program is one of the best curriculums I have seen that effectively teaches, and reaches, the hearts of children and families.

The word AWANA is an acronym for Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed and is a reference to 2 Timothy 2:15, where the Bible tells us:

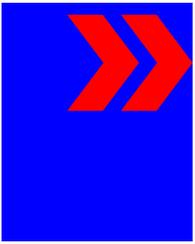
*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth – 2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV)*

With the AWANA club at Ridgedale, we will prepare your child to meet this challenge. The AWANA club time is designed with a balance of physical, mental and spiritual activities that will help your child become a well-rounded Christian who displays good sportsmanship, Biblical knowledge, and a heart that is devoted to Christ.

Getting the most from the AWANA program will take a commitment from you and your child. Over the next few months, I pray that you not only encourage your child to participate fully in the program, but that you would participate with your child. Work with them between club meetings as they learn their materials and memorize scripture. Talk to your child about what they have been learning, look at their handbook, and ask them to recite some of their memory verses for you.

Finally, I want to ask that you read through the material in this manual. We have prepared it to help you understand how the AWANA program works so that you and your child will get the most out of the program. I realize that the material here is not comprehensive. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to talk to me or any of the other AWANA leaders. I am looking forward to working with you and your child this year.

Your Servant in Christ,  
Commander John  
Awana Commander  
Ridgedale Baptist Church



# Welcome to AWANA

According to the most recent research, a child's moral development begins as early as 2 years old. That moral compass is well established by age 9, and what they believe is all but set in stone by age 13.

## Creating a healthy partnership

By choosing to allow your child to participate in Ridgedale Baptist Church's AWANA program, you are choosing one of the best programs to systematically prepare your child for spiritual success. But no church program can accomplish such grand aspirations by itself. We can only be successful when we partner with you, the parents.

During the course of the average year, the church, the family, and the world have the following opportunities to influence the average child:

- 52 hours - church
- 1,460 hours - family
- 7,248 hours - world

What kind of eternal impact are you making on your children? Are you trusting the church to independently develop in your child a moral framework and a purpose for living? Are you counting on a public, or even private, education system to do it for you?

At this point you are probably saying to yourself, "Of course I'm not leaving my child's spiritual health up to somebody else." But do your actions honestly match your well-meaning thoughts? When was the last time you turned



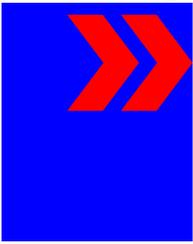
off the television to read your child a Bible story? When was the last time you did more at Sunday lunch than ask your child, "So what did you learn today?" When was the last time you actually took the time to either teach your child something new from the Bible or show him how to apply a biblical principle to his life?

AWANA gives you the opportunity each week to 1) help your children memorize life changing scripture; 2) plant that scripture

firmly in their hearts through review and repetition so that it is more than just in short term memory, recited for a prize; and 3) model for them through your own actions what a difference that scripture can make in their own lives.

Will you accept the invitation to be a parent partner? Or will you continue to simply have well meaning thoughts?

# Parent Expectations



"Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away on a journey, when you are lying down and when you are getting up again."  
Deuteronomy 6:7

## Busy Schedules

Families' schedules are busier than ever. School, church, sports, homework, music lessons. Even vacations seem like a lot of work these days. For many families, the truth is that they just don't seem to have time to sit down and study God's word *together*. Even the church seems to continually pull families in different directions.

Rest assured that Ridgedale is currently working to end this cycle. We want to return to a model that more closely resembles God's original intention that families be the incubators of a child's faith. To that end, I promise that AWANA will not schedule a single event where parents aren't welcome. Parents are always encouraged to participate whether it's a special event, or a regular club night.

In return we ask parents to place a high priority on the family church partnership. Work with your children during the week to review what your children are learning from their handbooks. Help them as they memorize

scripture and work to understand God's plan for their lives. This will ensure that they receive the full benefit of the AWANA program.

God has clearly prescribed a particular pattern for family life.

There is a natural rhythm to life that families often disregard to their own detriment.

God has given parents four time periods that naturally occur during the course of the day which they can use to create teachable moments with their kids:

- 1) getting up
- 2) travelling on the road
- 3) sitting at home
- 4) going to bed

Parents, make the decision today that you will utilize each of these God-given time periods to make a difference in the spiritual health of your child.

Greet your child each morning with a simple phrase like "God has given us this day to live for Him." Slip a short note in their lunch box telling them how much you love them. You might even write their memory verse for the week on the note.

As you drive your kids to and

from school, practice, and choose to use this time to listen to positive Christian radio, discuss the events of the day, or practice the recitation of memory verses.

Set aside at least one evening each week where the whole family has dinner together and discusses life issues.

Even 3 year olds can learn the life changing quality of respect and honor at the dinner table.

Finally, don't send your children to bed, take them. Even if they are too old to tuck in, they are never too old to hear your wise instruction about the days events. You might even consider using this time to read or review a Bible story. Leave your sons ready to dream about defeating the dragon and bringing salvation for the bride. Kiss your daughters and encourage their dreams of a handsome prince riding a great white horse, ready to bring her to his beautiful mansion he prepared just for her.



# Leader

# Expectations



"And you yourself must be an example to them by doing good deeds of every kind. Let everything you do reflect the integrity and seriousness of your teaching."  
-Titus 2:7

## Standards of Excellence

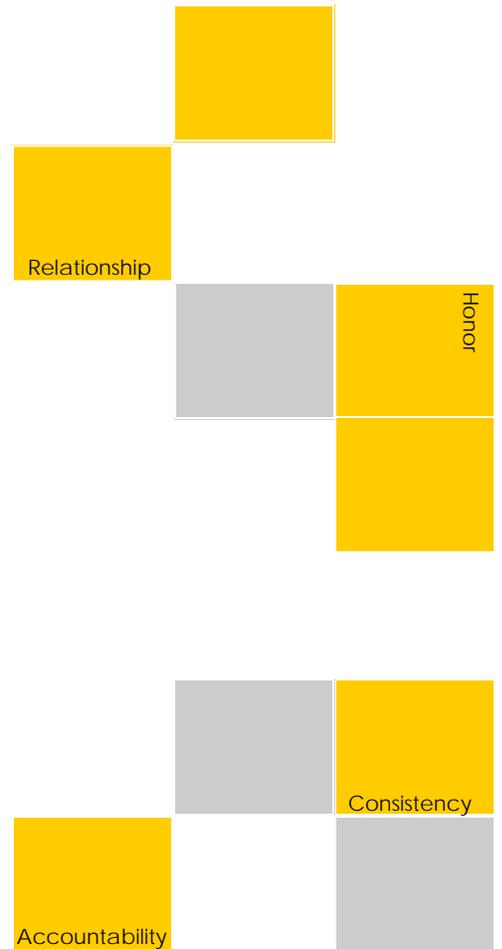
AWANA has few requirements of leaders; however, the expectations set by the program are expected to be upheld with consistency and excellence. The following characteristics are those for which we expect our leadership to labor.

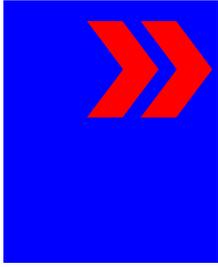
Requirements:

- 1) A leader must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- 2) A leader must have a desire to work with and a compassion for children.
- 3) A leader must agree with the AWANA Doctrinal Statement as found in the Training Manual.
- 4) A leader must consistently attend at least one hour of church other than AWANA each week.

We EXPECT our Leaders to...

- be on time.
- be examples.
- follow the rules.
- display a proper attitude before the clubbers and other leaders.
- pray for our Club on a regular basis.
- realize AWANA is not just another program, but it is a ministry of the church and a place of service to God.
- participate in ongoing training opportunities as they are offered.
- share the gospel with children on a regular basis.
- be involved in regular scripture memory, utilizing curriculum like *The Bible Based Leader*.





# Club Night

Since 1950, AWANA has grown from a one-church program into a ministry that includes more than 6,500 churches in the United States and another 1,300 in more than 80 countries worldwide. Local churches reach hundreds of thousands of young people every week by using the AWANA program. The goal of AWANA is to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and to train them to serve Him.

## High Expectations

We are glad that you have decided that Ridgedale Baptist Church is a place where your children can grow in the Lord. We are sure that our AWANA club will be a place of learning and excitement that will have a positive influence on your children.

The AWANA program is divided into several age groups that range from two years old through fifth grade.

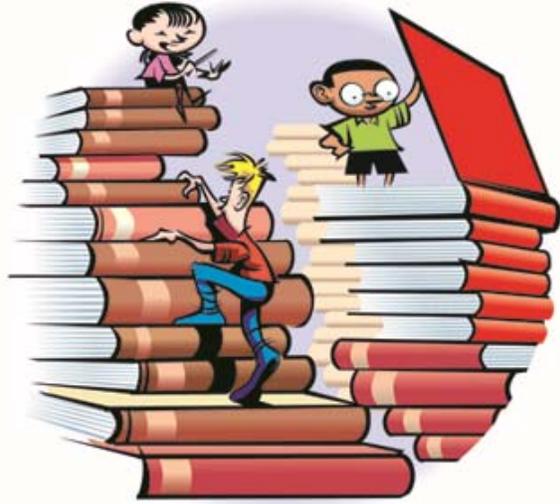
A typical night is divided into five parts :

- Opening Ceremony
- Handbook Time
- Game Time
- Council Time
- Awards

AWANA offers several opportunities for your child to grow spiritually through Scripture memorization and a basic understanding of biblical principals and doctrines.

AWANA also provides an opportunity for children to learn to compete as a team and not just as individuals. They will learn to win and lose with a proper attitude of fair play and sportsmanship.

We ask for your support in



encouraging your child to complete their handbook materials prior to each club week. This way we will have the time to show them how to apply what they learn to their everyday lives.

We would also appreciate your punctuality in dropping off and picking up your children. Club starts promptly at 6:30pm, so please have your children at club no later than 6:30pm in order for them to check-in before

Opening Ceremony. Club officially ends at 8:00 pm. Parents will pick children up in designated locations. Again, we thank you for the opportunity to work with and minister to your child.

# Are You Ready



## What to Wear

- Your child should wear their designated uniform each club night. Wearing their club uniform, your child receives points each night.

## What to Bring

- Good Attitude
- Bible
- Handbook
- Pencil or pen
- Proper shoes

## Children's Illness *(church wide children's policy)*

- Children will be removed from the classroom and asked to be picked-up if they show the following symptoms:
  - Temperature of 100
  - Vomiting
  - Diarrhea
  - Unexplained skin rash
  - Green mucus discharge from the nose
  - Nits in hair
  - Red eyes with a mucus discharge
- If your child displays (or has in the past 24 hours) a temperature of 100 degrees or over, currently has an earache, sore throat, upset stomach, diarrhea, unexplained rash, persistent cough, yellow or green drainage(2<sup>nd</sup> instance of the day) crusty, matted or oozing eyes or a communicable disease such as chicken pox, staph infection, strep or impetigo, please **Do Not Bring Them To AWANA.**
- Children must be fever free for 24 hours, without medication, before they can return to Awanas.
- If your child develops sickness with or without a fever, while here, they will be isolated from other children in the office until you (or someone on your emergency list) can pick them up. After receiving the call to pick-up your child, come as quickly as possible. Please leave a number where you can be reached during Awana with child's leader if different from your regular emergency numbers.

## Medications

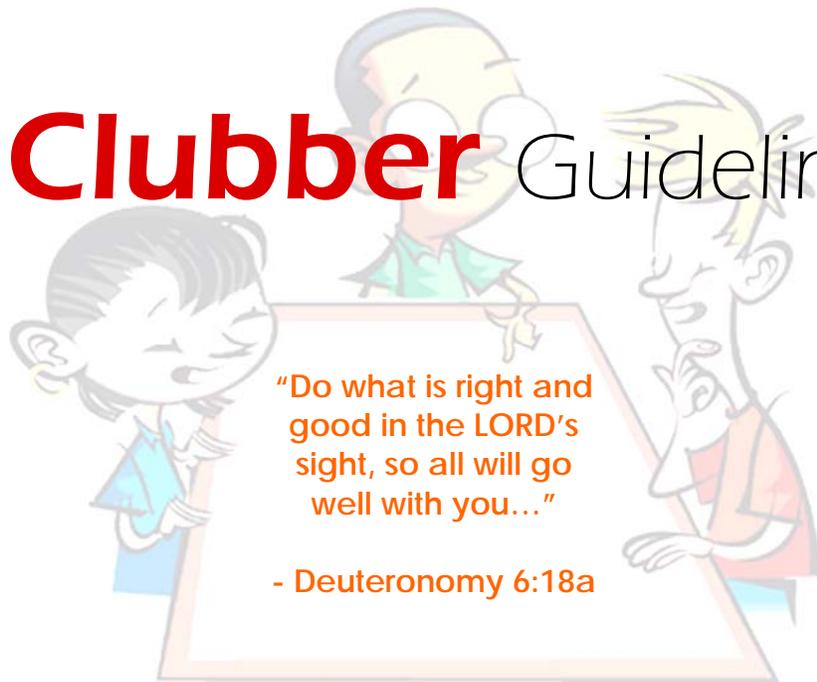
During Awana programming, leaders and/or staff of Ridgedale Baptist Church will not administer any medication to children.



- For your child's safety tennis shoes are required to be worn for Game Time.

Crocks, flip-flops and sandals are NOT appropriate. Injury during games can occur. Children will not be able to play without proper footwear.

# Clubber Guidelines



## *Discipline*

In the event discipline is required, we have a procedure which will be used by all clubs. If a child is disrespectful or is disruptive to the club, the following procedure will occur:

- 1) A "1" count will be given for the first offense.
- 2) A "2" count will be given for the second offense, and the child will be counseled by a leader outside the club room with another leader and then returned to club.
- 3) A "3" count is given and the child is taken by the leader to their parent or guardian or the parent or guardian is called.
- 4) If the clubber has to be taken to the parent or called for a second time, a meeting must occur with the administrative and family pastor before the child will be allowed to come back to club, and one or both parents may be required to attend club with the child.

It is our prayer that no situation will have to be resolved in this manner, but in fairness to all clubbers and leaders, the above will be enforced as necessary.

## Roadmap to Success

- 1) Sections must be passed in order.
- 2) Silver & Gold level sections (T&T) may be done later.
- 3) If you do not bring your handbook to the weekly club meetings, sections may not be passed or checked off by your club leader.
- 4) To complete a handbook in one year, a child should have two to three sections ready to be completed when they arrive each week.
- 5) Clubbers are not allowed to work ahead of the book meant for their age group. If children finish a book before the year is over, they may only go to another book if one is available for their age.
- 6) Clubbers must pass an entire section during one session. They may not quote one verse and then look at the book before saying another verse in the same section.
- 7) Leaders may only give two helps per section. A help is defined as three words or less or any other hint.
- 8) Generally, if a leader has to teach a section to a clubber on club night, that section is not ready to be passed.
- 9) Clubbers are encouraged to pass sections flawlessly.
- 10) Athletic shoes are required for Game Time.

Aug 15	First Night of AWANA	Jan 02	NO AWANA/Christmas Break
Aug 22	Crazy Hair Night	Jan 9	Double Points Night*
Aug 29		Jan 16	Hat Night
Sept 5	Measles Night*	Jan 23	Measles Night*
Sept 12	Twins Night	Jan 30	Team Spirit Night
Sept 19	Double Points Night*	Feb 6	
Sept 26		Feb 13	Valentines/Hearts Night
Oct 3	Super Hero Night	Feb 20	
Oct 10	NO AWANA Fall Break	Feb 27	Hawaiian Night
Oct 17		Mar 6	
Oct 24	Mustache Night/Can Food Night	Mar 13	Super Hero Night
Oct 31	NO AWANA	Mar 20	NO AWANA Spring Break
Nov 7	Can Food Night	Mar 27	Double Points Night*
Nov 14	NO AWANA	Apr 3	
Nov 21	NO AWANA Thanksgiving	Apr 10	Crazy Hair Night
Nov 28		Apr 17	Egg Hunt During Club
Dec 5	Super Hero Night	Apr 24	Duck Commander Night
Dec 12	Hat Night	May 1	Star Wars Night
Dec 19	Celebration Night	May 8	Mustache Night
Dec 26	NO AWANA/Christmas Break	May 15	
		May 22	Commencement and Celebration

**No Awana On These Nights**

October 10  
 October 31  
 November 14  
 November 21  
 December 26  
 January 2  
 March 20

\* Events will happen during club. No preparation needed prior to club.

### Activities

- Super Hero Night / Hat Night wear something related
- Team Spirit - wear your favorite sports team colors or gear
- Crazy Hair Night - create funky hair styles at home and show them at Awana
- Mustache Night - make a mustache and wear it to club
- Twin Night - dress like your friend
- Hawaiian Night - dress in spring colors
- Celebration Night - more information will be coming soon
- Double Point Night - double your points on this night only
- Can Food Night - bring canned food in to help with the Thanksgiving Boxes

### Dues

Twenty five cents \$.25 is due each night of club.

### Annual Curriculum Fee

\$20.00 annual curriculum fee

If parents feel they cannot bear this financial burden, please see our Awana Commander or Administrative and Family Pastor. No child will be turned away!

# AWANA Directory

2018-2019

Awana Commander	Preschool - High School Programs John Lowery 865.604.7865 johnlowerytn@gmail.com
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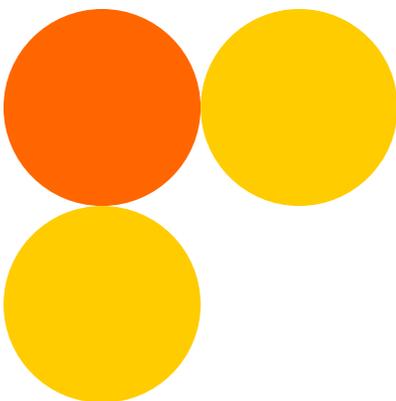
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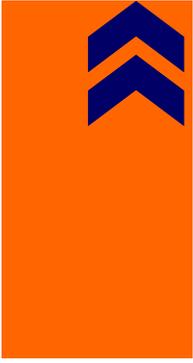
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# AWANA Store



This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

-Psalm 118:24

## Store and Rewards

All points will be voided as of June 1, 2018

Each evening children will be awarded points in these areas:

Attendance	5 points
Bible	5 points
Uniform	5 points
Book	5 points
Dues	5 points

Sunday School / Church 2 points \*Children may bring documentation in from other churches

Each Book Section Completed 10 points (Sparks)  
20 points (Cubbies & T&T)

This includes Cubbies Entrance Book, Flight 3:16 & Start Zone Under The Apple Tree, Reviews, Silver/Gold, etc receive 10 points

Bring A Friend 25 points  
The friend MUST HAVE NEVER attended Ridgedale Awana

If a student is present, has Bible, uniform, book, dues and attends Sunday School/Church the Sunday before, they will receive 17 points. From this point the child can earn more points each evening by completing handbook sections.

### Operating Procedures of the Store

1. For the students to visit they must have accumulated 250 points
2. Students will be limited to 5 minutes.
3. Points are voided at the end of the year
4. The store will be open at the end of each quarter

### Value of Points

- \$1.00 = 50 points
- \$5.00 = 250 points
- \$10.00 = 500 points
- \$20.00 = 1,000 points

Clubbers can earn 27 points each evening for bringing their Bible, wearing their uniform, bringing their club book, paying their dues, and attending Sunday School/Church. Ten points per section.

These points can be used in the Awana store to purchase various items. The Awana store will be open during club at the end of each quarter, Clubbers will need to earn 250 points for their first visit to the store. Clubbers are welcome and encouraged to save their points. Clubbers may turn in ideas for things to be bought for the store.



## What's A Puggle?

- A.) A baby platypus
- B.) A very, very funny word
- C.) Program for pre-Cubbies

The Answer: All of the Above!

**Puggles is the Awana program for children who miss the Cubbies cutoff date. Leaders and parents work together to reach foundational truths about God!**

**Your children will be excited to attend church and enter Awana like their older siblings and friends.**

**The four precepts are spread across 32 teaching cards for lesson times. These large, colorful cards, illustrate a simple lesson for toddlers to understand. Each week features a theme around one of the precepts and related core verses: Genesis 1:1, John 1:3, Isaiah 42:5, Genesis 1:10, 1 John 4:15 and Psalm 105:1.**

**The teaching for the Awana Puggles program is built around four precepts:**

- **God made everything**
- **God saw that it was good**
- **God is love**
- **Give thanks.**





Cubbies journey through their handbooks together, one section per week. The Cubbies curriculum features two handbooks written in a fun, storybook style that appeals to preschoolers. The handbooks contain 24 Bear Hug sections along with six optional special-day sections. Each section combines basic Scripture memory with parent-child activities to help a child grasp a simple biblical truth. Two extra-credit handbooks containing additional memory verses and character-building activities are also available.



Before starting a handbook, newcomers to Cubbies are taken through an introductory brochure that gives parents and children a brief overview of the program and presents God's plan of salvation at a preschooler's level.

In addition, all memory verses are presented at a level appropriate for 3 and 4 year-olds. For example, John 3:16 reads: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son ..."

## Honeycomb Scope and Sequence 2018-2019

### UNIT 1: GOD IS CREATOR

Bear Hug 1 — A Is for All

Bear Hug 2 — C Is for Christ

Bear Hug 3 — Our Magnificent Creator

Bear Hug 4 — God Created All People and You too

Bear Hug 5 — God Made Your Family!

Bear Hug 6 — Unit 1 Review

### UNIT 2: God Is The One True God

Bear Hug 7 — The Israelites Worship god at the Temple

Bear Hug 8 — Elijah Remind the Israelites to Worship Only God

Bear Hug 9 — Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego Worship Only God

Bear Hug 10 — Unit 2 Review

## Honeycomb Outline Continued . . .

### UNIT 3: Jesus Is the Good Shepherd

Bear Hug 11 — The Good Shepherd Knows and Leads His Sheep

Bear Hug 12 — The Good Shepherd Looks for Lost Sheep

Bear Hug 13 — The Good Shepherd Is With US in Scary Times

Bear Hug 14 — Unit 3 Review

### UNIT 6: Jesus Says To Tell The Good News

Bear Hug 23 — Peter and the Disciples Tell the Good News

Bear Hug 24 — Phillip Tells the Good News

Bear Hug 25 — Paul and Silas Tell the Good News

Bear Hug 26 — We Can Tell the Good News

### UNIT 4: Jesus Loves All People

Bear Hug 15 — Jesus Loves the Paralyzed Man

Bear Hug 16 — Jesus Loves Two Daughters

Bear Hug 17 — Jesus Loves the Crowd of 5,000

Bear Hug 18 — Unit 4 Review

### UNIT 5: Jesus Came To Save Us

Bear Hug 19 — Jesus Loves Blind Bartimaeus

Bear Hug 20 — Jesus Loves Zacchaeus

Bear Hug 21 — Jesus Loves Mary of Bethany

Bear Hug 22 — Unit 5 Review



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The Awana club for children in kindergarten through second grade builds on the material taught in our preschool club. The aim of the curriculum is to take youngsters a step deeper into God's Word while giving unsaved boys and girls regular opportunities to hear the gospel and come to faith in Jesus Christ. After being immersed in solid foundational teaching at the preschool level, boys and girls frequently come to an understanding of their need to trust Christ as their personal Savior while in Sparks.

### **Immersing kids in God's Word**

The Sparks program is firmly grounded in Scripture.

The three handbooks feature:

- \* Basic truths about God, Jesus Christ, salvation and the Bible
- \* An increased emphasis on Scripture memory over our preschool materials. In three years, a child will learn and review 68 verses, many of which cover salvation and key Christian doctrine
- \* Clear and consistent presentation of the gospel Message

### **Fun learning = results**

Sparks club meetings combine learning with fun to create an atmosphere of irresistible excitement for church and unchurched kids alike. Club meetings are divided into three segments:

- \* Bible teaching, worship, award presentations and the gospel message
- \* Small group interaction and completion of Bible based lessons
- \* Age-appropriate games on the Awana game circle

Along the way, Sparky, the friendly firefly, encourages boys and girls to learn verses and complete assignments throughout the three handbooks.

## **Sparks Curriculum Basics**

Sparks curriculum is comprised of three handbooks: HangGlider, WingRunner, and SkyStormer. Each handbook communicates spiritual truths through memory verse drills, crafts, activities and review of key doctrine, Bible facts and verses. All three handbooks follow a nature motif, starting with HangGlider and ending with SkyStormer.

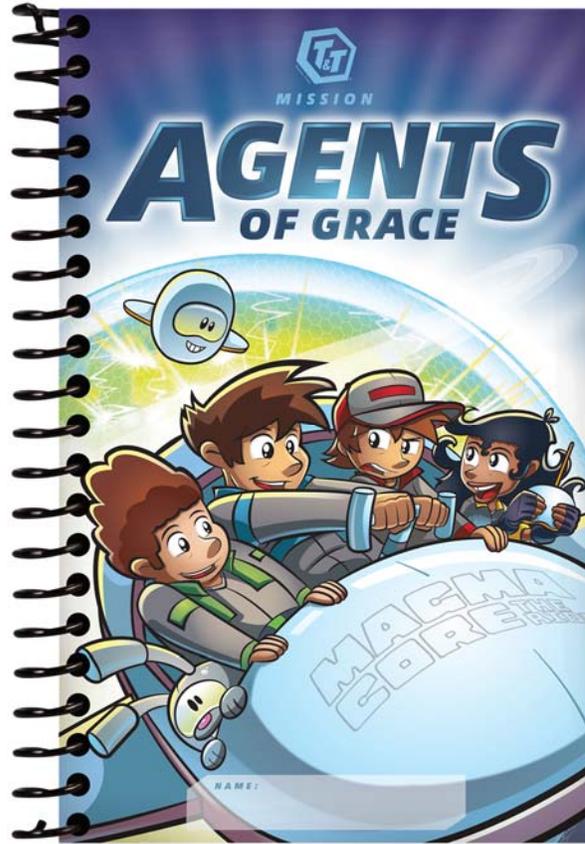
Over the three years, Sparkies will survey the main people and events of the Bible. Not only will they learn specifics, but they will also see how the Bible fits together as God's plan to save the World through Christ.

Before working in a handbook, newcomers to Sparks complete an entrance booklet that introduces them to the program and begins teaching them basic Bible truths.



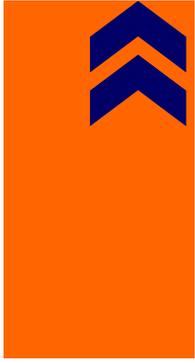


The T&T (Truth & Training) curriculum teaches kids the truth of God's Word, trains them to follow Him and practice His grace.



## T&T Curriculum Basics

In this handbook, T&T™ kids will explore some of the fundamental doctrines of Christianity! In these 32 lessons, they will spend time learning about the character and nature of God, the structure and sequence of the Bible, the redemption narrative, and key discipleship practices! Each section includes an introductory activity, a Bible study, a prayer section guiding them on how to specifically pray for different countries in the world, and optional extra credit opportunities to dive deeper in their Scripture memory and study of God's Word. Kids will also be challenged to memorize the books of the Bible, and to bring a friend to their T&T club. Look forward to an amazing time diving deep into truth and training together! Ready, super agents?



# Safety

But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.  
-Matthew 18:6

## Dropping Off and Checking In

Registration begins each Wednesday at 6:15 pm.

To maintain a safe environment for all children participating in Awana, we require our parents to walk clubbers to the check in area each evening. Parents will use the computer kiosk to check their child in each night. No child should ever run free throughout the building.

## Picking Up

No child will be released to anyone other than an approved parent/guardian unless club directors are given a permission slip from the child's parent authorizing them to do so. All of these provisions are in place to protect your child and assure the very best experience during our club night.

Parents will pick children up in designated locations throughout the building.

## Background Checks

The adult leaders who volunteer on our Awana Ministry team have a completed background check on file. In the event that a background check is in progress for a new leader, this person will be supervised and accompanied by a person who has a completed background check.

**AWANA**

**Parent Commitment**

2018-2019

**I am the parent/guardian of:**

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(list all children)

**I will**

- **have my child attend Awana regularly, so he/she will get the most out of club.**
- **encourage my child to achieve in their handbook and other club activities.**
- **make every effort to have my child brought to Awana on time and picked up promptly.**
- **support the Awana leadership in club guidelines and standards of conduct printed in the Ridgedale Awana Parent Resource Manual.**

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**Parent/Guardian Signature**

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**Date**