

ParentPause

Ideas to Grow Your Preschooler's Faith at Home

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IT'S THE START of a

NEW CLUB YEAR!

CHURCHES EVERYWHERE

bustle with excitement. Voices buzz. Faces smile. Registration sheets rustle. Uniforms glisten.

Everyone prays that THIS club year will be the best one yet, with more kids than ever coming to know, love and serve Jesus Christ.

But what will make this year the best? Will it be the fun activities and games, the colorful handbooks, the shiny awards? Will it be the energetic and committed team of leaders?

Believe it or not — the key ingredient for success, hands down, is PARENTS. Awana® staff members have observed this trend for decades: the kids who make the most consistent progress through the Awana program are those who have support and help at home. Other than the Lord, no one has greater spiritual influence in the lives of children than parents!

AWANA PARENTS — WE ARE PRAYING FOR AND CALLING ON YOU TO MAKE THIS YEAR THE BEST ONE EVER!

Proverbs for Parents

“Success is not helping our kids be what they want to be. Success is helping our kids be what God wants them to be.”

Dr. Rob Rienow

Five Steps to an

AMAZING Awana Year

Awana and *ParentPause* are committed to helping you make this club year the best ever for your child. Here are some suggestions to get you off to a great start!

1. KNOW WHAT'S EXPECTED OF YOU. Read and follow the instructions written to parents in the child's handbook and (or) other take-home materials. Attend club parent nights and be sure to personally meet the leaders. Leaders want to equip and support you in your faith-nurturing role at home.

2. TEACH THE SPIRITUAL TRUTH OR MEMORY VERSE to your child at the beginning of the week and review it several times during the week.

3. MAKE USE OF ROUTINE ACTIVITIES AND TEACHABLE MOMENTS. For example, review the verse each day after your child brushes her teeth or while driving to preschool. Or review the concept of kindness when your daughter has trouble sharing her toys with her next-door neighbor.

4. BE ENTHUSIASTIC AND ENCOURAGING ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING. Generate excitement as you faithfully bring him to club each week. Reward him when he memorizes a challenging verse. Your child needs someone to cheer him on as he begins to learn about God and His Word.

5. PURSUE YOUR OWN SPIRITUAL GROWTH through personal Bible study and memorization, prayer, church groups and classes. The first step to growing spiritually is trusting Jesus Christ as Savior. (Talk to an Awana leader if you have questions about this.)

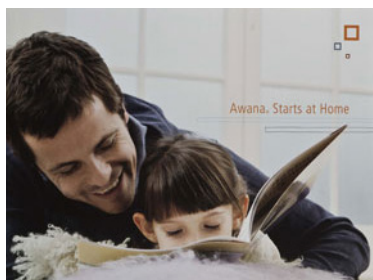


Making Memories

Who says Cubbies® have to sit still while they memorize a verse? Movement helps them learn and adds tons of fun! Clap your hands and stomp your feet to a made-up beat while you say the verse in rhythm. Or create hand or body motions that fit the verse.

Recommended Resource

Explore your role as an Awana parent more fully with this valuable resource entitled *Awana Starts at Home*. You'll also gain an overview of the entire Awana Clubs™ ministry. To order, visit www.awana.org/store.



Hello, Cubbies!

Can you help Cubbie Bear, Ern E. Elephant and Luv E. Lamb find their way to church for the first night of club?

Complete the maze below.



God made everything.

God saw that what He made was good.

God is love. He loves and cares for us.

Give thanks to God.

Puggles Building Blocks

Puggles® is all about simple Bible truths. You can build these truths at home, while leaders reinforce them at club.

GOD THOUGHTS

Puggles parents, did you know children first become conscious of God around age 2? Right now your child is forming an image of God based on her experiences and your example. Help her shape a right image by talking about and modeling God's love and kindness. As you care for her needs faithfully, assure her of God's constant care for His children.

