

2026-2027 Grace Kids Wednesday Night Ministries
Awana General Info

- **Grace Kids Wednesday Night Ministries Environment:** My heart for Wednesday ministries is for children to be able to learn from God's Word through memorization, comprehension, and application. The weekly memory verse is not an end in and of itself. More than this, we want to help children understand what they are memorizing. Furthermore, God desires that we not just be hearers of the word but also doers of it (James 1:22). So, it's important that children understand God's Word and its importance for their lives (the "so what?" of the Bible verse[s]) so that they may come to trust Jesus for the forgiveness of their own sin & a relationship with God and then obey him in the context of their personal relationship with Him.
- **Working on Wednesday Ministries Handbook at Home:**
 - ***We will be utilizing the Awana ministry resources again this year for our Wednesday kids ministries. Please direct or assist your child in completing their handbook sections at home per the handbook schedule prior to coming to Grace Kids Wednesday Ministries. After they complete a section with you, please initial or sign your name by the Leader signature line!***
 - **Completing Weekly Sections:** Your child will want to do any Bible studies/activities and memorize any verses from a given week's section(s) at home, prior to coming on Wednesdays. A handbook schedule is conveniently placed in your child's handbook. The section(s) listed on the schedule for a particular Wednesday is (are) the section(s) that he/she will want to complete prior to coming to club that Wednesday.
 - **What Should Be Completed:** To finish up a section at home, your child will want to read any Bible lessons from the section (you can read it to them too!) and accomplish all of the elements that are listed as requirements above or below the Leader signature line at the end of the section(s). He or she will need to recite the verse(s) to you with 2 or fewer helps from you. A help is a word, gesture, facial expression or any other hint that is given to the child to help him or her recite the verse.
 - **Let Us Know:** So that we know that your child did his or her section(s) at home, please initial or sign your name by the Leader signature line at the end of the section(s).
 - **Grace Kids Leader Signs & Documents Section Completions:** To receive credit for completing a section, your child will still need to recite any required verses to one of his or her leaders and show them that he or she did all of the other required section elements. Then the leader will sign off on the section & your child will receive credit for completing their section.
 - ***If your child struggles with memorization, please let us know. We would be happy to provide some memory activities to help your child learn their verses and/or talk about whether it would be best to shorten the length of each memory verse.***
- **Expectations:** The following are the expectations for children at Grace Place
 - Love God.
 - 3 Rs: Respect Each Other, Respect Each Other's Stuff, Respect The Person's Who's Talking
- **Attire:** Please have your child wear closed-toe & heal shoes so that he or she will be safe during game time. Children will also want to wear their uniform vest or shirt. I know there will be times that it will be forgotten or left at home and that's okay. I've done the same. To help encourage children to wear closed-toe & heal shoes, Sparks and T&T children will receive a uniform Awana Buck only if they wear their uniform (which includes **closed-toe & heal shoes—tennis shoes are recommended**).
- **Schedules:** A handbook schedule is found in your child's handbook. A theme night schedule for the next several months is included in this packet and additional theme schedules will be provided throughout the year.
- **Check-In:** Please check in your child at the kiosk every time they come to church. Please wait until 6:15pm to bring them into the Grace Park area (i.e., large room in children's building) or to their classroom. In addition, to help ensure that we have accurate records for every child and award the right number of Awana bucks to kids, there will be a secondary "check in": your child(ren)'s leaders will welcome them and record their attendance. K-5th graders will also be asked if they have their handbook, uniform, and/or Bible; if they brought a friend; and if they attended church the past Sunday.
- **Pick-Up:** When picking up your child from class, please have in hand the security tag that was printed with your child's name tag. If someone else will be picking your child up, please inform a classroom leader and make sure to pass on the security tag to the person picking children up—either the physical copy or a picture of it (e.g., one sent via text). Having the security tag in hand will be important as we will have new families attending and new leaders serving as well.
- **Other Info:** In this packet you will also find some information pertaining to the club your child is in (either Cubbies, Sparks, or T&T [Truth & Training]).

Thanks! -Pastor Jacob (cell #: 405-973-6982)