

Grace Kids Wednesday Ministries Info Sheet, 2026-2027

Sparks, K-2nd Grade

Handbook:

Sparkies will first complete the *Flight 3:16* booklet. When they complete this booklet or if they have completed this booklet in a previous year, they will begin working through their class handbook (K: HangGlider, 1st: WingRunner, 2nd: SkyStormer). Each handbook is divided up into Jewels—8 of them (4 Red and 4 Green Jewels). Each Jewel is further divided into 4 sections. **Your child will want to complete the sections at home in keeping with their handbook schedule, which has been placed in their handbook. After your child completes the required elements of a section at home, please place your initials at the bottom of the last page of the section near the line labeled “Leader Signature.”** When your child recites the verse(s) from a section to their leader and shows him/her that they have also finished any other required elements from the section, their leader will sign where it says “Leader’s Signature.”

Uniform:

Sparks uniform consists of a Sparks vest and ***closed-toe & heel shoes (tennis shoes are recommended)***. Please make sure your child is wearing ***closed toe & heel shoes*** as this is very important during game time. Awana Bucks will not be received for the uniform if proper shoes are not worn. Open-toe shoes pose a danger when they are running due to tripping or accidentally getting toes stepped on. We want the children to have a great time and be injury free!

Awana Bucks:

Your child will receive 1 Awana Buck for each of the following:

- bringing their handbook
- attending club
- wearing their uniform (i.e., their shirt and ***closed-toe & heel shoes***)
- bringing their Bible to club
- bringing a friend
- attending their church the previous Sunday
- **receiving a signature from their leader at the end of a section, indicating that they completed that section**

Two Awana Bucks will also be received for having a parent’s initials at the end of a section. (Please only initial if your child completes all of the requirements for that section at home!) Awana Bucks can also be given at the leader’s discretion to encourage children in their spiritual & character development. These Awana Bucks can then be used to buy items at our “Grace Kids Store” on select Wednesdays throughout the year.

Incentives:

We are planning to have the Grace Kids Store for Sparks on December 2, February 24, and May 5. Your child will be able to buy items with the Awana Bucks they have earned.

Three other incentive nights will be offered around October 21, January 20, and March 24. If a child completes $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, or $\frac{3}{4}$ of their handbook by any of these dates, they will be able to participate in the Water Balloon Throw, Braum’s Ice Cream Certificate, or Pie Throw on the incentive nights. (10 handbook sections constitutes $\frac{1}{4}$ of the handbook.)

Book Awards:

- A child will receive a jewel on his/her wings for each handbook Jewel that he/she completes.
- A child will receive an award at the end of the year for completing his/her handbook. In order to receive this award, he/she will need to have completed all of the sections in the handbook.

Spending Time With God At Home

As in previous years, we are encouraging and motivating children to complete their sections at home. The handbook is a wonderful devotional tool to help children learn more about God, His Word, having a personal relationship with Him, and growing in a relationship with Jesus. So, please make it a point to work with your child every week & help them complete their section.

Encourage your child to read the Bible stories in their handbook with you (or by themselves) and not just memorize the verses since the message in the verses often corresponds with the Bible stories. Alternatively, they can listen to an audio version of the Bible stories. It’s available at awana.org/club-resources (search for *Sparks [TITLE OF YOUR CHILD’S HANDBOOK] ESV*) or at graceplacechurch.org/awana.

Why are we doing these things?

- God gave us His Word not so we would place it in short term memory just long enough to recite it to someone else (and then end up forgetting it or not applying it to our lives). He gave us His Word ultimately so that we would be changed. (See 2 Timothy 3:16-17.) I trust that the Wednesday instruction, discussion & activities AND the work done at home will help children better remember, love, and live out God's Word.
- At Grace Place, we value family and believe that God has called parents to be the primary spiritual influencers in the lives of their children. That's why we're asking parents to be intentionally engaged in the growth of their children and utilize their child's handbook & Wednesday ministry experience toward that end. Parents: your children are dependent upon you for their spiritual growth, and the Lord will enable you to lead your children as you depend upon Him! You can do it and we are here to encourage and come alongside of you!