

Grace Kids Wednesday Ministries Info Sheet, 2026-2027

T&T: 3rd-5th Grade

Handbook:

T&T clubbers will first complete the *Start Zone* booklet. Upon completion, they will begin working on their “Mission: Discovery of Grace” handbook. The handbook is divided up into 4 units. Each unit is themed around a particular topic and is comprised of 6 or 8 sections. Each section has 4 components: Start Here, Explore, Memorize, and Review. (The first section of each unit only has 3 components to it since Review is not included in the first section of a new unit. The last section of each unit only has 2 elements to it since it is a review section.) **Your child will want to complete the sections at home (all components!) in keeping with their handbook schedule, which has been placed in their handbook. After your child completes the entirety of a section at home, please place your initials or signature by (but not on) the line labeled “Leader Signature,”** which is located on the last page of each section. When your child recites the verse(s) from a section to their leader and shows them that every component of the section is completed, the leader will sign where it says “Leader’s Signature.”

You’ll note that there is a Gold Extra Credit component and Silver Extra Credit component in each section (except for the last section of each unit). These Gold and Silver Extra Credit sections are optional. Children are not required to complete these in order to finish a section or complete the handbook. But they can do them if they’d like to memorize & study God’s Word more. There will be special badges that will be given out for those who complete these extra credit components.

Uniform:

T&T uniform consists of a T&T shirt 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 can 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
- wearing their uniform (i.e., their shirt and ***closed-toe & heel shoes***)
- bringing their Bible to club
- attending club
- attending church the previous Sunday
- bringing a friend
- completing the writing components of a section (i.e., “Start Here” and “Explore”)
- completing the memory components of a section (i.e., “Memorize” and “Review”)

One Awana Buck will also be given for having a parent’s initials or signature at the end of a section, as explained above in the “Handbook” section. Awana Bucks can also be given at a 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:

Dates on which we are planning to have the Grace Kids Store for T&Ters are December 9, March 3, and May 12. Your child will be able to buy items with the 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. (8 sections constitutes $\frac{1}{4}$ of the handbook.)

Awards:

- A child will receive a patch on his or her uniform for every 4 sections he or 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 sections in the Start Zone and 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 encourage and guide your child to work on their section every week. Feel free to help them as needed, but don’t do the work for them.

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!