

Keizer Community Church Awana Clubs
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Parent Handbook

2020-2021

Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed

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



Welcome to Awana at Keizer Community Church

Greetings Awana Parents!

As you might have guessed, our Awana year is going to look a little different this year than it has in the past, but the focus of learning God's Word and helping the kids to connect will remain the same. Here is a brief overview of our plans:

- **Virtual Awana** - We will begin the year "virtual" and may eventually go to a hybrid model if things open up.
- **Awana Books** - The kids will work in their Awana books at home, with parents (or another adult) signing off pages that the children have completed. See the following pages for details on how we have tried to make this as easy as possible for parents.
- **Zoom Awana Club Meeting** - each Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m., Dave will lead the kids in some familiar songs and give a short Bible lesson, similar to what he would do if we were meeting in person. Each meeting will be recorded and a link will be available for those who are unable to join us on Zoom.
- **Wednesday "Awana Connect"** - on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. we will open the church for families to come in and briefly connect with their leaders. The kids will bring their handbooks, receive any emblems or jewels that they have earned, and most importantly (to the kids, anyway), get a prize from the prize box if they earned an award! Each child will also receive a packet of materials for the next month.

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." Hebrews 6:19

It is our heart's desire that each and every child that participates in Awana would have this kind of hope; the kind that comes only through faith in Jesus Christ.

CUBBIES - ages 3-4

Cubbies will be using the Awana HoneyComb book this year. Here are our plans for the virtual Cubbies Club:

1. Have your Cubbie attend or watch the 25-minute weekly Zoom Awana Club meeting. (Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.)
2. Have your Cubbie listen to the **character story** (about Timothy and Cubbie Bear) at the start of each “Bear Hug” section each week. The story is included on the CD that is found in the back of the HoneyComb book (the book will tell you which track to listen to), or you can read the story from the book.
3. Have your child recite each week’s **Bible verse** that is found in the HoneyComb book. The verse is also on the CD. Parents can choose whether to use the whole verse, or the shorter version, which is in bold print. The verse does not have to be word-perfect, just reciting it with the CD (or with you) 3 times during the week, for example, is all that’s needed.
4. Once your child has listened to the story and recited the verse, you can **sign** the page that contains the verse, and your Cubbie has completed that “Bear Hug” section and can attach the sticker that is found in his packet.
5. **Optional Activities:** The Bible Story, “Under the Apple Tree,” and Review portions of the Cubbie book are all optional. You will also find more optional activities in the packet that your Cubbie will receive each month.



SPARKS - K-2

The Sparkie books are fairly straight-forward:

1. Have your Sparkie attend or watch the 25-minute weekly Zoom Awana Club meeting. (Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.)
2. Have your Sparkie listen to or read the **character story** at the beginning of each section. Each story is on the **CD or download** that comes with your child's book.
3. Have your child **memorize** the verse (or verses) for that section. The verses are also on the **CD or download**. Each month your child will receive a packet that will include **verse picture cards** that we have made, along with ideas of how to use them. We've found that many of the Sparkies enjoy learning their verses in this hands-on way.
4. Once your child has listened to the story and told you the verses (they can have a little help from you on the verses), then they are done with that section, and you can **sign** the page where it says, "To finish this section..." **(In order to finish the book in a year, Sparkies should complete 2 sections each week.)**
5. **Please Note: This year we are asking Sparkies not to work ahead in their books. Instead, extra credit books will be available that they can work on throughout the year.**



T&T - 3rd - 6th

For our virtual T&T Club, we are only requiring a portion of each section to be completed:

1. Have your child attend or watch the 25-minute weekly Zoom Awana Club meeting. (Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.)
2. Have your child complete the “**Explore**” Bible study portion of his book each week. The first one starts on **page 14**. (If your child does not have a New International Version of the Bible, we can give him one.)
3. Have your child memorize the verse from the “**Memorize**” portion of the book. The first memory verse is on **page 18**. Some of the verses are fairly lengthy, so we are offering a **shortened version** of some of the verses and will include those in the packet your child will receive each month.
4. Once your child has completed the Explore section and has told you the memory verse (you can give him a little help with the verse), you can **sign** that the section is complete right after where it says “Section ____ Completed”. (The first signature space is on **page 19**.) At this point, your child can be done for the week, or can choose to go on to the optional activities.
5. **Optional Activities:** The character stories, “Start Here”, discussion questions, and “Mission Updates” are all optional for this year. The “Silver” and “Gold” Extra Credit sections are also optional.



Shares, Awana Store, & Awards

Cubbies: Cubbies do not earn Awana Shares (dollars), but will have their own mini-store in December and May, as usual.

Sparks and T&T: We will have our regular December Awana Store and May Awana Store this year!! And the kids will be able to use their shares from last year at the December store!

How Sparkies can earn Awana Shares for 2020-2021:

- Listen to or read the Character Story or Bible Story from their Awana book - 1 Share
- Memorize the Bible verse in their book and tell it to a parent or other adult - 1 Share
- Attend or watch the recording of our Zoom Awana Club meeting - 1 Share
- **Optional:** Complete a section in their "Frequent Flyer" Extra Credit book or other extra credit book - 1 Share per section

How T&Ters can earn Awana Shares for 2020-2021:

- Complete the "Explore" portion of their Awana book - 2 Shares
- Memorize the Bible Verse and tell it to a parent or other adult - 1 Share for shortened version; 2 Shares for longer version
- Attend or watch the recording of our Zoom Awana Club meeting - 1 Share
- **Optional:** Complete a "Silver" or "Gold" Extra Credit section - 1 Share each

Awards: Awards Night will be May 19, 2021. We'll have more details later.