

WELCOME TO Sparks

Sparks is designed to get your child memorizing God's Word and learning basic Biblical truths through the Bible verses and stories in their handbooks while building relationships with their leaders. All these skills not only pay eternal dividends, but will help prepare the kids to move up to the next level where they learn to dig deeper in God's Word through Bible study. For your child to succeed, **they will need to practice their verses at home and be ready to say it to a leader at Awana.**

"TOGETHER WE MOVE" PLAN

Each grade will do their own developmentally appropriate book and move together through the book with specific sections scheduled for each week. Each group will be made up of only kids working at that same level. Not all sections will be required, so please check the appropriate schedule and prepare the section assigned for that week.



WHY? This approach supports more in-depth discipling of the kids in each group as it allows the leaders to have discussions related to the content to make sure kids grasp the words and Biblical concepts. The kids can learn together with the leader through fun activities as they're all working on the same verse and support and encourage each other in their efforts to complete the section. This better prepares the children for moving into T&T small groups.

HOW YOU CAN HELP AT HOME: Help your child memorize the verse for the week. A few weeks have a little extra homework. Check the schedule each week for instructions. If you miss a week, be sure to follow the schedule and prepare the proper section for when you return. Right after they check in, the kids can visit **"Fast Track"** to catch up on missed weeks or work ahead if you know they are going to miss a week. [If your child wants to do more, feel free to learn any of the unassigned sections with your child at home. These can also be said at "Fast Track."]

AWARDS: Your child will earn an end of the year award ribbon or plaque for completing all assigned sections in their book. If they choose to complete the extra unassigned sections, your child will also earn a medal.

QUARTERLY PRIZES: Your child can earn a Little Caesar's pizza party before the start of Awana if they complete all assigned sections for that quarter AND earn 100 points.

Points can be earned by wearing their shirt (5), bringing their book (5) and Bible (5), and participating in theme nights (5). You will be notified in the following ways if your child qualifies for the quarterly prize: a certificate handed out to your child the Sunday before, an email to you the Monday before, and a list posted on our Awana group Facebook page.

THEME NIGHTS: There are fun theme nights scattered throughout each quarter. The theme information can be found in many areas [Facebook page, church app, quarterly newsletter, and nightly handouts]. Participating in the theme nights helps your child earn enough points to qualify for the quarterly prize.

We are so excited to partner with you in discipling your child. Please reach out to us if you have any questions, concerns or comments on how we can help.

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