



What is Awana?

For nearly 60 years, Awana has been a leader in children's ministry, helping churches and parents worldwide raise children and youth to know, love and serve Christ.

Based in the Chicago area, Awana is the only organization with [fully integrated evangelism and discipleship programs for ages 2 to 18](#) that actively involve parents, church leaders and mentors. Each week, more than a million children and youth, 250,000 volunteers and 300-plus field staff take part in Awana in over 18,000 churches in the U.S. and internationally.

Awana works with churches from 100 different denominations. It began as a children's program at the North Side Gospel Center in Chicago in 1941. Lance Latham, North Side's senior pastor, collaborated with the church's youth director, Art Rorheim, to develop weekly clubs that would appeal to churched and unchurched kids, lead them to trust Christ for salvation and grow them in enduring faith and service to God.

Other churches learned about the success of the program and inquired about its availability. In 1950, Latham and Rorheim founded Awana as a parachurch organization. By 1960, 900 churches had started Awana programs. By 1972 Awana had begun its first [international](#) club. Today children and youth in more than 100 countries participate in Awana programs, and millions of adults are alumni.

The founders of Awana derived the Awana name from the first letters of **A**pproved **w**orkmen **a**re **n**ot **a**shamed as taken from 2 Timothy 2:15 of the Bible.

Today, more than 12,000 U.S. churches run Awana with programs in all 50 states. Awana can also be found in over 6,000 churches in 109 other countries.

PUGGLES

Awana Puggles is an enriching program for your pre-Cubbies kids (usually older 2- and younger 3-year-olds) that presents basic biblical concepts:

- **We are a unique creation of God.**
- **God loves us very much.**

Awana Puggles teaches toddlers simple lessons through teaching cards, activities, music and more. Awana Puggles leaders have a leader's guidebook to help them plan and direct club time and communicate the lesson.

Then parents—an Awana Puggle's first and best teacher—can step in to reinforce the lessons with take-home cards that include ideas to point out God's work each day. And little details like Awana Puggles T-shirts, puzzles and coloring books make every precious child feel like part of the group.

Ideal for your Awana club time, nursery, Sunday school or ladies Bible study childcare, Awana Puggles is a club that plants seeds of faith and teaches toddlers God's Word!

CUBBIES

The Awana club for preschoolers (Cubbies ages 3-5 pre K) is built on two premises:

- Young children can and should receive spiritual training.
- Home is the primary place for spiritual training.

Our preschool program meets these needs through ...

Fun – and lots of it!

Awana is fun with a purpose – to reach and train kids for Jesus Christ. Games, puppets, crafts, awards and other activities transform our preschool program into a lively weekly experience where fun and learning go hand in hand.

SPARKS

Sparkies is for children in kindergarten through second grade builds on the material taught in our preschool clubs. The curriculum takes kids a step deeper into God's Word while giving unsaved boys and girls regular opportunities to hear the gospel and come to faith in Jesus Christ. After being immersed in solid foundational teaching at the preschool level, boys and girls frequently come to an understanding of their need to trust Christ as their personal Savior while in Sparks®.

Immersing Kids in God's Word

The Sparks program is firmly grounded in Scripture. The three handbooks feature:

- Basic truths about God, Jesus Christ, salvation and the Bible
- A clear and consistent presentation of the gospel message
- An increased emphasis on Scripture memory over our preschool materials. In three years, a child will learn and review over 65 verses, many of which cover salvation and key Christian doctrine, establishing a foundation of biblical wisdom.

Fun Learning = Results

Sparks club meetings combine learning with fun to create an atmosphere of irresistible excitement for church and unchurched kids alike. Club meetings are divided into three segments:

- Bible teaching, worship, award presentations and the gospel message
- Small group interaction and completion of Bible-based lessons
- Age-appropriate games on the Awana game circle

Along the way, Sparky, the friendly firefly, and his three friends have many exciting adventures. Sparky encourages kids to learn verses and complete assignments throughout the three handbooks.

T&T

The name Truth & Training reflects the passion of Awana to teach third- through sixth-grade boys and girls the truth of God's Word and to train them to follow Christ in their daily lives. Our goal is that many of today's young people will become tomorrow's church leaders. T&T is the program that trains the leaders of tomorrow — today.

Evangelism and discipleship go hand in hand in our third- through sixth-grade program. By the time a child has completed T&T, he will have:

- Learned and reviewed approximately 310 verses

- Studied dozens of passages from the Old and New Testament
- Regularly heard and read the gospel message
- Discovered the Bible's response to questions like "How does God want me to live my life?" and memorized verses to back up these answers
- Completed missions projects that help him see the world through God's eyes.

Registration Information

You may register on line at www.abc-jurbise.org or return the attached form on August 29. There will a \$10 registration fee per child or \$25 per family (3 or more kids), and clubbers will be responsible to purchase books and uniforms. More information on that will be provided at a later date.