

Dear Sparks Families,

I am very sad that we won't be able to meet with your kiddos for a couple of weeks. They are such a joy on Wednesday evenings. However, God's Word is living and active and doesn't need the church building for us to teach Scripture to our kids. Therefore, we are challenging each Sparks family to help each Spark to continue working on their verses and hiding God's Word in heart during this time.

As you are working with your child, I am allowing you to sign off verses in their book. That being said, **hiding God's Word in their heart and truly memorizing the verse is the desired outcome, not a finished book.** So, please make sure they are learning the verses before you sign off on the verse. At AWANA, your child is allowed 2 helps when doing a verse. If they need more than that, we are asking them to continue learning the verse.

If your child comes to the **Books of the Bible**...there are a bunch of different songs online for the books of the Bible. My suggestion would be to pick one and have them listen to it over and over again. If they are having lots of difficulty, please be gracious and help them along. If they are in Kinder or 1st, they will get the list again in another book.

If your child is at the missionary section, there is a picture attached. Or you can use any missionary that you know. The main point of those sections is that children realize that people go all over the world to spread the Gospel to people and what people can do while they are a missionary. We are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus and people actually do that full time.

My child **finished their book:**

First off, hooray for them!!!! What to do next? They need to review the whole book a second time with no helps. If they finish the review with no helps, then email Sue Hilton and she will have a book waiting for them in the church office. The office is opened from 9-noon each day. There are 3 books for Sparks, one for each grade.

When we return to the church, we will record all that the kids have learned at home and award them with their Jewels. I know they will be wanting them

TO the **first grade parents:** Your child missed the store because it was supposed to be this week. We will have the store as soon as we get back to the building. (Not sure if they are asking, but in case they are.)

We are praying for each of your families during this time. May it be a time that we teach our children to turn to Jesus and how to rely on His WORD and Truth when our kids get anxious, scared, annoyed, or whatever feelings they may be having these days. I am praying for each parent who is now homeschooling. I was right where you are at the beginning of the school year. Give yourself and your kids plenty of grace. Try something and if it doesn't work, try something else. Just remember, your house is their home and not a classroom. Do what works for your family. We can't mess them up. It will all work itself out. Praying we will be back with your children sooner rather than later.

Trust in HIM alone,  
Renee Lewis