

## *Cubbies Ministry 2020-2021*



Awana Cubbies is a two-year weekly club ministry for preschoolers in the two years prior to kindergarten. Puggles is a program for pre-Cubbies (**must be 2 years old prior to September 1, 2020**) that presents basic Biblical concepts during their nursery time. Our purpose is to help your child take their first little steps on a lifelong spiritual journey.

Deuteronomy says that parents are to teach their children about God's ways...in routine activities...passing along their faith, little by little, day by day. The Cubbies and Puggles programs are designed to help children and parents in this critical role.

The teaching begins at home and for the foreseeable future, all activities will have to be done at home due to the pandemic. Each week the parents help their

Cubbies complete the scheduled Bear Hug. We also encourage them to review the previous three Bible Verses (Under the Apple Tree). Each aspect of the Bear Hug reinforces the same Bible truth. The online club time we must have this year focuses on this same Bible truth. We will have the opening ceremony, puppet show, and story time available online each week for parents to watch with their Cubbie. Putting all these things together, we hope to really cement that week's truth into our Cubbies' minds!

## **The Cubbies Materials Included in the Packet**

### **1. Honeycomb Handbook**

This handbook will not be used until the third week of club. Material for weeks 1 and 2 are found on a separate handout, labeled "Bear Hug A" on the top page. The Honeycomb handbook includes memory verses and activities that are divided into weekly Bear Hugs that teach basic truths about God. Cubbies complete each week's Bear Hug at home as background for the online teaching added weekly. Completing every Bear Hug in the book is a requirement for earning a Cubbie book award at the end of the year. Each Bear Hug also contains an Under the Apple Tree supplemental section. Under the Apple Tree fun activities are encouraged, but not required for book completion.

### **2. Blue Vest for new Cubbies**

Children in Cubbies wear a blue vest and earn emblems to display on this vest. It is important that parents attach these emblems on the vest.

### **3. Emblems to be added to vest**

These include red apples, green apples, and Honeycomb emblems. We have these emblems attached to a "badge magic sheet" to aid in putting them on the vest. We will demonstrate how to do this online on the weeks when emblems are earned.

#### **4. Stickers**

The handbook indicates where to put these for certain accomplishments.

#### **5. Activity pages**

An activity page is included for each bear hug with directions at the bottom of the page. Common household items like crayons will be needed. A few extra fun items will be included for specific bear hugs. (The activity page for the first week is a coloring page found on the back of the handout labeled “Bear Hug A.”)

#### **6. Parent handouts**

### **Club Time**

When Cubbies and an adult are ready to watch the online club time, they should go to the following website: [gotofirst.org/awana/](http://gotofirst.org/awana/) and find the blue Cubbies section. The links are listed in the order in which they should be watched. (During the opening ceremony the Cubbies theme song and Awana cheer are performed as well as other songs. The words can be found in this handout.)

After watching the last link, which is story time, the adult should help their Cubbie recite the Bible verse. Four year olds should recite the verse and the reference. Three year olds are encouraged to recite the reference, if they are capable, but are not required to. The activity page can be done after this if the Cubbie likes such activities.

Please let us know as your Cubbie watches these online resources and completes bear hugs. We will record their progress. You can let us know by sending an email with your child’s name to [awana@gotofirst.org](mailto:awana@gotofirst.org)

### **Cubbies Theme Song**

We are AWANA Cubbies, we're happy all day long.  
We know that Jesus loves us, that's why we sing this song.  
We hop because we're happy, we jump and shout for joy.  
For Jesus is a friend to us, He loves each girl and boy.

### **AWANA Cheer**

Leader: What does AWANA stand for?

Clubbers: Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed!

Leader: What is the 1<sup>st</sup> goal of AWANA?

Clubbers: To reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ!

Leader: What is the 2<sup>nd</sup> goal of AWANA?

Clubbers: To train them to serve Him!

### **Note from directors**

Even though this year has to be different and we will not have the privilege of physically being together every week, we hope your child enjoys Awana and learns a lot. It excites us to think we are playing a part in building a foundation for your child's relationship with Jesus in the future. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

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