

Good afternoon, Sparky parents!

I am so glad that you have chosen for you and your child to participate in AWANA at home this year. You should have picked up a packet that includes a parent guide, your child's materials for the year, and an envelope that contains their awards. If this is your child's first year, we also included a vest. If you were unable to pick up your packet last week, you can still get it from the church office. I know some of you are very familiar with AWANA, but I wanted to send additional information that might be helpful.

### What do we do to start?

1. You will see on the front page of your child's handbook a website to download extra materials and songs. I have used pictures from the HangGlider handbook as my examples, but all three handbooks are set up the same way.

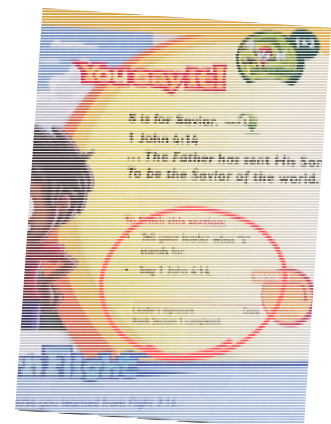


(either HangGlider, WingRunner, or SkyStormer)

I highly recommend downloading these as they will tell more on the stories and also includes the verses and a song for the Books of the Bible (New Testament in HangGlider, Old Testament in WingRunner, and both in SkyStormer). Later in the year, your child will learn the books of the Bible for several sections. Singing the Books of the Bible song has been very helpful in helping the clubbers learn them. Starting the year singing the song each week usually allows the clubbers to be able to pass those sections with little frustration and a lot of fun. Yes, they can sing the Books of the Bible to you for recitation, really for any of the verses.

2. You begin at the front of the handbook and learn each section, in order. For new clubbers, you will first complete the "Flight 3:16" pamphlet. Once this is completed, your child is officially a clubber and can begin in their handbook, HangGlider.
3. Read through the section together, then you will see (in bold) what your clubber needs to recite to complete the section.

Remember that your clubber will recite the required information from memory. We usually allow two "helps" or hints per section. However, please use your discretion--if it is the first time through, it is OK to have your child keep working as we want them to remember these verses and "write them on their heart." If your child is struggling with a section, take a break, try saying it backward or with movement or with a song. This should be an enjoyable experience for both of you and foster a love of learning God's word.



4. You will know when your clubber earns an award when you finish the section before the "Hooray, you just earned your..." graphic:



You will find your clubbers awards in a white envelope in your packet. Your clubber will earn his or her wings along with the first red jewel. There is a graphic toward the back of your book that explains where to place the jewels.



5. Note sections that are completed and email to me or to [awana@gotofirst.org](mailto:awana@gotofirst.org). This will allow me to update your child's progress in our database.
6. Have fun learning God's Word each week!

### **What about check-in points?**

As we will not have an official check-in this year, your child can earn points by watching opening and council time videos on <https://gotofirst.org/awana/>. Just email what your clubber has watched each week and I will update the database with their points.

### **What if I have questions?**

You can contact me directly at this email or by text/call to 662-801-5174 and I will be happy to help in any way I can.

Happy first week of AWANA!

In Christ,  
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