



T&T Update

- Not all kids come to club ready to pass sections.
- Not all kids get help with their sections at home.
- Some kids do come ready to pass many sections and dominate the leader's time while other kids are neglected.
- Classes have multiple books.
- Children are learning different verses.
- No time to explain the meaning of verses.

Problem

- Opportunity for deeper discipleship between leaders and clubbers
- Update content and design to reach kids in 2016
- Make Scripture memory a success and achievable for everyone
- Build lessons that have deeper contextual understanding and life application of Scripture.

Solution: GIA

- Less stress for parents, leaders and children
- No competition—kids aren't discouraged if they are not as far along as others
- Clubbers help other clubbers
- More sections passed as a whole for the club
- All children are involved
- More leader participation—they are studying and learning the verses with the kids too!

Why?

- Introduction and explanation/discussion is already done!
- Extra credit in back of the book
- Fast Track
- Large Group time will coordinate with Small Group
- All kids will be in the same book
- Parent Participation: Bonus Box
- Start Zone

Key Updates

- Our club (40-50 kids) will place all kids in the new Mission: Grace in Action handbook.
- Why we decided to do this:
 - Leader familiarity and ability to switch between formats.
 - The new handbook is “meaty”. We love it and want all of the kids in able to learn in this book.
 - Opportunity for all kids to have the large group and small group time coordinate
 - It’s what I did when I was in the Chums/T&T transition.
- Other options

How to Transition?

- Concentrate on one section each evening as a group.
- 32 weeks including the Start Zone
- Small group time can happen either before or after Large group time.

Schedule

- Depending on student involvement, handbook time/small group time will include Bible discussion or Bible study.
- Four elements are required to pass a section: Start Here, Explore, Memorize and Review.
- Bonus Box for parent participation.

Handbook Time

- If a child misses a club night, they are encouraged to make-up missed sections during Fast Track.
- If they miss a section, they jump right in with where the group is in their book—they don't have to complete sections in order as traditional Awana does.
- Snow day? Skip that section.

Make-Up Sections

- You can use Awana's curriculum to coordinate your large group time lesson with the small group time.
- What will this look like for kids who are not in GIA book?
- How will this work in future years?
- Additional resources available online.

Large Group Time

- Book completion awards: a 5th grader who finishes their first book gets the first book award.
- Every child does get an award at the end of the year.
- Awards during the year: Give an award for every four consecutive or non-consecutive sections. Also give an award when a child completes all of the silver or all of the gold extra credit in a unit. Bonus Box awards should also be given.

Awards



MISSION: GRACE IN ACTION ACHIEVEMENT RECORD CARD

AWARD TRACKER				
AWARD	SECTION AWARD	BONUS BOX	SILVER EXTRA CREDIT	GOLD EXTRA CREDIT
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				

Record the date given.

NAME:

Year:

Solution Date:

Team/Leader:

Alpha Award:



AWARDS ARE CUMULATIVE!

Give section awards and/or Bonus Box recognition after every four consecutive or non-consecutive sections. Start Zone sections are counted toward this. Award one Silver and/or one Gold Extra Credit emblem after completing all extra credit sections in a unit. Write the date of completion in the space provided.

START ZONE

The Gospel	Introduction to the Bible
Date completed:	Date completed:

GOD IS ...

Section	Date completed	Section	Date completed	Section	Date completed	Section	Date completed	Section	Date completed	Section	Date completed	Section	Date completed
1.1		1.2		1.3		1.4		1.5		1.6		GOI	

THE BIBLE

Section	Date completed	Section	Date completed	Section	Date completed	Section	Date completed	Section	Date completed	Section	Date completed	Section	Date completed
2.1		2.2		2.3		2.4		2.5		2.6		2.7	

JESUS

Section	Date completed	Section	Date completed	Section	Date completed	Section	Date completed	Section	Date completed	Section	Date completed	Section	Date completed
3.1		3.2		3.3		3.4		3.5		3.6		3.7	

Record Keeping

- Host a 10-15 minute orientation meeting explaining the kids handbook, the bonus box and asking them to purchase a handbook for their kids.
- Have the meeting the first night of Awana, or another time. Maybe have two time options for when the parents could attend.
- Example parent letter.

Parent Orientation



Small Group Time

- Small group time will consist of:
- Prayer
- Start Here
- Explore
- Memorization
- Quick Review
- Opportunity for kids to pass the section.

Small Group Time

- Pray
 - Complete the Start Here activity
 - Complete the explore section
 - Familiarize yourself with the memory verse (think about how you will explain it to the kids)
 - Pick a fun memorization activity
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- Time estimate: 10-25 minutes
 - Club night: Write verse on whiteboard (if applicable) before the kids get in the room (don't waste small group time writing the verse out).

Leaders preparation

- Bible Study vs. Bible Discussion (how prepared the majority of the kids are before club starts)
- Read the memory verse from your Bible, not the handbook.
- Encourage kids to look up the verses in the Explore passage and the memory verse.
- If the Explore verses are from multiple passages, divide the reading up among the group to make the Bible study go faster.
- Select only one fun verse memorization activity.

To Consider



Example

- “I like how there were questions before because it gives you a back story to the verse you’ll be learning”
- “I thought it helped us understand the concept more—like what the Bible is supposed to mean”
- “I like how it gives you boxes to write down your answers”
- Do you think it was too difficult? “No”
- Do you think it was too easy? “No, just right, and I think it will get more challenging as we go through the book and if you do the extra credit.”

Kid’s response to the demo

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Questions
