

Dear Children's Church small group leaders,

Thank you for serving the children in Children's Church!!! You will join the children in Grace Park (the large area in the children's building) for worship and the Bible lesson. It will be your responsibility to shepherd them and, if needed, provide direction during this time so that the leader leading worship or the Bible lesson can focus on leading and engaging the group. Below you will find a schedule for each age group and information about how to use the curriculum for small group time.

Schedules:

PreK-K

11ish PreKers dismissed from service
11ish Worship in Grace Park
11:10 Bible Lesson in Grace Park
11:25 Small Group time in classroom
12ish Parent Pickup

1st-2nd Grade

11ish 1st-2nd dismissed from service
11ish Worship in Grace Park
11:10 Small Group time in classroom
11:25 Bible lesson in Grace Park
11:45 Small Group time in classroom
12ish Parent Pickup

Using the Curriculum:

We will be utilizing the same curriculum (and hence, Bible passage) for Grace Groups and Children's Church. It's our prayer that this double exposure to the same Bible passage in different ways and by different teachers will allow children to know God's Word better; provide them with the time they need to process its meaning, significance and application for their lives through meaningful interaction and engaging activities; and leave them with a clear takeaway from Sunday morning's ministries.

A copy of this curriculum, supplies for the hands-on activity, and the coloring sheet will be provided in your small group bin. This is located on the shelf above the microwave in the children's resource room and is labeled by small group.

Elements that should be used in Children's Church Small Group Time:

- **The hands-on activity that is found in this document:** Supplies for this hands-on activity will be gathered for you and placed in the small group bin. You may need to do some minimal, final prep on Sunday before children's church begins. If so, this will be communicated with you in advance.
- **Memory Verse Game*:** Instead of using this curriculum's memory verse, please use the small group's Awana verse(s) for the coming week.
- **Lesson Review Game*:** Kids may have already did this in their Grace Group, but you're welcome to do this again in children's church. The reason is that you may choose a different game than they did during Grace Group and/or each child will most likely be answering different questions than they did in Grace Groups. In order to get to the other elements of small group time, you may want to shorten the game by asking fewer questions.
- **Prayer:** Please pray with your class.
- **Optional: Come On In Activity***
- **Optional: Coloring Sheet (provided each week in the small group bin)**

*Come On In Activities, Lesson Review Games, and Memory Verse Games options are found in the appendix. If you have another game in mind, you're welcome to use it instead. The Review Questions and Hand-On Activity that will be ready for you to use with your small group are found before the appendix in this document.

**Awana verses are found on the next page and are organized by grade & date.

IMPORTANT: Please prepare in advance!

- Please read the passage (found on the first page of the lesson) and Prepare to Share!
- If there are items that you need, please gather the items available in the resource room yourself and/or inform Jacob (for K-2nd grade classes) or Alicia (for 3's-PreK classes) of supplies you need that aren't available in the resource room (e.g., copies, specialty items or resources we don't have in the resource room).

Thank you again for serving!

Should you need anything or have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to us!

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