









BEAR
HUG A


Cubbies Key Verse

Parents, personalize your reading by saying your child's name every time you see . Say the Bible memory verse every time you see the .


, here's a big hug from Cubbie. **(Hug your child.)** I think he likes you. Here's a big hug from me. **(Hug your child again.)** I like you too. And I don't just like you, I love you. Lots of people love you. , who are some of the people who love you? **(Family members, friends, Cubbies leaders, etc.)**

Yes, we all love you. But guess what? There's someone who loves you even more than all of us love you. Do you know who? **(Pause for response.)** Yes, God. That's who! God loves you so much!

God talks to us in a very special book called the Bible. **(If you have a Bible, show it to your child.)** Here are special words God wants us to remember from the Bible.

First John 4:10 says:  God showed His great love when He sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, to live on earth and be our Savior. **(If your**

child is ready to hear more about salvation, discuss the points on the back cover of this booklet.)

, let's play a game. Say the words of the verse over and over with me until you can say them all by yourself. When you do this, it's called memorizing. Ready? Here we go! **(Repeat the verse several times until your child has memorized it. When he or she can say it with little or no help from you, sign on the line. At club, your child will recite the verse to a leader and receive a sticker.)**



Memorize

I John 4:10

... God ... loved us and sent His Son ...

To complete this section:

- Say I John 4:10.

Parent or Guardian signature _____

Date _____

Leader signature _____

Date _____

Bear Hug A completed. Place Green Apple sticker above.

NOTE: If this is your child's second year in Cubbies, challenge him or her to memorize the Bible reference with the verse and say the verse to two people outside your home.

☐ Check box if completed.



Color the picture of the Lord Jesus.





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Cubbies Motto

Here's another Bear Hug for you!

👤, do you remember this verse? ... God ... loved us, and _____ **(allow your child to fill in the missing words: sent His Son ...)**. When God's Son, Jesus Christ, came to earth, He showed love to everyone. He loved children, like you, 👤, very much! **(Talk about what the children and Jesus are doing in the picture below.)**

👤, let's say the Cubbies motto together: Jesus loves me. **(You can each point to yourself when you say the word me.)** Let's play our game again. Say those words over and over with me until you can say them all by yourself. **(Repeat the motto several times until your child has memorized it.)**

Very good, 👤! Now say your name in place of the word me. Ready? Say it with me: Jesus loves 👤.



Memorize

Jesus loves me.

To complete this section:

- Say "Jesus loves me."

Parent or Guardian signature _____

Date _____

Leader signature _____

Date _____

Bear Hug B completed. Place Green Apple sticker. Child will also receive a Green Apple emblem for completing this booklet.

What is Cubbies?

Cubbies is a weekly Awana club designed for children who are in the two years prior to entering kindergarten. The Cubbies program features Scripture memorization and age-appropriate, hands-on Bible learning in a setting that fosters love and respect for God.

Parents, your role is central to Cubbies! After you complete this *Apple Acres* entrance booklet with your child, your child will receive either an *AppleSeed* or *HoneyComb* handbook. (All Cubbies work on the same handbook at the same pace. Books alternate each year.) The handbook contains a weekly Bear Hug lesson to complete with your child. At club, Cubbies leaders will

reinforce the teaching you do at home through various activities, such as crafts, learning centers, puppets, songs, a Bible lesson, noncompetitive games and snacks. In Handbook Time, Cubbies will recite memory work learned at home to a leader.

Another fun part of Cubbies is awards. For completing this booklet, your child will receive a Green Apple emblem to display proudly on his or her vest. Your child can continue earning emblems throughout the year.

Talk to Cubbies leaders about purchasing a handbook and vest for your child and any other club costs. Your child's leaders can also inform you of the club's schedule and leader contact information.

Awana is here to support you as you nurture your child's faith at home.

PARENT RESOURCES



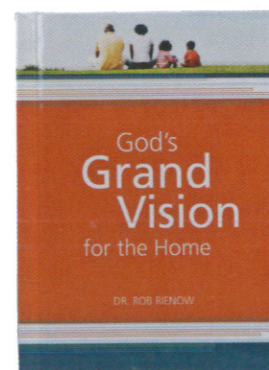
Parent Welcome Booklet

Want to know more about the ministry of Awana? Ask your club about the *Parent Welcome Booklet*, which explains the vision of Awana and offers an overview of Awana clubs for kids and teens (ages 2 to 18).



Parent Pause

Ask your club leaders about this free monthly newsletter that offers ideas to grow your preschooler's faith at home.



Awana at Home

Awana at Home® equips parents with the vision, confidence, skills and tools to lead their children spiritually. To learn more about Awana at Home and obtain free resources, visit awana.org/athome.

Salvation in Jesus Christ

If your child seems ready to hear more about the gospel, discuss the points below. Let your child take the initiative to trust Christ as Savior; never pressure a decision. (If you want more information on trusting Christ, talk with your child's Cubbies leader.)

1. God loves you and wants you to be His friend forever.

For God so loved the world ... (John 3:16)

2. Because we are all sinners, we can't be friends with God.

Sin is anything we think, say or do that disobeys God (lying, hitting, disobeying parents, etc.). We were all born sinners (Romans 5:12-21). God is perfectly good, and He must punish sin. The punishment for sin is dying and being away from God forever.

For all have sinned ... (Romans 3:23)

(TIP: To help your child understand the concept of punishment, remind your child of a time he or she experienced consequences for disobedience.)

3. God helped us to be His friends.

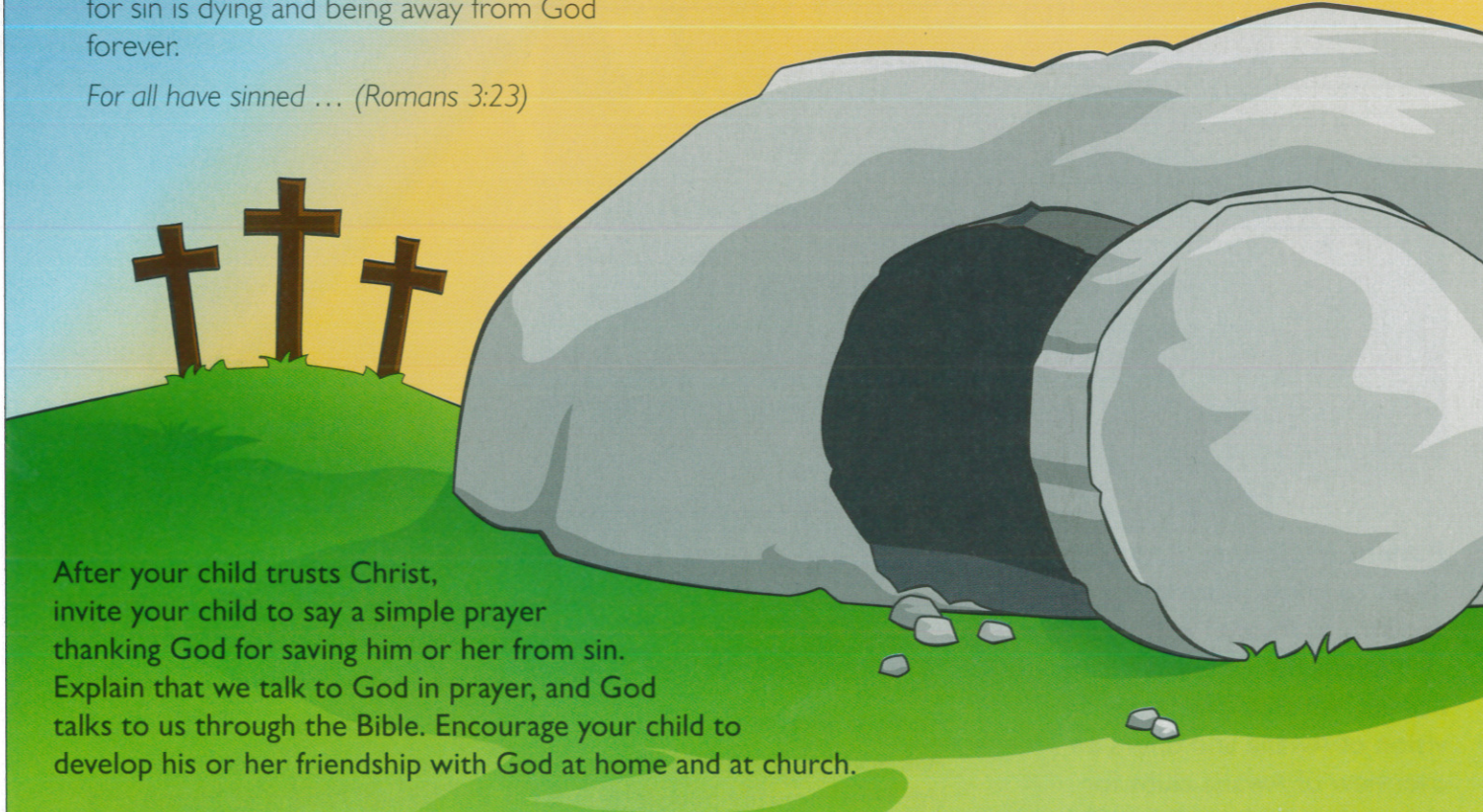
He sent his Son, Jesus Christ (who never sinned), to be punished instead of us. Jesus died on the cross for our sins because He loved us so much. Then Jesus came alive again!

... Christ died for our sins ... He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

4. When you trust that the Lord Jesus died to save you from sin and rose again, you are God's friend forever.

All your sins are forgiven. God's Spirit comes to live in you (Ephesians 1:13), and someday, you will live with God in heaven.

... "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved ..."
(Acts 16:31)



After your child trusts Christ, invite your child to say a simple prayer thanking God for saving him or her from sin. Explain that we talk to God in prayer, and God talks to us through the Bible. Encourage your child to develop his or her friendship with God at home and at church.



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