

Dear Parent / Guardian of a 3rd – 6th grader,

We are excited to have your child as a member of our Truth and Training (T&T) program this year. Please know that your child's T&T leaders are praying for you and your child as he/she actively participates in our T&T Clubs this year. Four years ago, Awana Clubs updated the T&T program. The newer T&T handbooks feature all-together pacing through 32 lessons and coordinates with Large Group and Small Group guides to create a total learning experience aimed at long-term discipleship. Each section of the Mission: Discovery of Grace handbook includes an introductory activity, a Bible study, a prayer section guiding them on how to specifically pray for different countries in the world, and optional extra credit opportunities to dive deeper in their Scripture memory and study of God's Word. This fourth and final book in the T&T series will help your kids dive deep into God's grace and how it affects their lives. Some of the topics include attributes of God, the value of the Bible, Jesus' death and resurrection, and the fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23.

The T&T curriculum has a different structure than our previous T&T and Sparks' program. The current Sparks and classic T&T structure provided handbooks that would suggest a self-paced progression through one book a year for the three or four year breakdown. The T&T curriculum is designed with the **All-Together Method** in mind. Using this method, the 3rd – 6th grade group progresses together from week-to-week throughout the Discovery of Grace handbook. To pass a section, each clubber must complete 4 parts each week:

- **Start Here** – Intro activity
- **Explore** – Bible study
- **Memorize** – Bible Memory verse(s)
- **Review** – Review the previous section's memory verse

The T&T program is designed to encourage kids to complete much of their handbook section before coming to T&T each week. This encourages parents/guardians to be involved and allows the child to think about and prepare for the lessons and verses for that week. This allows kids to be more engaged during the Large Group teaching and Small Group discussion and aids retention of the Biblical concepts. To make this work we are asking that that **parents / guardians** work with their kids **PRIOR** to club night to complete **at least** the "Start Here - Intro activity" and help their child memorize the memory verse for the week. The clubbers will work on their "Explore - Bible study" portion of their handbook during the council time near the end of the night and then that portion will be marked completed the following week. Only after ALL 4 sections are completed will the T&T leader mark a section as complete.

See the "2019 - 2020 FBCA Mission: Discovery of Grace Pacing Schedule" for which lesson to work on each week.

If a clubber misses a week they will skip the lesson to continue with the group. If they want to earn the book award they will have to make it up on their own. There are 3 "catch-up nights" scheduled in the year. Each handbook section has a Silver Extra Credit Bible study (28 sections total) and four Gold Extra Credit memory verses per lesson (112 verses total) that dive deeper into that section's Bible topic. Extra credit sections can be completed on the 3 scheduled catch-up nights.

Uniforms and Awards are the same as the classic T&T program. A chevron award is awarded for any four sections completed. A silver or gold patch is awards for four completed silver or gold activities.

Parents, for more details about this updated T&T program you can go to **awanatt.org**

Your child should finish their T&T Start Zone in 2 weeks. They will then be an official member of our T&T Clubs. In order for your child to begin working on their Discovery of Grace handbook and receive their T&T Jersey, please be prepared to pay the following on or before the night your child finishes their T&T Start Zone:

The handbooks are \$ 12.00. The T&T Jersey grade (green jersey) are \$ 19.00

Youth small=Size 10 (chest = 15.5")

Adult small (chest = 19.5")

Youth medium=Size 12 (chest = 16")

Adult medium (chest = 21.5")

Youth large=Size 14 (chest = 17")

Adult large (chest = 23.5")

Please make checks payable to the First Baptist Church of Arnold (F.B.C.A.). Make sure to include the uniform size when you order. You can also pay online at **fbcarnoldweb.myshelby.org**.

Thanks,

T&T Director