

Forum for Sharing Ideas in AWANA

This section is dedicated to particularly help those who work with children **in whatever capacity in AWANA.**

If you would like more ideas for Kids Connection—Sunday School or Jr. Church, some of the ideas in this section might be helpful but some will not apply and on the first page in Children’s Ministry of this Section, the Kids Connection page has a unit for *Ideas* that might be more useful.

The hope is that **this section will be a fluid one** where teachers can come for new ideas and share things which work for them in their prospective roles so that we grow in our ability as teachers... [And in whatever role we play in AWANA as we relate to children at the very least our behavior and relationship with them is teaching them about Christ and being a testimony to them—in a sense then, **we are all teachers in AWANA**, even if all you do is clean up after kids!!]

Check in from time to time to see if you might catch a new way of doing things or glean something from someone else’s experience. Hopefully, this site will continue to grow and change as more people share what they have learned.

If you have found a game, a song, a story, visual aid, mechanics of some kind, or resource that you think others would benefit by hearing about, please contact Louise Grider to get these posted on this file in the “Forum” segment at the end.

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*I would like to see ideas shared in **every venue** of our AWANA program: games, how to do clean up efficiently, how to do handbook more effectively, stories for Council Time, etc. **Let’s not let each other keep reinventing the wheel!!***

- **Don’t forget to check out the website listed in AWANA section. There are many other websites out there too for teachers in general, teachers of the Bible, and AWANA teachers. These websites may include ideas for games, crafts, stories, sharing the gospel and the like and may even suggest ways to tie them all together.**

- Don't forget to use the AWANA tract to share with a child whom you think is ready to make a profession of faith or still unsure of the facts of the gospel. There should have been provided a teacher's guide for using these tracts if you need them. See Louise or Fane if you need either more tracts or a teacher's guide.
- Check out Teaching Ideas or reread them in the front of each teacher's manual. These usually contain some general principles of which we could all be reminded in teaching certain age children and in being better, more effective teachers.
- Look for books and on the internet—tons of ideas, often free for teachers to take advantage of—check the top shelf in our cabinet of the Fellowship Hall (the one furthest right) which has idea books, craft books, resource books and catalogs. And check in our library or the public library for more idea books and books on teaching, in general.
- Just peering through all the cabinets might give you an idea of something visual to help particularly young kids to do or look at in fleshing out some truth or some story lesson.
- Use a chair to help illustrate faith. Sitting in it is required to have “real” faith that it will hold one up off the ground. We have to lean on Jesus that way in salvation. Not just say we believe.
- Use a gift to illustrate that it is only in accepting and opening a gift that it becomes “ours”—just as God offers salvation but only those who receive it by faith are saved.
- Try a 4-Corners game to quiz a club on Bible verses or truths they've gone over in Council Time or in their handbooks.