



KidsClub

Parent Handbook
2019 - 2020

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Dear Parents,

It is our pleasure to have your child come to KidsClub at Grace Bible Church. KidsClub uses curriculum from Awana, which can be found in more than 30,000 Awana Clubs in churches around the world. We consider it a privilege to provide opportunities for your child's physical, mental, and spiritual growth.

We want kids in KidsClub to realize that God loves them, that through faith in His Son, Jesus, they can have a relationship with Him, and that His Word and obeying Him give them meaningful and rewarding lives. We accomplish this through Bible memorization and lessons, and we use games, awards, and special activities to keep children motivated. KidsClub helps children learn discipline through work, play and Bible study within their own peer groups.

KidsClub encourages children to attend their family place of worship. If you do not attend a church on Sundays, we invite you to attend here. We have a worship service that meets at the same time as KidsClub, in addition to two Sunday morning worship services. All of our church services and opportunities for worship and study are open to you and your family.

Through this booklet, we hope to inform you of the various activities and details that are a part of the Grace Bible Church (GBC) KidsClub. You have a standing invitation to visit any of our clubs. Please feel free to call me or your child's club director if you have any questions.

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WHEN WE MEET

Every Sunday evening at 5-6:30 p.m. All children must be checked in through our security system, and will be released only to a parent with the appropriate security tag at the end of the evening. Please pick up your children promptly at 6:30.

OUR CLUB

Each weekly club meeting consists of three main segments:

Game Time is when fun, exciting team-oriented games are played on the Game Circle.

Small Group Time is when boys and girls meet in small groups to recite Bible verses, interact with their trained adult leaders, have prayer time and group discussion.

Large Group Time is when the children get together for singing and Bible teaching and are challenged to serve God.

VISITORS

We love it when children bring friends from school or the neighborhood along to KidsClub. We'll give them a special prize every time they bring someone new along. We hope these visitors will like KidsClub and keep coming back.

WHAT TO WEAR

Children should wear play clothes: pants or shorts, tennis shoes. A KidsClub shirt or vest will be provided at Club time.

WHAT TO BRING EACH WEEK

Children should bring their handbook each week. Those in T&T should bring a Bible. Children may also (optionally) bring a missions offering. We will use the missions offerings this year to support Brian Jenks, our local Awana missionary.

KidsClubs at GBC is divided into four different clubs. Each club is for a different age group. Nursery is provided for children not yet old enough for KidsClub.

Nursery is only for children whose parents are in the Sunday evening worship service or are serving in KidsClub.

Puggles® is for children born 9/1/2015–8/31/2017.

Puggles introduces biblical precepts at church and equips parents to teach them at home.

Puggles Director: Marla Bachman
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Cubbies® is for 4-year-olds and young-5's (entering Kindergarten in 2020 or 2021). Cubbies® celebrates the spiritual potential of preschoolers by helping them develop respect for God, His Son and His Word.



Cubbies Director: Lauren Kronberg
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Sparks is for children in Kindergarten - 2nd grade. The Sparks program ignites the curiosity of early elementary-age kids to learn about the people and events of the Bible, building a foundation of wisdom for knowing Christ.

Sparks Director: Bess Norris
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Truth & Training (T&T) is for children in 3rd - 6th grades. The T&T curriculum teaches kids the truth of God's Word and trains them to follow Him and practice His grace.

T&T Directors:

Girls - Daphne Adams
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Boys - Jordan Choby
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Handbooks

Each Club has an Entrance Booklet for new children. Once the entrance booklet is completed, the child is given a Handbook, which contains verses to memorize and activities to complete. Each handbook is age-appropriate to the Club.

There is no charge for materials, however if the handbook is lost there is a replacement fee of \$10.

Suggestions for Memorizing Scripture:

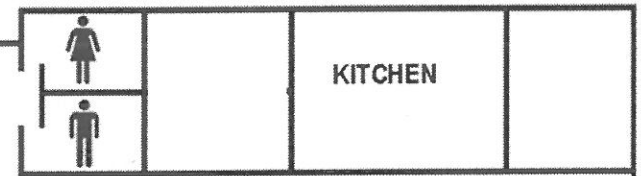
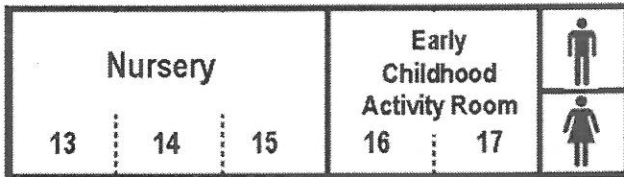
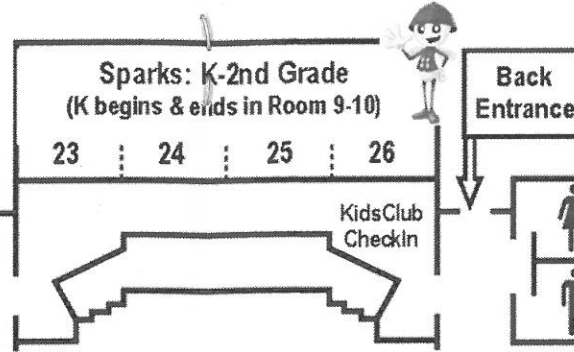
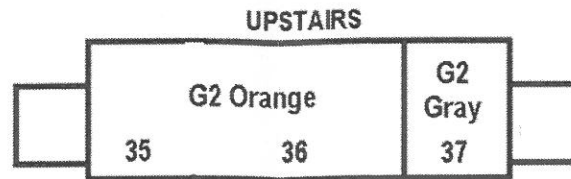
- Parents are encouraged to help their children memorize the Bible verses.
- Remember younger children can learn truth from God's word!
- Audio files of Cubbies and Sparks verses are available at gracea2.org/KidsClub. Children learn well by listening to and singing the verses.
- Remember to remind your child to bring the handbook to KidsClub each week.
- Reinforce the truths taught at KidsClub by repeating and practicing verses at home.
- Find the right time. It may not be the same time each day, but try to work on handbook sections every day:
 - ⇒ Family devotion time
 - ⇒ Getting ready for bed
 - ⇒ In the morning
 - ⇒ In the car
- Above all, be sure to encourage your child(ren)!

KidsClub Sunday Evening Building Map

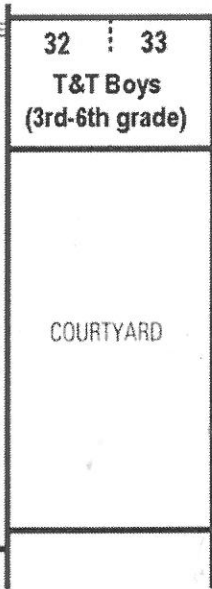
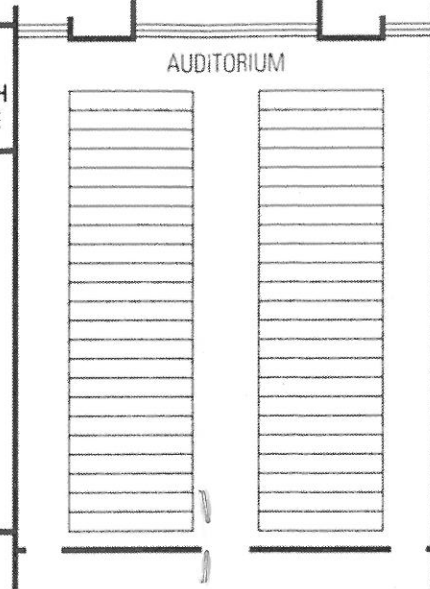


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(Upper Level Parking area)

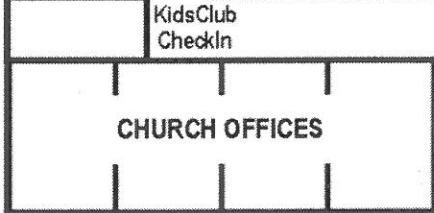
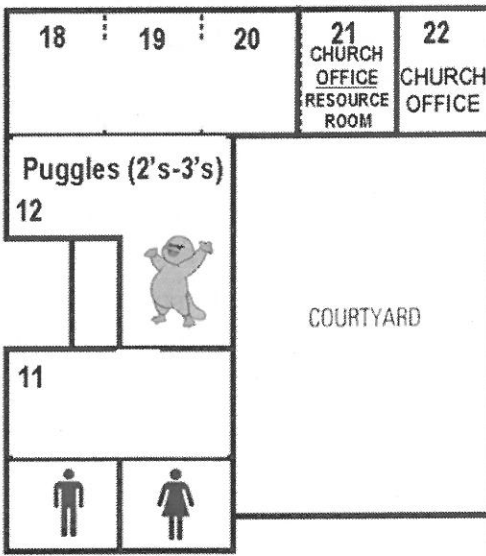
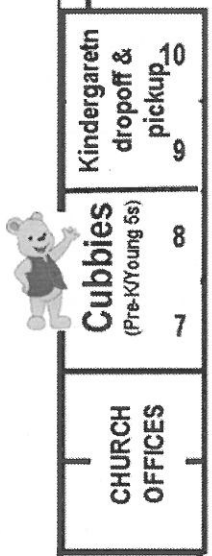
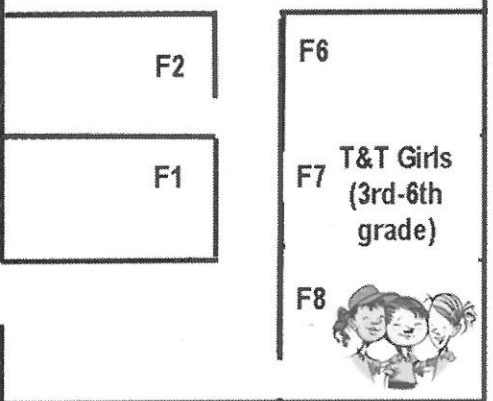
Middle School (6th-8th)



STAGE



Game Room



Front Entrance

Café

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Revised : 7-18-19

Puggles

In Puggles, two- and three-year-olds learn four Big Truths and the Bible verses that go with them:

- God Made Everything
- God is Great
- God Loves Us
- We Give Thanks

These simple takeaways help form a foundation for faith that's strengthened by fun and interactive curriculum.

About the Handbook:

All Puggles begin with the *Big Truths* Entrance Booklet. Then they receive their own handbook, a Puggles Coloring and Activity book to use at home and during KidsClub. Fun lessons, memory verses, and coloring and activity pages help children engage artistically and review what they learn in an age-appropriate way.

Teaching at Puggles:

During KidsClub, leaders will guide children to learn the four Big Truths through teaching, activities, crafts and games.

Cubbies

Children must be able to use the restroom independently.
Please take your children to the restroom before Cubbies begins.

About Our Handbooks:

All Cubbies begin with the *Apple Acres* entrance booklet. When it is completed, they will receive the *AppleSeed* handbook and a blue vest.

The *AppleSeed* handbook combines basic Scripture memory with parent-child activities to help Cubbies grasp simple biblical truths. The *AppleSeed* handbook contains 26 Bear Hug lessons, along with four special-day sections. Your child will complete one lesson per week. All Cubbies will be on the same lesson each week and the handbook is completed in a club year.

You, as a parent, are responsible for "teaching" your child the verses. Cubbie leaders appreciate it when you have signed the section before club. By signing the handbook you indicate that your child knows the verse. Even if the child, for whatever reason, will not recite the verse to us, we will give credit if you have signed the page.

There are two options for each verse. Please be sure to mark the version that your child learned-- the shorter, bold version or the longer version. Most 4-year-olds should learn the longer version with the reference.

Please strive to have your child learn the section for the week. ***It is very important that your child brings his/her book to club each week.***

If your child would like to do more than the one section for the week, complete the extra-credit section called "Under the Apple Tree." These sections mainly consist of reviewing previous verses.

MP3 audio files of the verses in the *AppleSeed* handbook are available at gracea2.org/KidsClub.

Sparks

Kindergarten children should be dropped off in Room 10 for Small Group Time. 1st and 2nd grade should be dropped off in Rooms 23-26. All three grades will combine for Large Group Time and Game Time. Kindergarteners will return Room 10 for parent pickup at the end of the evening.

About Our Handbooks:

All children new to Sparks begin with the *Flight 316* Entrance Booklet. Once completed, they then work at their own pace through the three club handbooks. When they complete their handbook, they review the sections identified in the handbook or continue on to the next book, depending on their grade level. Children who complete their Handbook review may move on to extra credit Frequent Flyer (FF) cards.

As they progress through the handbook, they receive awards to mark their progress. When they complete their handbook, they earn their Book Completion Award.

Handbook Material:

Each handbook has a Rank Path, four Red Jewels and four Green Jewels. Each of these is divided into sections. A section is the material between leader signatures. It includes the verses, their references, and the answers to any questions asked. The material must be recited word perfect with only two helps per section (not per verse). The handbooks must be completed in order, section by section, with a few exceptions for visitor and Missionary requirements.

Although parents may not sign completed sections, *it is important for children to work on learning the verses at home and be prepared to recite them at KidsClub.* We do like it when parents indicate in the handbook which section(s) your child is prepared to complete.

MP3 audio files of the verses in the Sparks handbooks are available at gracea2.org/KidsClub.

T&T

In T&T, boys and girls are together for Large Group Time and meet separately for Game Time and Small Group Time.

About Our Handbooks:

All new T&T students begin in the *Start Zone* Entrance Booklet. After completing it, they work through the current year handbook. All students will be on the same lesson each week and the handbook is completed in a club year. The handbook for 2019-20 is *Discovery of Grace*. As they progress through the handbook, they receive awards to mark their progress. When they complete their handbook, they earn their Book Completion Award and Pin. They may also earn achievement pins for completing the silver and gold sections at the end of each segment of their book.

Handbook Material:

The handbook has eight segments, called "Challenges," each of which is divided into seven sections. A section is that material between leader signatures. This includes the verses and references, the answers to any questions asked, any specified definitions of words and any required activities. The verses must be recited word perfect with only two helps per section (not per verse or question). The book must be done in order, section by section. Only the sections that require bringing two visitors to club and the Silver and Gold sections may be completed at any time during the year.

We strongly encourage that students look ahead in the book to be sure they understand what is coming up. Some sections require planning to complete, and students cannot move beyond these sections until they are completed.

KidsClub Schedule

Puggles remain as a group in Room 12 5:00-6:30.

Cubbies Rooms 7-8	Sparks Rms 9-10, 23-26 <small>Kindergarten begins and ends in Room 10 1st/2nd begins and ends in 23-26</small>	T&T Girls Rooms F6-F8	T&T Boys Rooms 32-33
5:00-6:00 Small Group Time Large Group Time	5:00-5:20 Small Group Time 5:20-5:40 Large Group Time/ 5:40-6:00 Game Time 6:00-6:15 Craft 6:15-6:30 Songs	5:00-5:20 Small Group Time 5:20-5:40 Game Time 5:40-6:15 Large Group Time 6:15-6:30 Songs	5:00-5:20 Game Time 5:20-5:40 Small Group Time 5:40-6:15 Large Group Time 6:15-6:30 Songs
6:00-6:15 Game Time 6:15-6:30 Songs and Closing Time 6:30 Parents meet Cubbies in Room 7-8	6:00-6:15 Craft 6:15-6:30 Songs 6:30 Parents meet Sparks in Room 10 or 23-26	6:15-6:30 Songs 6:30 Parents meet T&T Girls in Room F6-F8	6:15-6:30 Songs 6:30 Parents meet T&T Boys in Room 32-33

Parents:

Please pick up your children at 6:30PM!