

# Cubbies Quick Start Guide



Welcome to Cubbies! We have an exciting time planned for the children and we are delighted to have your child join us. We count it a real privilege and joy to work with you in the training of your child.

In the Bible, parents are instructed to teach their children about God's ways in routine activities, passing along their faith little by little, day by day (Deut. 6:7). The Cubbies program is designed to help parents in this critical role.

The teaching begins at home. Each week, the parents help their Cubbie complete the scheduled Bear Hug. This includes reading the story featuring Cubbie Bear and his friends, reading the Bible truth and helping your child memorize the verse. It is up to you to determine whether to teach your child the shorter or longer version of the verse. Each verse will have a bolded section which is required for all Cubbies. The additional non-bold words can be included at your discretion. Please indicate in the book whether your child is prepared to say the long or the short version by marking the appropriate check box. Be sure to sign the page so your child's leader will know they have learned the verse. A schedule can be found inside the front cover of the handbook indicating which lesson should be done each week.

Each aspect of the Bear Hug reinforces the same Bible truth. At club, we will center everything we do on this truth that you have worked on at home. Our story, games, activities and even our snack will reinforce the teaching your child has received from you. By creating this partnership, we hope to really cement that week's truth into our Cubbies' minds.

The Cubbies Club is from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm each Tuesday. We suggest that your child arrive between 6:25 pm and 6:30 pm so that he/she may take advantage of the full program time. Please do not drop children off prior to 6:15 pm as we do not have adequate supervision available. Please be there to pick up your clubber at 8:00 pm to avoid having a child feel as though they have been forgotten. Cubbies can be picked up as early as 7:30 most nights.

Cubbies should wear their uniform vest each week as well as play-type clothing and play shoes. Please take all children to the restroom before dropping them off. We are not equipped to change diapers at Cubbies.

For the benefit of all the children, please keep your child home if they are sick.

Each club night will include:

COMING-IN TIME	activity related to the lesson
STARTING TIME	club begins with singing
PUPPET TIME	weekly puppet presentation by Cubbie bear and friends
STORY TIME	a Bible story based on the Bear Hug being passed that night
BOOK TIME	Cubbies break into small groups to say the Bear Hug verse to their leader
CRAFT TIME	craft projects related to the lesson
SNACK TIME	Cubbies enjoy a treat related to the lesson (please advise us of any food restrictions your child may have)
AWARD TIME	award patches are presented on weeks when they are earned
PLAY TIME	Cubbies gather for structured games or free play. Parents may pick up Cubbies at any time during free play.
GOING-HOME TIME	parents arrive to pick up their child from club

Cubbies dues are \$50 per year to help defray the cost of awards and other materials we will use at club. In addition to this, each Cubbie will need to purchase the AppleSeed book and uniform vest. Your child should bring only his/her AppleSeed book and bag to club each week - no toys or gum please. A photo will be taken of your child to be placed on the cover of the AppleSeed book so that your child can easily identify his/her book.

If you have any questions, please direct them to the Cubbies Director.

May God richly bless you and your Cubbie!

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