



**Dear Parent:**

We are grateful that you have allowed us to come along your side to help you raise your child to know the Lord and His Word through the Truth and Training (T&T) program.

This year all 3rd-6th graders in our T&T club will transition to the new handbook titled T&T Evidence of Grace. This curriculum contains Bible studies, memory verses, loads of optional extra credit verses and extra Bible studies, plus a fun story about T&T Super Agents. Kids learn about who God is, what the Bible is, who Jesus is, and how to live out their faith. This T&T program is fully-integrated with Large Group teaching and Small Group discussion focusing on the same Bible lesson.

All grades in T&T will begin their year with an all new "Start Zone" pamphlet which introduces them to God's Word and Truths. The Start Zone will be completed with their leader during Small Group Time during the first two weeks. On week 3 after completing the Start Zone, they will be presented with their book, T&T Mission: Evidence of Grace.

All Awana kids will meet in the sanctuary before club and will break out into their groups at 6:30 pm. Please do not drop off your children before 6:15 pm as there is no supervision for children until that time.

**Game Time: 6:30-7:00** Games are played and teams compete against each other. These games are physical and involve running so please have your child wear appropriate athletic-style shoes. Flip-flops, dress shoes, etc. are not recommended.

**Large group Time: 7:00-7:30** A weekly Bible based devotion is shared and will be reinforced during Small Group Time. Each devotion is designed to coordinate with the lesson being worked on during Small Group Time.

**Small Group Time: 7:30-8:00** Each child will be working in the Evidence of Grace book which is broken into 4 units of six to eight lessons each. Each unit's lesson is a continuation and discussion of the Large Group Time devotion for that day. The Evidence of Grace lessons and verse memorization are designed to be completed one lesson per week during Small Group Time during club. No homework is expected or required. Small Group Time groups are based on grade level to foster discussions that are appropriate to the maturity level of all kids in each group. For motivation, five "Awana Bucks" will be earned when each lesson is completed. Awana Bucks can be spent in our Awana store that children visit once each month beginning in October.

**Opportunities to work at home:** Although working at home during the week is not required, opportunities to extend the lesson done the prior week in Awana are available. Each week during club, the entire group works to memorize a scripture verse. Your child can work to commit that verse to long term memory the week following the lesson. In addition, there are silver and gold sections that provide the chance to further build on the lesson by memorizing additional scripture and doing projects or mini-Bible studies. If any silver/gold sections are completed, we have a special time from 6:15-6:30 just before club for those kids to show/recite what they worked on during the week to a designated leader. For each item completed, he/she will earn an extra five Awana Bucks.

**Miss a Night?** T&T covers one lesson each week. If your child misses a week, the missed lesson can be made up in order to complete the book by the end of the year and receive a book award. The lesson and verse memorization can be done at home and shown to his/her leader before or after club.

**Uniforms:** 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders wear a green and white soccer style jersey and as they complete groups of lessons in their book, they earn colored patches that will be attached to the sleeves of their shirts. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders wear a blue and white soccer style jersey and earn T&T themed patches to place on any white portion of their shirt. Patches will be attached to their shirts by a leader during the club night.

If you ordered a jersey for your child, it will be awarded to him/her during week 3 (upon completion of the Start Zone.)

**Check-out time:** At the end of club each Tuesday night, your child should be picked up in the sanctuary. For safety reasons, parents need to come into the building to pick up their children. Children will not be allowed to leave the church building without a parent.

**Communication:** Periodically during the year we will be having special theme days and contests. We will be using our Facebook page “Natomas Awana Club” to keep everyone updated about club events and other items of interest. Please check the page weekly for updates. If you do not use Facebook, there will be periodic email messages as well. If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to your child’s leader before or after club or contact the T&T director (contact info below). We also will hand out a calendar that has all the fun events!

Thank you for letting us work with your child in T&T this year!

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