



Parent Guide

2024-2025





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Cubbies Verses 2024-2025 (Honeycomb Book)

Verses memorized for that night

	Apple Acres Brochure (Bear Hug A & B) Key Verse: "... God...loved us and sent His Son... " (1 John 4:10) & Motto: Jesus Loves Me
	Bear Hug 1: "... All have sinned... " (Romans 3:23)
	Bear Hug 2: "... While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. " (Romans 5:8)
	Bear Hug 3: "Worthy are You, our Lord and God... For You created all things... " (Revelation 4:11)
	Bear Hug 4: "I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made... " (Psalm 139:14)
	Bear Hug 5: " Children, obey your parents in the Lord , for this is right." (Ephesians 6:1)
	Bear Hug 6 & 7: "... Worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve." (Revelation 4:11)
	Bear Hug 8: "... The LORD is the true God ; He is the living God and the everlasting King..." (Jeremiah 10:10)
	Bear Hug 9 & 10: " But I trust in You, O LORD ; I say, "You are my God." (Psalm 31:14)
	Spec Day 1: Thanksgiving pg. 110-111: " Enter His gates with Thanksgiving , and His courts with praise..." (Psalm 100:4)
	Bear Hug 11: " My sheep hear My voice, and I know them , and they follow Me." (John 10:27)
	Bear Hug 12: " All we like sheep have gone astray ; We have turned – every one – to his own way..." (Isaiah 53:6)
	Spec Day 2: Christmas pg. 112-113: " For He who is mighty has done great things for me , and holy is His name." (Luke 1:49)
	Bear Hug 13: "... I will fear no evil, for You are with me ; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me." (Psalm 23:4)
	Bear Hug 14 & 15: "...Call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins. " (Matthew 1:21)
	Bear Hug 16: "... God gave us eternal life , and this life is in His Son." (1 John 5:11)
	Bear Hug 17: " Give us this day our daily bread. " (Matthew 6:11)
	Spec Day 3: Valentine's Day pg. 114-115: "... You shall love your neighbor as yourself. " (Matthew 22:39)
	Spring Break
	Bear Hug 18 & 19: "... The Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world." (1 John 4:14)
	Bear Hug 20: "... Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners... " (1 Timothy 1:15)
	Bear Hug 21: "... Christ died for our sins...He was buried...He was raised on the third day... " (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)
	Bear Hug 22 & 23: " Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." (Mark 16:15)
	Bear Hug 24: "... How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news! " (Romans 10:15)
	Bear Hug 25 & 26: "... Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved... " (Acts 16:31)
	Spec Day 4: Easter pg. 114-115: " He is not here, for He has risen, as He said... " (Matthew 28:6)
	Awards Night

Cubbies Calendar 2024-2025

Wednesday nights beginning promptly at 6:25 p.m. and ending at 8:05 p.m.

	Kick-Off & Parent's Night
	Apple Acres Brochure (Both Bear Hug A & B)
	Bear Hug 1
	Bear Hug 2 (Trail, Red, & Green Apple emblems)
	Bear Hug 3
	Bear Hug 4
	Bear Hug 5
	Bear Hug 6 & 7 (Green Apple emblem)
	Bear Hug 8
	Bear Hug 9 & 10 (Red Apple emblem)
	Special Day 1 "Thanksgiving" pg. 110-111
	No Club – Thanksgiving Holiday
	Bear Hug 11
	Bear Hug 12
	Special Day 2 "Christmas" pg. 112-113
	No Club – Christmas Holiday
	No Club – Christmas Holiday
	Bear Hug 13
	Bear Hug 14 & 15 (Green Apple emblem)
	Bear Hug 16
	Bear Hug 17
	Special Day 3 "Valentine's Day" pg. 114-115
	No Club – Spring Break
	Bear Hug 18 & 19 (Red Apple emblem)
	Bear Hug 20
	Bear Hug 21
	Bear Hug 22 & 23 (Green Apple emblem)
	Bear Hug 24
	Bear Hug 25 & 26 (Red Apple emblem)
	Special Day 4 "Easter" pg. 116-117
	Awards Night (Cubbies, Parents & dessert included)
	Kick-Off & Parent's Night

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Welcome to another wonderful year of Cubbies at Heights Baptist Church! We would like to thank you for entrusting us to partner with you in the spiritual, mental, social, and physical nourishment of your child.

This booklet is designed to give you the information you need to know about our club. If you have additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at the number below.

Your Cubbie team is comprised of myself and the following _____ Youth Approved Workers: _____, _____, _____, & _____.

Cubbies Club will meet every Wednesday unless otherwise noted on the Awana Calendar. Cubbies can be dropped off beginning at 6:15 p.m. Please respect this time so that your leaders can sufficiently prepare for the night. When you arrive, **take your child to the restroom** and then check them in. They may then go to the tables for the opening activity. We will begin at 6:25 pm and end promptly at **8:05 pm (this is earlier than the other clubs).**

For safety reasons, we will release your child only to one of the adults you listed on your registration. Please pick up promptly at 8:05. This earlier pick-up time will give the Cubbies a head start before the rush out the door.

We look forward to a fun-filled year!

In His Service,

Cubbies Director

(____) ____-____

About the Cubbies Program...

Awana Cubbies is a two-year weekly club program for preschoolers in the two years prior to kindergarten. Our purpose is to help boys and girls take their first little steps on a lifelong spiritual journey.

In the Bible, parents are instructed to teach their children about God's ways and grow their faith, little by little, day by day. The Cubbies program helps leaders and parents do just that.



Bible teaching begins at home. Each week, parents help their Cubbie complete the scheduled Bear Hug. Each aspect of the Bear Hug reinforces the same Bible truth. At club, we focus everything we do on the same truth that you have introduced at home. Our story, games, activities, and even our snack will reinforce the teaching your child has received from you. In doing this, we hope to really "cement" that week's truth into our Cubbies' minds!

Working together, we can be a great team in the spiritual nurturing of your child!

Cubbies Club Costs:

- ❖ **Appleseed or Honeycomb Handbook:** \$_____ A different book is used each of the two years of Cubbies.
- ❖ **Uniform Vest:** \$_____ Vests are purchased only the first year and used again the next year.
- ❖ **Cubbies Book Bag:** \$_____ Bags are purchased only the first year and used for many years after.
- ❖ **Dues:** _____ per week or \$_____ per year (27 weeks)
*We ask that you please stay on top of this reasonable fee since these are the funds we use to cover costs of all the awards, supplies, neat crafts, activities, and games. They also help cover subsidizing materials and national club registration. Thank you!
- ❖ Each club night your child needs to bring the following items: Dues (if not paid in part/full already), Book Bag containing Handbook, Cubbies vest, any items for that night, and the snack bucket (if it is your assigned night). Thank you for reading this brochure and see you soon!



About the Cubbies Materials...

Requirements for Memory Work:



- ❖ Cubbies are allowed two "helps" per Bear Hug.
- ❖ Bear Hugs must be recited at one session.
- ❖ Parents need to sign the Bear Hug each week in your required space. If the optional Under the Apple Tree activity is completed, it too needs to be signed.
- ❖ Four year olds must recite the verse AND reference. Three year olds are encouraged to recite the reference, if they are capable, but are not required.
- ❖ Cubbies clubbers will recite the verses they've learned at home to their Cubbies leader during club each night.
- ❖ Unlike the upper clubs that go at their own pace, Cubbies work together on the same verse each week.

APPLE ACRES BROCHURE

This contains two sample Bear Hugs and basic information about the Cubbies program, to be completed first before purchasing the Cubbie Handbook and vest. We will go over the "Apple Acres Brochure" our first night. Please review these verses with your child so we can check them during our second meeting.

HANDBOOK: Appleseed or Honeycomb

The handbooks include memory verses and activities divided into weekly Bear Hugs that teach basic truths about God. Please tape a photo of your Cubbie in the front cover of the handbook. Cubbies should come to Club with the Bear Hug(s) memorized according to the Calendar. These are background for the lesson at club the next week. Cubbies repeat the memory verse to their leader at Club. Completing every Bear Hug in the book is a requirement for earning a Cubbie book award at the end of the year.

Each Bear Hug also contains an "Under the Apple Tree" extra-credit section. The Under the Apple Tree activity may be done after the current Bear Hug and any missed Bear Hugs are completed. After you complete an activity, sign it and have your child recite any verses to the leader at club. At times these require you to send something in that your child has done. Your child will receive special apple stickers for their book and a special certificate at the end of the year. Under the Apple Tree activities are fun, but not required.

Tips on How Parents Can Help

HELP YOUR CHILD LEARN WEEKLY BEAR HUGS

- ❖ Establish a regular time to work on the Bear Hug with your child. Five minutes each morning or evening works well.
- ❖ Check the Cubbies Calendar in the back of the book and note which Bear Hug to work on for that week. Also check requirements (page 6).
- ❖ Read each week's Bear Hug to your child and follow the simple instructions. Repeat the verse over and over again with your child. Help your child understand the meaning of the verse. Turning the verse into a little song also works well. Listen to your child recite the verse and sign the Bear Hug. Be encouraging!
- ❖ Be aware that some weeks have more than one verse. All the Cubbies will recite the same Bear Hug each week according to the calendar.

BE ON TIME AND IN UNIFORM

- ❖ Find a special spot at home to keep your child's bag. Store the book and uniform in it so it can always be found on AWANA night.
- ❖ Bring your child to club on time and pick them up by 8:05 p.m., so we can begin and end promptly.
- ❖ Be sure your child wears the uniform vest to club. Write your child's name in it in case it ever gets separated from them. They display their awards here and awards will not be given unless your child is in proper uniform. We want to promote accomplishment in the Cubbie community and also instill a sense of something bigger than just ourselves.
- ❖ Your Cubbie will be given a foam nametag once they have a vest. Please keep this on their uniform. If you wash the vest, simply remove the nametag, then pin it back on when it's clean. And don't forget to wear comfortable clothes to play games and do crafts.

- ❖ Your child will occasionally receive an emblem "award" to put on their vest. These will be affixed on Club nights according to the Calendar.

TAKE A TURN SUPPLYING A SNACK

- ❖ You can help by providing a snack for the children in our Cubbies Club. This is a favorite part of the night! A bucket will come home the week before and suggestions may be given for a snack to fit the lesson theme or you may choose your own idea. If you are unable to send a snack due to an absence or some other reason, please let Mrs. Youde know as soon as possible (208-7966) so we can make other arrangements to insure a snack each week. As an added bonus, Cubbie will also come home to be babysat. Please return the stuffed Cubbie bear in clean shape and the bag he is transported in.

ENCOURAGE SUPER BEHAVIOR

- ❖ If we have difficulties with behavior, we will be following the procedure outlined in the letter with the registration form. We want to make this an enjoyable experience for all of those involved.
- ❖ A bathroom break occurs each night about half way through. It is a requirement that your Cubbie be thoroughly potty trained in order to join us each week. Any time a Cubbie needs to use the restroom other than this time, they will be sent with a leader to the restroom down the hall. Please let us know of any special needs your child has regarding this.

