

ADVENTURE CLUB PARENT GUIDE

GRACE CHURCH OF ORANGE, 2024-25



“THE TRUTH ABOUT MAN, SIN, AND SALVATION”

The Adventure Club (AC) curriculum prepares teachers to effectively teach kids the gospel through a systematic study of theology in the Scriptures inside of a high-energy kids' club program. Adventure Club is designed for kids from pre-K through 6th grade and is set up as a unified curriculum, where all members of a family receive the same weekly lesson. This simplifies the responsibilities of the parents, enabling them to engage with all their children on the same central truth, memory verse, and theological application.



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ADVENTURE CLUB (AC) MINISTRY DIRECTORS

Randy Clark, Pastor of Family Ministries, Grace Church, rclark@graceorange.org

Randy oversees Children's Ministry at Grace Church of Orange. Partnering with families to see children grow in Christ, his desire is to encourage strong biblical families and equip parents to become the primary disciple-makers of their children. He was a public middle school teacher for seventeen years in Santa Ana. He and his family spent five years in South Africa serving at Living Hope Church as church planting support and many other areas of ministry, and has been a part of Grace Orange for fourteen years and staff for the past seven years.

Ben & Anna Boucher, AC Ministry Directors, adventureclub@graceorange.org

Ben and Anna have been part of GCO for about 9 years. They've been married for 19 years and have 4 children: Jesse, 13, Mycah, 11, Knowva'Jae, 5, and Nicci'Jae, 2. Ben leads a Web Development Team at an international company, and enjoys disc golf, and making/fixing things. Anna taught in GGUSD for 6 years, and has taught various grade levels at Grace and Bible Study Fellowship. The Boucher family loves music, outdoor adventures, zoos, audiobooks, small creatures, and thrift stores. We truly look forward to getting to know you and your unique family this year in Adventure Club—we're praying for you!

ADVENTURE CLUB GROUP DIRECTORS

TRACKERS- Pre-K, 3-5 year olds

-Kristin & Chris Cowles, gctrackers@gmail.com.

SCOUTS- K-2nd grades

-Andrew & Crystal Ma, Aidan VanEck gcoscouts@gmail.com

TRAILBLAZERS- 3rd-6th grades

-Scott McMillan & Katherine Ramirez, gctrailblazers@gmail.com

GAMES- K-6th grades

-Marty Young

AWARDS & INCENTIVES

Each week, students can memorize 1-3 verses that relate to the *theme* of the week. Student Handbooks are organized into 6 chapters/units with 5 lessons each, a review page, and one portion of the continuing story: "The King's Scepter." (Dramatization available on the [Grace Media App](#)—search under Grace Kids/Adventure Club). We will complete one chapter/unit every 5 weeks. The last lesson of each chapter/unit always doubles with a review night, in order to cover all the lesson material over the course of the calendar year.

All children can earn one **reward pin** for completing their memory work per chapter/unit. There are 6 chapters total. **Bonus pins** can be earned for memorizing all of the additional *bonus verses* in each chapter.

***Review Night**, students recite all of the verses from the chapter/unit to earn the chapter reward pin

The Adventure Club satchel is for carrying Bible, handbook, notebook, pencils, etc..., but also for **decorating with pins! PLEASE clearly label your child's name on their satchel.** (Feel free to get creative with letter patches, embroidery, or puffy paint etc...) Satchels are meant to last for the entire time they are in Adventure Club. Students are free to trade and share pins as they like.

TRACKERS: Preschool (potty-trained 3-5 year olds)- Memorize 1 verse a week (or partial verse) *Trackers who can recite the BOLD words* in the lesson verse each week earn a sticker in their book.

SCOUTS: Kindergarten-2nd Grades- Memorize 1 - 2 verses per week.
Memory work- Lesson verse (1) earn a sticker in book. *Bonus memory work-* Lesson verse AND 2nd verse earns a small treasure from the prize box (the night of).

TRAILBLAZERS: 3rd-6th Grades- Memorize 2 - 3 verses per week.
Memory work- Verse 1 & 2 earn a sticker in book
Bonus memory work- Verse 1 & 2 & Verse 3 often earn a small treasure in small group.

WEEKLY RAFFLE TICKETS for Scouts and Trailblazers:

- Arrive On-Time (or before 6:30): 1 ticket
- Bring your Bible: 1 ticket
- Wear your AC Shirt or Outfit: 1 ticket
- Bring a friend/visitor: 1 ticket

BONUS CHALLENGES & REWARDS

Memorize one or more full Bible chapters from: ***Isaiah 53, Psalm 51, Romans 2, or Ephesians 2*** to earn a special recognition pin and qualify for our ***Special Adventure Day, Saturday, May 31st!***

DISCIPLINE STANDARDS

Respect

The "Respect" sign is our most common way to regain focus in groups. Children (and adults) are called to show respect for God, His Word, others, themselves, and property. An adult holding up the "Respect" sign (fingers crossed as an "R" in sign language) is a cue for children to stop what they are doing, stop talking, and to likewise hold up the "Respect" sign.

3 Count

The 3 Count is for individual children who have not been responding to the Respect sign. If a child has been particularly difficult (leader's discretion), the child will be first verbally warned. If the child continues to misbehave (2nd count), they will be spoken with, again, separated from the group for an appropriate time, and a leader may talk with their parents afterward. If misbehavior continues (3rd count), it may be necessary to remove the child from the activity, and the overseeing Pastor or Ministry Director will be contacted immediately.

These basic disciplinary rules are standards used throughout all of Children's Ministry at Grace Church of Orange. They are employed on Sunday morning, Wednesday night, and for any special events.

Parent Involvement

We encourage and appreciate open and ongoing communication between parents and leaders in order to serve your children well. We do not have ample volunteers or formal training to provide one-on-one specialized assistance on an ongoing basis where needed. If necessary, due to ongoing behavior that distracts peers from Bible teaching and group discussion times, we may request parents personally attend and assist their child in giving full attention to the teachers and/or group leaders during Adventure Club.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- **Adventure Club Weekly Emails**
- [GCO Adventure Club Webpage](#)
- [Adventure Club Website \(Grace Curriculum\)](#)
- [Grace Media App](#)
- [Adventure Club Opening Songs on Spotify](#)
- [Adventure Club Verse Songs on Spotify](#)
- [Adventure Club Order Form for Additional Materials](#)

Suggested Music Groups for Scripture Memory

Seeds Family Worship, The Corner Room, Brooks Hills Worship, The Village Kids, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Awana, Slugs and Bugs, GT and the Halo Express, Doorpost Songs, Steve Green, Amy Doerfler (memorizescipturebysong.com)

Welcome to Adventure Club!!

We are SO excited to start this new adventure with your family this year! We have been praying for you and your children. We look forward to what the Lord will do in our hearts to stir us to believe, obey, and worship Him. Please pray for our volunteer leaders throughout the year, and feel free to chat with us with questions or concerns you might have.

*"For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen."
-Romans 11:3*



WAYS TO PRAY FOR ADVENTURE CLUB!

"I will show you what it's like when someone comes to me, listens to my teaching, and then follows it. It is like a person building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against that house, it stands firm because it is well built."— Luke 6:47,48 (NLT)

PRAY FOR...

- Participants that are prepared in heart to hear and receive the gospel humbly
- Leaders that are equipped, confident, humble, bold, united; that use good communication, build each other up in excellence, persevere, are joyful, creative, enthusiastic, loving, and sensitive to student's needs; that grow in their relationship with the Lord, that are prepared for mentoring weekly, and familiar/prepared for discussing the curriculum, logistics, games, music, special events
- Families that are engaged, prepared, strengthened, unified
- Children that are soft-hearted, responsive, stirred up, zealous for good works
- Trackers would have comfort and peace in transitioning to the classroom, calm bodies during lesson time, protection on the playground, meaningful conversations around the gospel, understand the big truths
- Scouts would have attentiveness during lesson, engagement during small group time, creative ways to memorize, practice and discuss God's word, relationships built with small group leaders, growth in respect and love for the Bible
- Trailblazers would delight in knowing the word, be inspired to participate during lesson, enjoy meaningful conversations, and activities during small group time, desire mentoring from the leaders and positively lead the children younger than themselves in maturity and love for scripture
- God would raise the next generation of kids to fearlessly love and serve him, thirst for him, live & die for him (Philippians 3:8-17)
- Memorizing scriptures weekly would be timely & transformative
- Kids would share the gospel with friends and neighbors
- Missionaries would be generously supported both in prayer and financially--Kayla and Nathaniel Parry, serving in the horn of Africa
- God would bless our labors and produce long-term fruit from the memorization of his word (Psalm 119:11, 130)
- God alone would be glorified/exalted (Isaiah 42:8)

***Extra Scriptures to meditate on while praying: Psalm 78:1-14; Philippians 2:11-18, Proverbs 4:18-23