

Listening to Sections in AWANA

Parents and Volunteers, the following are our guidelines for listening to sections. Our goal is to be consistent, not only between leaders within a club, but between clubs. We hope that our children will internalize God's word in a way that will serve them for their lifetimes. The guidelines are as follows:

- We encourage parents to take primary responsibility in working with their child to memorize their sections.
- A "help" is whatever aid a leader chooses to assist a clubber in completing a section. This can be a word (but not more than three), action, or even pointing to a picture. The goal is to prompt their memory so that they can continue on with the verse. Please keep in mind that in Sparks and T&T, some sections have multiple verses. **Only two helps may be given per section.** In each T&T book there are four review sections. Clubbers are allowed to split these sections into two parts and say them at different times which allows them two helps each split section. But, if the clubber chooses to recite all the review verses at one time, then they can then only receive two helps, and not four.
- Do not offer any help unless the clubber lets you know that one is needed.
- Children are allowed to make two mistakes and still complete the section. However, please be sure to correct any mistakes they made while reciting the section.
- Saying "That's right", or "That's not right" is not considered a help.
- Children must say references. In T&T, if you use the reference as a prompt it does count as a "help". In Sparks, if you use the reference as a prompt it does not count as a "help" but the child must recite the reference after the verse.
- For Cubbies, verses are typically very short. Please try to only give one word "helps". The "short" version does not require references. Should the clubber choose to quote the "long" version of the verse, they will need to be able to say the **reference**. If necessary, you can use the reference as a trigger to help the child get started, but the child will need to be able to say the reference after quoting the verse.