

Alphabet Night

Cubbies must come wearing a hat or shirt with letters on it. Eat alphabet cookies or cereal for snack. As you review verses, point to the first letter of the first word in each verse. Say the letter aloud together and then the word. (For example, say "A is for all.") Cubbies can also trace the first letter on a paper and review the verse.

Animal Night

Hang pictures of animals around the room. Do a craft that involves animals such as gluing cotton balls on a sheep photo. Discuss how God loves all of His creation – including the animals He made.

Awana-be a Cubbie!

Build enthusiasm and excite your clubbers about being Cubbies. Sing the Cubbies Theme Song, hang decorations in red and blue and color pictures of Cubbie and his friends. Ask "What do you want to be?" "I wanna (Awana) be a Cubbie!" You might have to demonstrate it so they understand what they're supposed to do.

Bring a Friend Night

Send home a flier with parents announcing that you're having a "Bring a Friend Night" at Cubbies. Encourage parents to invite children whose families do not attend church regularly. On the designated night, have fun treats, games, music and maybe a fun puppet show. Invite all parents to stay for the festivities and celebrate new friends by giving them small toys.

Crazy Scarf Night

Most turkeys have funny-looking necks. Celebrate these unique creatures by having everyone wear a fun scarf. The week before, send home a note with parents to have them bring a scarf for their Cubbie the following week. Show pictures of the different kinds of turkeys and their interesting "scarves." Talk about how God made them that way and how wonderful His creation is.

Cubbie Bear Night

Encourage parents to bring their Cubbies dressed as Cubbie Bear or any of the other Cubbies characters. Or encourage them to dress in blue and red, the Cubbies primary colors. Have teddy-bear shaped grahams for snack time. For a craft idea, use brown paper bags and crayons to make simple bear puppets.

Fish

Tell the story of how Jesus multiplied the loaves of bread and the fish. Color pictures of fish. Have fishy crackers as a snack. Make the room look like an aquarium with pictures of sea plants and animals.

Flying High

Talk about animals that fly – birds, frogs, squirrels, etc. (and there's even a fish that can fly short distances!). Talk about planes and hang gliders and parachutes and how God gave us the ability to think and create such amazing things. Make paper airplanes and fly them around the room during Game Time.

I Can Tell Others

Have Cubbies draw a picture of who they can talk to about Jesus – or someone who doesn't know Jesus who they can pray for. Sing songs that talk about Jesus and telling others about Him.

I Love Spring Night

Talk about what happens in the spring. Flowers and trees bloom, the sun shines more, the weather gets warmer, etc. Thank God for spring. Bring in flowers, fresh cut grass and a picture of the sun ... or look out the window at the sun!

Mail Night

Give Cubbies a hand-written card telling them how much you enjoy having them in club. Have Cubbies color a picture that can be mailed to someone who can't get to church very often because of health reasons or who lives in a nursing home.

Making Music

It's the night to celebrate music! Make tambourines for everyone by taking a paper plate, pouring some unpopped popcorn on it and then taping another paper plate on top of it. Instant tambourine! Play fun, kid-friendly praise music as clubbers come into the club room. Sing lots of their favorite songs during the lesson. Talk about how God made everything and He made music so that we can praise Him.

Parents' Night

Consider having a parents' night when parents come for the first half or second half, or the entirety of Cubbies. Have a fun snack together, do a craft where parents can help their children, play games that involve parents. Consider having extra helpers on hand for Cubbies who do not have a parent with them.

Soft Night

Have Cubbies bring in things that are soft – paper towels, stuffed animals, fluffy bath towels, etc. Allow them to do Show and Tell with their soft item.

Special Delivery

Each Cubbie gets some "mail" to deliver to Cubbie Bear. Designate a place that is Cubbie Bear's house. Have a make-shift mail box (or a real one if you can get it) and as each Cubbie takes a turn putting the mail in Cubbie's mailbox, he or she says "Special Delivery!"

Spring Flower Project

Grow spring flowers in club. A couple of weeks before Easter, bring several old muffin tins or individual peat pots for each Cubbie. Put gardening soil in each pot or muffin tin cup. Ask Cubbies to each bring a packet of flower seeds (marigolds work well) or purchase these yourself. Let Cubbies take turns placing a few seeds on top of the soil and pushing them down with their fingers. Ask a leader to take the tins or pots home to care for them and bring them back the next week. Flowers usually sprout within two weeks. (Tip: Store pots on a cookie tray with an edge for easy transport.)

Summertime Bash

Celebrate the beginning of summer with a party. Hang streamers and balloons around the room, color pictures of things you see during the summer, etc. Make a big calendar so clubbers can see how long it'll be until you're all together again for the fall.

Teddy Bear Night

Have all Cubbies bring their favorite teddy bear to club. Arrange for Cubbie Bear to make a visit (if you have the giant Cubbie Bear costume). Eat bear-shaped graham crackers as a snack. Come up with an easy, fun acrostic for BEAR. Turn on music and allow kids to dance with their teddy bears. When the music stops, all Cubbies must sit down where they are. Repeat as long as interest is kept.

Tell About Jesus

I Can Tell Others – have Cubbies draw a picture of who they can talk to about Jesus. Sing songs that talk about Jesus and telling others about Him.

Welcome to Cubbies!

Some Cubbies might be coming back for their second year. Some might be attending for the first time. Have a party theme. Hang balloons and streamers. Have fruit juice and animal crackers for a snack. Talk about all the wonderful things the Cubbies have to look forward to this coming club year.

Holiday Themes

Christmas Ornament Fun

Have different shapes or ornaments made of construction paper ready to be colored and decorated. Cubbies will be decorating ornaments for the elderly or for another group of people your church ministers to. Write their first names on the back of the ornaments so the people who receive them can associate a name with the ornament. Use other paper ornaments to decorate a construction paper Christmas tree you put on the wall.

Decorate a Gingerbread Night

Have pre-made gingerbread cookies ready for Cubbies to frost and decorate. Have enough so Cubbies can decorate one for themselves and one for someone in the church.

Easter Invitation Night

Tell parents to help their Cubbie think of someone to invite to your Easter church services. During club, allow time for clubbers to make invitation cards for this person. Provide spring and Christian Easter stickers for decorations. Beforehand, print service information and an Easter Bible verse on sheets that they can glue inside their cards.

Harvest Fun

Decorate with corn stalks and dried ears of corn. Serve orange-colored food such as candy corn, cheese crackers, oranges, etc. Talk about the colors of the leaves and how wonderful it is that God made the earth the way He did – that we get to see such beautiful colors in the fall.

Jelly Bean Night

Easter is coming. A favorite candy at this time of year is the jelly bean. Purchase the [Cubbies Zipper Bags](#) from the online store and have jelly beans in baggies for clubbers to take home. Have clubbers share their favorite jelly bean flavor.

Sing 'Easter is a Time of Joy'

Looking for songs to add to your Easter theme night? Sing "Easter is a Time for Joy" to the tune of "Jesus Loves Me" (courtesy of Child Evangelism Fellowship).

Easter is a time for joy,
for all children, girls and boys.
Joyfully today we sing,
"Jesus is our risen King!"
Jesus is risen, Jesus is risen!
How do I know it?
The Bible tells me so.

Spread the Love

Send Valentine invitations to parents and have a Valentine's Day party for all clubbers and parents. Have cupcakes that do not have icing on them ready to be decorated. (Have icing, sprinkles and other sorts of toppings available.) Encourage kids and parents to have fun together as they decorate cupcakes. Have pictures of hearts available for Cubbies to color. Talk about how God showed His love for us when He sent Jesus to Earth to die for us.

Snow

Hang paper snowflakes around the room. Have snow cones or snowflake shaped cookies as a treat. Show pictures of actual snowflakes – they're all different. None of them are the same. Talk about how we are all different. God made each of us unique and special.

Snow Day

If you live where there is snow, bundle clubbers up for a walk in the snow. Talk about how no two snowflakes are the same – just like no two people are the same. If you live in a warmer climate or you live where there is snow but going outside isn't an option, make paper snowflakes and hang them around the room. Make sure they're all different! Have pictures of snowflakes for the clubbers to color. Consider making snow cones.

We Give Thanks

Hang traditional Thanksgiving decorations around the room. A classic and fun craft is to trace the child's hand on a piece of paper, draw a turkey beak and feet and allow the child to color it. At the top write, "We Give Thanks." For a game, have everyone sit in a circle, hold up pictures of the sun, food, the earth, etc. With each picture you show, the class says, "I'm thankful for _____."