

Specific Ideas for Sparks

Theme Nights

Theme nights are a great way to keep children excited!

Some theme night ideas:

- **Flashlight Night.** Everyone brings a flashlight and everything is done in the dark, with only flashlights for guidance. Shows how God's love lights up our lives.
- **Backward Night.** Do everything, including Game Time, backwards. Wear clothes backwards, walk backwards, do the schedules backwards and run the games backwards. Teach kids that we can get ourselves into trouble when we head in the wrong direction.
- **Hero Night.** Come dressed as your hero. Let kids explain why they chose a particular person. Talk about how Christ is the ultimate hero.
- **Crazy Hat Night.** Everyone comes wearing their favorite hat. Give prizes for tallest, most original, funniest, etc. Shows kids that we can love God and have fun at the same time!
- **Career Night.** Come dressed for the career/job you'd like to have one day. Have the children tell why they chose particular jobs.
- **Kick-Off Dinner** – Include parent orientation
- **Crazy Hair Night**
- **Uniform Inspection** – should be repeated
- **Missionary Night**
- **Orange (any color) Night**
- **Canned Food Night**
- **Bible Drill Night**
- **Christmas Party**
- **Bring-a-Friend Night**
- **Silly Shoes Night**
- **Pajamas/T-shirt Night**
- **Pillow Night**
- **Grand Prix Prep**
- **Ice Cream or Gigantic Hot Fudge Sundae Night**
- **Stuffed Animal Night**
- **Leader Appreciation Night**
- **Pizza Party**
- **Awards Night**

Special Events

- Take a field trip to a local zoo and talk about how God created all the animals.
- Go to a park or beach and enjoy nature and playing together!
- Attend a parade or fireworks display.
- Go Christmas caroling at a local hospital or nursing home.
- Make crafts for local shut-ins.
- Help with a community clean up project.
- Plan relay races and games.
- Plan a hotdog roast.
- Go on a hayride.
- Plan a nature walk.

For additional ideas and themes consult the *Awana Ministry Guide*. Here's a short list of items available from Awana:

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