



Top Ten Reasons Tanner Quit Coming to Awana

1 “Nobody called to say they missed me.”

- Admonition:
 - John 9:35 (Jesus went looking for him)
 - Luke 15:1-7 (Lost Sheep)
- Attitude: Care about the strays!
- Actions:
 - Send cards to absentees.
 - Call those who’ve missed club a couple of weeks.
 - Visit the home of absentees.

“No one cared about them.” (no discipleship happening)

2 “All we ever did was memorize stuff.”

- Admonition:
 - Psalm 119:9,11
 - Deuteronomy 6:6
 - Deuteronomy 6:18
- Attitude: Be enthusiastically sold on the importance of memorizing Scripture!
- Actions:
 - Constantly talk about the importance of knowing what God says.
 - Be memorizing yourself.
 - Make memorizing fun with memory games.
 - Give extra attention to those who are learning how to memorize.
- Admonition: (? *Tough one*)
 - We should continually teach children the principles of God’s Word (Deuteronomy 6:1-9).
Each week at Awana there is opportunity to do that, while still having fun.

“It was boring. We never did anything fun.”

- Attitude: Give them a reason to come back!

- Actions:

- Have something going on each week so kids don’t want to miss a single week.

Theme nights can be incorporated into the lesson, games, etc. to emphasize lessons you want to teach.

3. “I can’t memorize those Bible verses. They’re too hard.”

- Admonition:
 - Psalm 119:9, 11 (God’s Word will keep us from sin)
 - Deut. 6:6-7 (Teach God’s Word to children)
- Attitude: Help children experience some success at learning verses!

- Actions:
 - Take time with each child – even the one who doesn't have a verse ready.
 - Use a variety of learning techniques to appeal to different learning styles
 - Help them understand the verses.
 - Call them during the week to remind them to study.

- 4. "I don't relate to my lady leader!" Many of our clubs don't have enough men so the 5th and 6th grade boys get stuck with a lady and then wonder why they can't hold that age group!

- 5. "Parents put more emphasis on sports and other things and view spiritual training as not important." - There are college scholarships for athletes, big bucks for those that play pro sports..some parents trying to live their dreams through their kids.
 "My mom said I couldn't come back."
 - Admonition:
 - II Timothy 3:15
 - Ephesians 6:4
 - Proverbs 22:6
 - Attitude: It is important for children to learn God's truth!
 - Actions:
 - Help parents see the importance of developing a child's spiritual dimension.
 - Introduce the importance of spiritual development and parent involvement in the "Visitor Letter".
 Have a HomeBase program and Director. Encourage them to be involved in HomeBase.

- 6. Parents too busy, to lazy to bring them" - or support their efforts to memorize scripture at home.

- 7. Kids not feeling a part. Need to be more plugged in.
 "It's DUMB and NOT COOL and for little kids. I want to go up to the youth group where they have rock bands and pizza every week."

- 8. "Nobody at home can help me, I won't pass any sections"

- 9. "They didn't give me all of the awards that I earned."

- 10 Lack of discipline at club. Leaders are not prepared. Leaders don't wear uniforms. Leaders don't lead by example learning the verses. Lack of Leaders all lead to lack of discipline.



Thank you!