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Dear Praying Friends,

Most of the Awana Clubs have completed the year and held their award ceremonies. These are great opportunities to recognize the achievements of the kids--and their parents. One grade 2 girl not only finished all three Sparks handbooks, did all the reviews, and the extra credit work, but also participated in the Truth Scripts challenge by memorizing Hebrews 4:9-16. While many kids are taking a break over the summer months, this gal is continuing to memorize some of the past Truth Scripts passages.

Memorizing God's Word is a life-long discipline we should all be engaged in. Our staff prayer calendar has a weekly memory verse we have been challenged to complete. We recognize that we need to set a good example for the leaders and clubbers we meet throughout the year.

The live Bible Quiz in Ottawa on April 29 went well with four churches and three dozen kids involved. Others of our field team have reported enthusiastic results from live single-church quizzes. They were less about competition and more about individuals challenging themselves to review and remember. And for the third year in a row, virtual Bible quizzing was available. As a team, we intend to share our experiences and determine the best means of accomplishing the goal of hiding God's Word in our hearts.

Unfortunately, we felt the need to pull the plug on the live Sparks Camp-a-Rama events that we had previously announced for the first two Saturdays of June. Overcoming the lack of momentum that came with the Covid shutdowns we should have gotten an earlier start to recruit staff and put all the safety policies in place. Lesson learned we hope.

Thank you for keeping us in your prayers. We value your partnership with us. May God bless you richly.

Because Kids Matter to God,

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