

Welcome to the 2023-2024 AWANA Club! Your leaders for this year are Susan and John McSpadden, Ashley Rhodes, & Cleo Machado The Awana Director is Susan McSpadden Our webpage: sbcsouthhadley.org/AWANA

Calendar

04/12: Pajama and Food Drive night 04/19: NO Club 04/26: Regular Club Happy Birthday To: Alliette M: 04/18 Vinny S: 04/28 Vito S: 04/28

Bible Pledge

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word. I will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. I will hide its words in my heart, that I might not sin against God.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

T&T Announcements: April 5, 2024

Next week is a pajama and food drive night, so feel free to come in your jammies and bring a non-perishable item for the food drive to earn points for Store! The following week is April vacation and there is no club.

This week's verses: Psalm 16:11 "You have made known to me the path of life; You will fill me with joy in Your presence, with eternal pleasures at Your right hand. Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Section 4.2 <u>Discovery of Joy</u> and Section 4.4 <u>Discovery of Kindness and Goodness</u>

- Psalm 16:11. When we discover God's grace and love, we discover joy. Joy is more than running around with a smile on your face and laughing all the time.
- 2. Acts 3:1-11. What was wrong with the man? What would he ask people for every day? Whom did the lame man ask for money in v3? What did Peter NOT give to the man? What did Peter do instead? How did the man react/feel?
- 3. God gives us joy, too, when we trust Jesus as our Savior. It isn't something we work to have. Even when life doesn't go like we want itt to, God gives us joy.
- 4. Who saw the man walking and praising God? What were the people filled with when they saw the man healed? When people see our joy, they want to have the same joy! What should we do with that joy?
- 5. Ephesians 2:10. You are God's workmanship or masterpiece. God carefully created YOU! One of the things He created you for was to be kind and to do good. God didn't just create you so that you could sit around and look good. He created you with a plan. We were created and saved so that God could do His good work in and through us. One of the ways that God can work through us is by being kind and good to someone else.
- 6. Mark 2:2-12. The men showed kindness and goodness to their friend by doing whatever they needed to get him to Jesus. It was probably hard to carry the man to the top of the roof, take apart the roof, and lower him, but the friends knew that to truly be good and kind, you need to put yourself second to others. We can only be truly kind and good by the power of the Holy Spirit.

T&T Verses

Psalm 16:11 "You have made known to me the path of life; You will fill me with joy in Your presence, with eternal pleasures at Your right hand."

Acts 3:1-11 "Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock prayer service. As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth was being carried in. Each day he was put beside the Temple gate, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could beg from the people going into the Temple. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money.

Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, "Look at us!" The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!"

Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them.

All the people saw him walking and heard him praising God. When they realized he was the lame beggar they had seen so often at the Beautiful Gate, they were absolutely astounded! They all rushed out in amazement to Solomon's Colonnade, where the man was holding tightly to Peter and John.

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Mark 2:2-12 "Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was preaching God's word to them, four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven."

But some of the teachers of religious law who were sitting there thought to themselves, "What is he saying? This is blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!"

Jesus knew immediately what they were thinking, so he asked them, "Why do you question this in your hearts? Is it easier to say to the paralyzed man 'Your sins are forgiven,' or 'Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk'? So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!"

And the man jumped up, grabbed his mat, and walked out through the stunned onlookers. They were all amazed and praised God, exclaiming, "We've never seen anything like this before!"