

Your Role as a Handbook Leader:

- **Listen** carefully to verse recitation
- **Encourage** spiritual growth, not just memorization
- **Explain** Scripture simply and clearly
- **Celebrate** effort and progress

Handbook Time:

1. Welcome the Clubber

- Smile, make eye contact, and use their name
- Ask how their week was or if they had help at home
- Do an opening (Prayer, question of the week, ect.)

2. Review the Section

- Ask: “Are you ready to say your verse?”
- Listen **attentively** (allow up to **2 helps** per section if needed)
- If they succeed, say: “Great job!” and sign off
- If they struggle, say: “Let’s work on it together” and encourage review

3. Talk About the Verse (Optional but Encouraged)

- Ask one of these:
 - “What do you think this verse means?”
 - “How can you use this in your life?”
 - “Did anything stand out to you?”
- Explain it in simple, age-appropriate terms

4. **Apply and Pray**

- Help them apply the lesson:

“This verse reminds us God is always with us when we’re scared.”

- End with a short prayer or offer to pray if time allows

5. **Track Progress**

- Sign off the section in their book
- AWANA shares (1 per section)
- Mark it in your leader log

Tips for Effective Leadership:

- Keep your tone **warm, gentle, and confident**
- Be **flexible**—not every child learns the same way
- Focus on the **message**, not perfection
- **Celebrate every win**, even a small step forward
- Encourage parents to help kids practice at home