



Awana GO Uganda Theme Night Guide

Introduction

This week during Awana, we will take off and fly to Uganda. We will get a glimpse of what God is doing there through Awana International and Compassion International. We will experience some of Awana Africa's worship, as well as focus on God's great love for children. Our goal will be that your students gain a deeper understanding of what a holistic ministry is all about, as well as learn the value of sharing the gospel to those who desperately need to have a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Use this fun, engaging, and inspiring theme night as part of Missions Month, as a stand-alone theme night, or just as part of your Large Group Time. Feel free to adapt this experience to your club environment and schedule.

Main Theme

Jesus cares for our physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

What is holistic ministry?

A holistic ministry means that we come alongside of God's work to bless the entire person: their physical, emotional and spiritual needs. A holistic ministry seeks to minister as Jesus did while He walked on Earth.

Resources

Download the poster and video at awanacanada.ca/uganda



Game Time

Awana clubs in Uganda play much of the same games as they would play here in Canada.

Uganda's national sport is soccer. Run a mini soccer tournament during your club night. If you have an Awana circle, you can play a four-way soccer game where the goal is to knock down the opposing team's pin.

Small Group/Handbook Time

Consider running a Verse-a-Thon for the Awana GO Uganda Campaign.

Verse-a-Thon is similar to a Walk-a-Thon. Kids get sponsors for how many Bible verses they can say on a given night or specific timeframe. For more information, go to www.awana.org/go-verse-a-thon

Large Group Time

Begin by sharing the story of the Paralyzed Man (Luke 5:19-26):

- Consider acting out the story using volunteers from your clubs.
- It's always a good idea to read the story directly from the bible.
- You could find re-enacted pictures and drawings of the event online.

Use the following questions to help start conversations about the passage.

How did Jesus care for the paralyzed man's spiritual need?

Jesus forgave the man of his sins.

Jesus knew the heart of everyone that was present that day. He knew that the Pharisees did not believe that he was the Messiah but that the friends of the paralyzed man, and the man himself, did have faith. It was by Jesus' grace, through their faith, that Jesus forgave his sins. Forgiving sins is how Jesus cares for our spiritual needs. In Uganda we will be supporting the work of Awana as the means to reach the spiritual needs of others.

You could share a story here of when you believed in Jesus and received his forgiveness.

How did Jesus care for the man's physical needs?

Jesus healed his paralyzed body so that he could walk again.

God's love for us extends even to our physical needs. We know that he cares when we are hungry, tired, sick, or hurting. Jesus himself fed those who were hungry and touched those who were sick.

Often, the followers of Jesus are the ones to bring God's care for the physical needs of people. In Uganda we will be working with Compassion Uganda to meet the physical needs of those we share the gospel with.

How did Jesus meet the emotional needs of the paralyzed man?

Jesus cared for the paralyzed man by focusing on him in a crowded room of needy people.

The paralyzed man was blessed to have friends and the attention of Jesus on that day. The truth is that we all need friends on earth and ultimately the blessing of friendship with Jesus. In Uganda we will work with Awana and Compassion to help create safe places for children to thrive emotionally.

Pray for Uganda. Pray for many children and families to be impacted by new Awana clubs in their communities.

Worship

“Siyahamba (We Are Marching)” - by Andries Van Tonder

Siyhamba is a South African hymn written in 1952. This is the song that Jon ImBeau and the kids sing at the end of the Awana GO Uganda Campaign Video.

You can find the song and music here:
www.worshipworkshop.org.uk/songs-and-hymns/hymns/we-are-marching-in-the-light-of-god *

Source: Wikipedia. en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siyahamba *



Watch this video: awanacanada.ca/uganda

English

We are marching in the light
of God

We are marching in the light
of God.

We are marching in the light
of God,

We are marching in the light
of God.

[in the light of God]

We are marching... ooh

[We are marching, marching,
we are marching, marching.]

We are marching in the light
of God.

[the light of God]

We are marching... ooh

[We are marching, marching,
we are marching, marching.]

We are marching in the light
of God.

(Alternative versions of the
lyrics may alternate marching
with different verbs such as
walking, dancing, singing,
living, or praying).

Swahili

(Uganda Official Language)

Twatembea nuruni mwake,

twatembea nuruni mwake.

Twatembea nuruni mwake,

twatembea nuruni mwake.

[nuruni mwake]

Twatembea... ooh

[Twatembea, tembea,
twatembea, tembea,]

Twatembea nuruni mwake.

[nuruni mwake]

Twatembea... ooh

[Twatembea, tembea,
twatembea, tembea,]

Twatembea nuruni mwake.

Zulu

(Original)

Siyahamb' ekukhanyeni
kwenkos,

Siyahamba ekukhanyeni
kwenkos'.

Siyahamb' ekukhanyeni
kwenkos',

Siyahamba ekukhanyeni
kwenkos'.

[ekukhanyeni kwenkos']

Siyahamba... ooh

[Siyahamba, hamba,
Siyahamba, hamba]

Siyahamba ekukhanyeni
kwenkos'.

[ekukhanyeni kwenkos']

Siyahamba... ooh

[Siyahamba, hamba,
Siyahamba, hamba]

Siyahamba ekukhanyeni
kwenkos'.