

Serving Children with Disabilities Intro

Find the *Serving Children with Disabilities* training series associated with this resource under the Children with Disabilities category at awana.org/clubclinic.

Key Principles:

Scripture teaches that every believer is a valuable member of the body of Christ and children in particular were valuable to Jesus.

Psalm 139:13 (NIV) - For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

1 Corinthians 12:18 (NIV) - But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.

Mark 10:14 (NIV) - ...He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Awana Prayer Statement - That *all* children and youth throughout the world will come to know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.



Think of each member of the body of Christ as a pink and green puzzle piece.

Green = areas of strength

Pink = areas of weakness

Every member is made up of both pink and green!

Tips:

- Do you have the right attitude about serving children with disabilities in your club? God has hand-crafted each of us in his image and we each fill an important role in God's kingdom.
- Consider the green and pink puzzle piece. Every child is made of both strengths and weaknesses.
- Think about who loses when we do not welcome certain children into our Awana clubs. The child with a disability loses but the other clubbers lose as well.



Stop and Think:

How is your church doing at receiving all children into your club with open arms?

What do you need to be better equipped to serve children with disabilities?



Resources

Awana for Me - A Guide to Working with Children with Special Needs
Find it: Awana Store

Inclusion Awareness Kit
Find it: Online store at clcnetwork.org

G.L.U.E. Training Manual
Find it: Online store at clcnetwork.org

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