

Sparkles

Awana
Clubs™



This month we're talking about your family.

Every family is different. Your family might have four people in it. Or maybe there are only two people. There might even be nine people in your family! Some of you have Grandma or Grandpa living at your house.

It doesn't matter how many people are in your family — God makes all different kinds of families. **Families are wonderful.**



The Bible teaches that we are to be kind and loving and forgiving to each other.
Galatians 5:13 tells us that we are to serve each other.
Philippians 2:3-4 says that we need to think of others before ourselves.



While it's very important to do as the Bible teaches when we're with our friends, adults and teachers, it's also very important to do as the Bible teaches when we're with our family. Think of this — you usually have a different teacher at school or Sunday school every year, and there will be times when your friends will move away — but your family is with you forever. You have the same family year after year.

It's very important to love and care for your family. It's important because it's what the Bible teaches and because it's pleasing to God.

So how can you show the people in your family that you care about them and love them? Do you leave your socks or shoes lying around the house? Instead of leaving a mess, pick up your things and put them away so your mom doesn't have to pick up after you.

Or try this — it's sure to shock your brother or sister! When it's someone else's turn to clear the table or do the dishes, jump up and do it yourself. Here's one that will encourage your dad — tell him that you're glad he's your dad and that you're thankful for all he does for you. These are just a few ways you can show your family members that you love them and care about them. Don't forget that you can always say "I love you" too!

Snack Time!

Here's a yummy snack you can make!
Just be sure to have your mom or dad help you.

English Muffin Pizza

What you need:

- English muffin
- Pasta sauce
- Shredded pizza cheese
- Any toppings you like (such as pepperoni, pre-cooked sausage, black olives)

What you do:

Toast the English muffin. Pile on the pasta sauce, cheese and toppings. Then use your toaster oven (set it to broil) or the broiler in your oven to bake the pizzas for 5-10 minutes. It's that easy! And it's soooooo yummy.



HERE ARE SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE MONTH OF JANUARY.



We think the Romans added January to the calendar many, many years ago, like around 700 B.C. That's a loooong time ago!

January 14th is 'Dress Up Your Pet' Day.

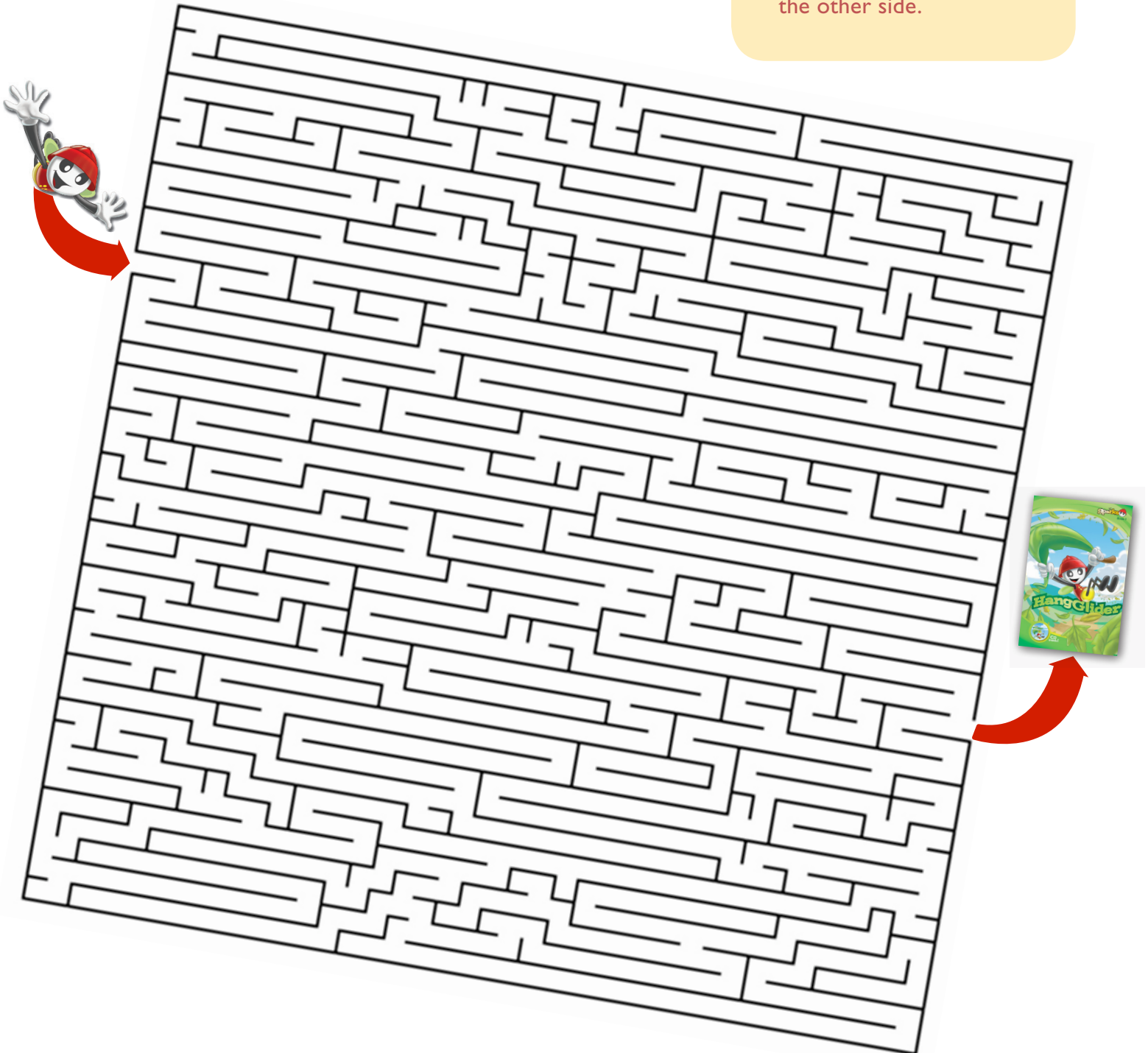
The birthstone for January is the garnet. Garnets are reddish brown.

There are 31 days in January.



Puzzle Time!

Your job is to get Sparky through the maze so he can get to Sparks® on the other side.



Club Announcements & Fun Stuff

CALENDAR

January 4:

- Our Awana Theme: Jump In
- Sparks: we will jump in to Awana with fun jumping games

January 11:

- Our Awana Theme: Sling-A-Ding
- Sparks: be here right on time or you will miss out on finding out what a Sling-A-Ding is

January 18:

- Our Awana Theme: Half Gets You Double
- Sparks: if you are finished with Green Jewel 2 in your books then you will get two scoops of ice cream (everyone gets one scoop) -- yum! yum!

January 25:

- Our Awana Theme: Rock Band
- Sparks: bring in a wacky colored or shaped rock and see what we do with them tonight

BAD WEATHER

If the weather looks questionable, please use your best judgment in deciding whether to attend Awana. In situations where the schools have canceled the school session or canceled their evening events then we will follow suit and cancel Awana. We try to make any decision to cancel Awana by 2:00 pm so you have time to adjust their schedules. The church website, www.woodlandchurch.org, is the first

place to look for cancellations. We also contact radio stations 89Q and WGNV.

SWITCH-ER-OO

We have made a slight change to our Awana calendar in February. Please mark your calendar accordingly -- on February 8 we will have Awana and on February 15 there will NOT be Awana.

FAMILY RESOURCES

Awana provides a variety of resources aimed at helping families to make the most of their Awana experience. These resources include story books, games and music that provide help for children in learning Scripture. We have several examples of these resources available at our Family Resource Table in the lobby. Stop by and check out these resources.

PRAYER HELPS

Here are three quick ways that you can pray for Awana this week:

- For leaders and clubbers to walk closely with God today
- For leaders to clearly explain God's Word as opportunities arise
- For the salvation message to be shared clearly