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# Introduction



Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

This passage from Matthew 19:14 (NIV) is often illustrated with a group of angelic children sitting attentively at Jesus’ feet. Perhaps this was the first picture that popped into your mind when you agreed to lead out with Busy Bees. However, now that you’ve had time to think about it, the picture may have quickly changed to a group of active first graders running around the room while you stand helplessly in their midst. Hopefully the reality will be somewhere in between these two pictures!

This guide was developed to assist parents and Busy Bee level leaders who want to work with children as they develop physically and spiritually. The Busy Bee curriculum can be used as part of the Adventurer Club in your church or by a group of parents who want to use a curriculum to assist them in teaching their children skills and values.

All Busy Bee activities should be fun and kid-centered. Remember that children of this age look to adults to set the pace of the meetings and model how they should respond to situations. So . . . take a deep breath, say a prayer, and keep your sense of humor. Your adventures with Busy Bees are about to begin!

# Section 1

## The Busy Bee Level

This section contains an overview of the Busy Bee level. You'll get a quick look at where Busy Bees fit into the Adventurer Club, the goals, Pledge, Law, song, and more!



Busy Bees are part of the Adventurer Club which is for children from pre-kindergarten to fourth grade. Adventurers can be found worldwide with a membership of more than 2 million boys and girls.



## ADVENTURER LEVELS



Pre-kindergarten



Kindergarten



First Grade



Second Grade



Third Grade



Fourth Grade

### ADVENTURER CLUB LOGO

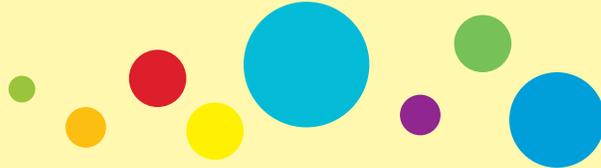
The logo is a visual reminder of what the Adventurer Club is all about. The Adventurer Club is a ministry for families that is supported by a strong biblical foundation. All club activities are focused on connecting children and their parents/caregivers to Jesus.

Focused on Jesus

Family-centered

Bible-based





# Busy Bee Goals

- 1 Demonstrate God's love for children.
- 2 Promote the values expressed in the Adventurer Pledge and Law.
- 3 Create an environment where all children can contribute.
- 4 Encourage children to have fun.

## Busy Bee Logo



### ADVENTURER PLEDGE

Because Jesus loves me,  
I will always do my best.

### ADVENTURER LAW

Jesus can help me to:

- Be obedient
- Be pure
- Be true
- Be kind
- Be respectful
- Be attentive
- Be helpful
- Be cheerful
- Be thoughtful
- Be reverent

### ADVENTURER SONG

We are Adventurers  
 At home, at school, at play  
 We are Adventurers  
 We're learning every day  
 To be honest, kind, and true  
 To be like Jesus through and through  
 We are Adventurers!





## The Busy Bee Curriculum

One of your responsibilities as Adventurer parents and staff is to encourage the physical, mental, and spiritual development of each child. The Adventurer curriculum levels were created to assist you with this responsibility. The Busy Bee requirements are organized into five areas: Basic, My God, My Self, My Family, and My World. Additionally, children can earn lots of fun and educational awards.

Most children will complete the program requirements, except for the Busy Bee Reading award\*, as part of the Busy Bee meetings (pp. 29-116). The completion of each requirement will be noted in the lesson so you can put a star or sticker by the child's name on the Busy Bee chart and/or card. At the end of the Adventurer year, each child completing all the requirements will receive the Busy Bee pin during the Investiture Service.

It is important for Adventurer staff to understand that not all Busy Bees will be at the same developmental level or have the same physical abilities, so you'll need to be flexible in how the children complete these requirements. It is up to you to interpret how the children fulfill these requirements. For example, not all children will be able to memorize or read Bible verses. Instead, you can explain the verse to the child and then have the child draw a picture illustrating the verse. A child who might not be able to grip a paintbrush could instead dip a large sponge into paint and decorate a sheet of paper. Again, flexibility and creativity are the keys to ensuring the success of each Busy Bee.



\*The Busy Bee Reading award is usually done outside of meeting time with a parent or guardian.  
(requirements on p. 7)

Find lots of activity ideas & resources at [Pinterest.com/AdventSource](https://www.pinterest.com/AdventSource)





# Busy Bee Investiture Requirements

## BASIC

- I. Recite and accept the Adventurer Pledge.
- II. Complete the Busy Bee Reading award.



See p. 7 for Busy Bee Reading award requirements.

## MY GOD

### I. God's Plan to Save Me

A. Create a story chart or lapbook showing the order in which these events took place:

- Creation
- The first sin
- Jesus cares for me today
- Jesus comes again
- Heaven

OR the Bible stories you are studying in school or Sabbath School. (See pp. 118-122 for coloring sheets.)

B. Use your story chart or lapbook to show someone how much Jesus cares for you.

### II. God's Message to Me

Complete the Bible I award.

### III. God's Power in My Life

A. Spend regular quiet time with Jesus to talk with Him and learn about Him.

B. Ask three people why they pray.



## MY SELF

### I. I Am Special

Participate in an activity or make a craft showing different people who care for you.

### II. I Can Make Wise Choices

Name at least four different feelings. Participate in an activity or make a craft showing different feelings.

### III. I Can Care for My Body

Complete the Health Specialist award.



## MY FAMILY

### I. I Have a Family

Show or explain what you like about each family member.

### II. Family Members Care for Each Other

**A.** Discover what the fifth commandment (Exodus 20:12) tells you about families.

**B.** Act out three ways you can honor your family.

### III. My Family Helps Me Care for Myself

Complete the Safety Specialist award.

## MY WORLD

### I. The World of Friends

Tell how you can be a good friend. Use:

- Puppets
- Role playing
- Your choice

### II. The World of Other People

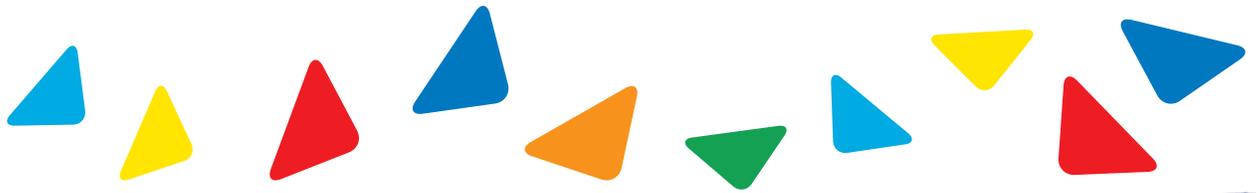
**A.** Discuss the work people do for your church.

**B.** Learn about one job by helping the person do it.

### III. The World of Nature

Complete the Friend of Animals award.





# Adventurer Awards

Busy Bee patches are called awards. There are lots of awards and each one is designed to encourage your Busy Bees to explore, learn, and play. Once a Busy Bee has completed all the required activities for an individual award he or she can receive that patch.

Many awards are completed as part of the Busy Bee curriculum but your club will probably set aside time just for awards.

It is important to note that the awards have levels that correspond with the Adventurer levels. When you are selecting an award to complete, make sure that you choose age-appropriate awards.

When working on awards it is up to the leader to adapt the requirements to the club and children's needs. For example, an award may require the child to play an action game using a community helper's skills. As parent or leader you might choose to watch a video or visit a community helper.

It is also up to you to decide when a child has met the intent of the award. Remember that not all children will be capable of completing all award requirements as written. It is more important that the children try new things and have fun than compete with each other to receive the most awards or become frustrated by requirements that are beyond their abilities. Flexibility on your part will make the experience more enjoyable and positive for both children and parents!

Children of this age need immediate rewards so you will want to consider giving Busy Bees their patch for completing the award right away to put on their sash. You can also put a star or sticker by each child's name on the record chart when the requirements for an award are completed (see p. 138 or print a PDF from the Resource USB Flash Drive).

## BUSY BEE READING AWARD

Awarded to Adventurers who listen while someone else reads:

1. Genesis 1:1 through 2:3 or Revelation 21:1 through 22:5 from a simple, modern translation of the Bible
2. A Bible story or book about Jesus
3. A book on health or safety
4. A book on family, friends, or feelings
5. A book on history or missions
6. A book on nature

Visit [adventsource.org](http://adventsource.org) for age-appropriate books for the Reading award.





## WHERE DO I FIND THE AWARD REQUIREMENTS?

The Resource USB Flash Drive available from [adventsource.org](http://adventsource.org) includes requirements for all Adventurer awards as of publication date. New patches are being created every year so check [Adventurer-Club.org](http://Adventurer-Club.org) for all the new patch requirements and teachers helps.



Leaders should think ahead about how they are going to recognize their Busy Bees during the Investiture program at the end of the year. One idea is to cut a length of ribbon for each Busy Bee and attach the child's name to the top. Throughout the year, add pictures of all the awards that the child received. Give each child their ribbon when they receive their Busy Bee pin during the Investiture Service.

