



# **T&T Curriculum Update**

## **Book Release Schedule & Transition Guide**

### **Greetings!**

...and thank you for taking the time to learn more about the new Truth and Training update. We have prepared this document to help you understand how to scale this update for your ministry and also help inform decisions you need to make as you look toward this coming 2016-17 ministry season.

As you prepare your club, please know that every club ministry is different. What we have provided are very general and basic recommendations. There may be other factors in your ministry context to which we are not aware of and have not considered in the creation of this document. In the end, we encourage you, since you know your ministry best to deploy whatever strategy will serve your kids, families, and leaders best.

If you have additional questions about how to scale this update for your ministry please contact us at [ttupdate@awana.org](mailto:ttupdate@awana.org) or call (866)292-6227.

**Blessings,**

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## Understanding the New Structure

The new T&T curriculum does suggest a new structure. Prior, kids received a handbook in the 3rd grade and continued to progress at their own pace throughout the program. The classic T&T structure provided four books that would suggest one book a year for the four-year breakdown of the 3rd-6th grade program.

While a child/student is still free to progress through the new handbooks at their own pace, the curriculum was designed with the **All-Together Method** in mind. Using this method, the group progresses together from week-to-week throughout the handbook. This feature was added to help reinforce the verses and values presented each week in the large group time.

Our best suggestion for integrating the new T&T is establishing an “**A/B yearly rotation model**” in your program. In this model, third and fourth graders would together go through book A the first year, and book B the next year.

The following is the **Release Schedule** for each book in the updated T&T program and a *recommendation* for how you could implement the new structure based on the scheduled release dates for each book.

### RELEASE SCHEDULE

**Fall 2016:** Mission: Grace in Action (UA1 equivalent)

**Fall 2017:** Title: TBD (UA2 equivalent)

**Fall 2018:** Title: TBD (UC1 equivalent)

**Fall 2019:** Title: TBD (UC2 equivalent)

### IMPLEMENTATION STRUCTURE

(Using the recommended “A/B rotation” model)

#### 2016-2017 Club Year (Year A)

1. All 3rd and new 4th graders will begin the new Mission: Grace in Action (UA1 equivalent) curriculum.

2. Existing 4th, 5th, and 6th graders will continue to complete the program as they first received it.
3. 5th and 6th Grade will continue to complete the existing *Ultimate Challenge* program.

### **2017-2018 Club Year (Year B)**

1. All **3rd and 4th graders** will be using the new (*UA2 Equivalent*) to be released in 2017.
2. Existing **5th and 6th graders** will continue to complete the existing *Ultimate Challenge* program.

### **2018-2019 Club Year (Year A)**

1. All **3rd and 4th graders** will be using the Mission: Grace in Action Handbook.
2. All **5th graders** will be using the new (*UC1 equivalent*), the third handbook in the update series.
3. **6th graders** will complete the existing *Ultimate Challenge* program.

### **2019-2020 Club Year (Year B)**

1. All **3rd and 4th graders** will be using the new Mission: Grace in Action (*UA1 equivalent*) curriculum.
2. All **5th and 6th graders** will be using the new (*UC2 equivalent*), fourth handbook in the update series.

## **How do I run T&T if we have 3rd-6th graders all together in one group?**

### **Handbooks:**

We recommend starting all 3rd graders and any new 4th graders in the new T&T handbook **Mission: Grace in Action**. Returning 4th, 5th, and 6th graders should continue on in whatever handbook they were working in or started on the previous year and complete the program as they have first received it.

### **Fast Track:**

Designate 10-15 minutes either before T&T starts or during T&T each week that is exclusively dedicated to handbook signoff. This allows Small Group Time to focus on relationship building between leaders and kids, and discipleship. Recommended: one leader per five students to keep Fast Track running smoothly and efficiently.

## **Large Group Time:**

**Option 1:** Run one Large Group Time, using the new Mission: Grace in Action Large Group lessons.

**Option 2:** If running one Large Group Time across four grade levels proves challenging, but you are short on space and leaders, consider splitting the group between 3rd/4th and 5th/6th grades and have two small “large groups” in the same room with a leader facilitating each group.

Refer to the Large Group Guide for more information on how to build 15-, 20-, and 25-minute lessons to accommodate your Large Group Time.

## **Small Group Time:**

Run one or two Small Groups (or more) of five kids each for the kids using the Mission: Grace in Action handbooks; continue running traditional Handbook Time for the kids using other handbooks.

## **How do I run T&T if I have 3rd and 4th graders together in one group, and 5th and 6th graders together in another group?**

### **Handbooks:**

We recommend starting all 3rd graders and any new 4th graders in the new T&T handbook Mission: Grace in Action. Returning 4th, 5th, and 6th graders should continue on in whatever handbook they were working in or started on the previous year and complete the program as they have first received it.

### **Fast Track:**

Designate a 10 to 15 minute time either before T&T starts or during T&T each week that is exclusively dedicated to handbook signoff. This allows Small Group Time to focus on relationship building between leaders and kids, and discipleship. Recommended: one leader per five students to keep Fast Track running smoothly and efficiently.

## **Large Group Time:**

**Option 1:** Run one Large Group Time for all four grade levels using the new Mission: Grace in Action Large Group lessons.

**Option 2:** Run two Large Group Times – one for 3rd and 4th grade using the Mission: Grace in Action lesson and one for 5th and 6th grade using the Ultimate Challenge Large Group books or other lessons of your choosing.

Refer to the Large Group Guide for more information on how to build 15-, 20-, and 25-minute lessons to accommodate your Large Group Time.

### **Small Group Time:**

Split the kids using the Mission: Grace in Action handbooks into Small Groups of five kids each. Continue running traditional Handbook Time for kids using other handbooks. Consider splitting the groups between more than one room to keep noise levels down.

## **How do I run T&T if we have separate groups for each grade level 3rd-6th?**

### **Handbooks:**

We recommend starting all 3rd graders and any new 4th graders in the new T&T handbook Mission: Grace in Action. Returning 4th, 5th, and 6th graders should continue on in whatever handbook they were working in or started on and complete the program as they have first received it.

### **Fast Track:**

Designate a 10- to 15-minute time either before T&T starts or during T&T each week that is exclusively dedicated to handbook signoff. This allows Small Group Time to focus on relationship building between leaders and kids, and discipleship. Recommended: one leader per five students to keep Fast Track running smoothly and efficiently.

### **Large Group Time:**

**Option 1:** Run one Large Group Time for all four grade levels using the new Mission: Grace in Action Large Group lessons.

**Option 2:** Run two Large Group Times – one for 3rd and 4th grade using the Mission: Grace in Action lesson and one for 5th and 6th grade using the Ultimate Challenge Large Group books or other lessons of your choosing.

**Option 3:** Separate Large Group Time with Mission: Grace in Action Large Group lessons for kids using the Mission: Grace in Action Handbooks and run another Large Group Time for the kids using other handbooks.

Refer to the Large Group Guide for more information on how to build 15-, 20-, and 25-minute lessons to accommodate your Large Group Time.

**Small Group Time:**

Split the kids using the Mission: Grace in Action handbooks into Small Groups of five kids each. Continue running traditional Handbook Time for kids using other handbooks. Consider splitting the groups between multiple rooms, to keep noise levels down, unless you have a large space that can accommodate multiple groups.