

BASEBALL STORY

The weather report had been iffy, but by 7:00 p.m. the Memphis Redbirds and the Iowa Cubs were ready to play a Triple-A ball game under a bluer than blue sky at Principal Park in Des Moines, Iowa.

WHY is this game noteworthy?

Because approximately 400 Awana® leaders and clubbers were in the stands – many of them book finishers. Each spring Ron Glynn, Awana missionary in Iowa, plans an Awana night at the Iowa Cubs and leaders and clubbers from across the state participate.

The night was exactly-right baseball weather. The sun reflected off the gold dome of the Iowa capitol building, making it sparkle against the white clouds. A Sparkie stood on top of the dugout roof and helped an attendant shoot T-shirts into the crowd. A vendor screamed, “Cotton candy!”

Sadly (you have to feel bad for these kids), about 30 clubbers from Ottumwa didn’t get to attend the game because their school system decided they would have school on Saturday to make up for the winter’s many snow days.

But the kids at the game had fun as the Cubs soared to a winning finish.

I talked to a couple of T&Ters who were there, enjoying the evening.

Mandi attends Northgate Alliance in Ottumwa, and she was happy that she finished her book this year. (Mandi is also homeschooled and done with classes for the year, so she didn’t have the Saturday



snow day problem.) She told me her favorite verse was Acts 16:31.

“I remember learning it in Sparks®,” she told me. “My leader thought I said it so well, she had me say it in front of the entire church, so it’s always been one of my favorites.”

Mandi finished her book this year and is looking forward to next year.

Peter is also a book finisher. He lives in Stanhope, Iowa and came to the game with a



group from Victory Christian Fellowship. Peter thought hard and then told me his favorite verse is Romans 3:23. He thinks it’s important for people to know that everyone has sinned and no one can get to God on his or her own.

Congratulations to both of you for finishing your books.

Which makes me think of something: What if YOU were sitting at a ball game and suddenly this person comes up to you and says she’s from *KidsPrint* and asks YOU what YOUR favorite verse is? What would you say?

Getting to go to a ball game is a cool reward for finishing a handbook, but an even better reward is that these kids have a lot of verses in their hearts and minds. What you learn from God’s Word makes a difference throughout your whole, entire life. Be excited about memorizing what God has said to you through the Bible.

MARVELOUS MICHIGAN!



Remember we're doing "this is what I like about my state" features in *KidsPrint*. Here is what the kids at the First Congregational Church in Almont, Michigan had to say about their state.

- Not all states have winter like we do. I like building snowmen and sledding. Winter is fun. (Isabelle, age 8)
- The thing I like best about Michigan is that it's so beautiful. I especially like the Great Lakes around us and the seasons. (John, age 10)
- Probably the snow – it's fun going sledding and playing in the snow. (Michael, age 9)
- Winter and snowball fights with friends. (Christopher, age 9)
- Summer, especially swimming! (Andrew, age 11)

And here are some other great things about Michigan: tulips, Greenfield Village, lakes, boating, Frankenmuth, Mackinac Island, Sioux Locks, the Keweenaw Peninsula ...

BASEBALL RIDDLE

Here is a favorite question that people like to ask about baseball. What are seven ways you can get to first base?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

BASEBALL TRIVIA

The world's longest baseball bat is 120 feet (36.6 meters) high. You can see it at the Louisville Slugger Museum in Louisville, Kentucky.

BRAIN DRAIN

Figure Out the Following Math Problem:

1. Begin with the number of years Jephthah judged Israel. (Judges 12:7)
2. Add the number of sons named Peleg. (Genesis 10:25)
3. Subtract the number of anchors. (Acts 27:29)
4. Add the number of Ziba's sons. (2 Samuel 9:10)
5. Subtract the number of years the man was in bed. (Acts 9:33)
6. Subtract the number of loaves the boy had. (John 6:9)
7. Add the sons of Noah. (Genesis 9:19)
8. Subtract the number of things the writer didn't know. (Proverbs 30:18)
9. Add how many days work is to be done. (Exodus 31:15)
10. Add the number of chains of braided gold. (Exodus 28:14)

Your answer should equal the number of disciples. (Matthew 11:1)

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Ha! Ha! Ha!

Here are some riddles from the T&T clubbers at Central Baptist Church in Henderson, North Carolina.

Where do race cars go swimming? (Jarrett, age 11)

What belongs to you, but others use it more than you do?
(Jenna, age 8)

The more you take away, the larger it becomes. What is it?
(Kelsey, age 12)

What do you call a sleeping bull? (Samuel, age 10)

Why did the farmer buy a brown cow? (Meagan, age 8)

(Answers: a car pool, your name, a hole, a bulldozer, he wanted chocolate milk)

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The longest baseball game was on May 9, 1984, when the Milwaukee Brewers played the Chicago White Sox. The game lasted eight hours and six minutes and was 25 innings long.

The shortest baseball game was played way back in 1919 – Philadelphia vs. New York. The game was 55 minutes long.

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