

## *Creating an Awards Program*

Honor your students by planning an Awards Program that will be the highlight of their school year. Make it the culminating event of the academic year by scheduling it close to the day you have chosen as the last day of school. Plan the program with emphasis on character, spiritual growth, and achievement. Scripture memory awards should be the pinnacle of the Awards Program.

Here are some ideas to help you plan an unforgettable and inspiring Awards Program:

- Choose a theme that can be reflected in the decorations and awards.
- Award or recognize character traits that your students have demonstrated throughout the school year.
- Award or recognize accomplishments during the school year:
  - Completion of the ABCs with Ace and Christi program (diploma item #329)
  - Literature Achievement for 20 or more book reports (certificate item # 372)
  - Grade point averages (entire year and/or individual subjects)
    - A Honor Roll for PACE Test average of 94–100% (certificate item #328)
    - B Honor Roll for PACE Test average of 88–93% (certificate item #428)
  - Cursive writing or neat penmanship
  - Completion of a year's work (minimum of 72 PACEs)
  - Most consistent
  - Greatest improvement
  - Perfect attendance
- Ask church family to attend.
- Encourage students to share their talents or work accomplished during the year by:
  - Quoting memorized passages of Scripture.
  - Singing the Alphabet Song or another song they have learned throughout the school year.
  - Sharing an illustrated short story.
  - Playing an instrument.
- Purchase awards, certificates, and “goodie” bags. Have award commensurate with character demonstrated.
- Recognize staff, substitutes, assistants, parents, and volunteers.

Preparing an Awards Program not only creates unforgettable memories but is also a great tool for promoting student incentive, school spirit, and community awareness.