



COURSE SYLLABUS
Performing Arts/Theater

Tuesdays from 1:30 to 2:25 pm
Bressi Campus, Fall 2020

“So whatever you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God”
1 Corinthians 10:31

“What’s in your hands is what God wants to power” PS Jurgen Matthesius

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**Course
Details**

In This class we will be cultivating and growing a multitude of facets of each student’s individuality and talents within performing arts through acting, singing, playing an instrument, reciting poetry, bible verses and whatever talents these beautiful children of God possesses.

We will be collectively brainstorming on a biblical play, writing it, editing it, blocking it, workshopping scenes, and ultimately performing it at our end of the year showcase. I will also be giving the students an opportunity to express their own individual talent in our final class with a 2-3 minute performance.

Note-Each class will begin with a bible verse. We will run our class with the solid foundation of Gods word and the truth! So please bring your bibles!

**Textbook &
Materials** *Bible, Notebook, Pen*

- Course Objectives**
- 1 - Build confidence character and imagination through drama games, and Performing arts
 - 2 - Create our own original play! We were born creators!
 - 3 - Build up each student's talents and cultivate and grow new ones!
 - 4 - Solidify and embrace our Identity in Christ through weekly bible verses and focusing everything we do "for the glory of God" and for building His kingdom on earth!

Academy Mission and Vision Statements

Awaken Academy Mission: The goal of Awaken Academy is to foster a lifelong love of learning and an appreciation for the arts in the context of church and culture, helping to equip the next generation of leaders to excel in the home, the church, and the marketplace.

Awaken Academy Vision: Awaken Academy endeavors to partner with Awaken homeschooling parents, creating community, enhancing skills, and building kingdom.

Awaken Academy Statement of Purpose: Awaken Academy connects parents, pastors, professors, and homeschool students around the central hub of the local church, providing collective oversight and connective opportunities for church-based homeschool programs. Additionally, Awaken Academy fosters connective threads between the local church and Christian institutions of higher education, strengthening the bonds of unity, creating a rich culture of educational and workplace influence, and preparing students for college, career, and family life.

About Your Teacher

Ms. Sarah and her husband Graham moved from Kansas 4 years ago with their five children- Ages 6, 11,13,15, and 19 and 2 dogs Luke Skywalker and Beans! Their family resides in Carlsbad, and have been an active part in Awaken Church for 2 years. Ms Sarah has had a passion for performing arts from a very young age. She has had roles as the wicked witch of the west in The Wizard of Oz when she was 5 to Becky Thatcher in Tom Sawyer in Middle School to adult roles in Greece, A Christmas Story, Brigadoon and most recently Hero the musical put on by Awaken Church. She also has performed in many locations singing in choirs and solo performances. Currently she is a vocal director for the worship team at Awaken Church at the Bressi Ranch location and assists with putting together creative team items. Her first love is the Lord, but performing arts is at the top of the list! She is cultivating a passion for writing and producing music as she holds fast to the truth that God gave her talents to further the Kingdom of God so she is to keep growing in them and creating growing and new ones!!

“I am super excited and honored to be a part of this ground breaking amazing Academy! We are going to have so much fun together with this Performing Arts course for the next 15 weeks!! Thank you!”

-Ms Sarah

Statement of Beliefs

Awaken Academy is a biblically-based model of education, and all employees hired within the Academy share in a core culture of spiritual DNA that forms the basis of how we treat ourselves and one another. We believe:

1. There is one God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
2. In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ the Son of God; we believe in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His victorious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, His constant intercession and in His imminent return.
3. In the baptism of the Holy Spirit as a gift available to believers subsequent to the new birth, with normal evidence of speaking in other tongues.
4. In the sacraments of the Lord’s Supper and baptism by full immersion in water for all believers.
5. In the person and work of the Holy Spirit with His fruits and gifts available in the Church.
6. The Bible is the living word of God. It is infallible, authoritative and everlasting and is the foundation of all Christian doctrine.
7. In the existence of an evil spiritual being known as the devil.
8. In the great Commission given to us by Jesus Christ before His ascension, to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing and teaching them. This requires both saving and transforming people from every culture, ethnicity and tongue!
9. In the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting separation from God.
10. In the church being the body of Christ, and each member being an active part of a local church, fulfilling the Great Commission.
11. Marriage was instituted by God, ratified by Jesus, and exists exclusively between a man and a woman. It is a picture of Christ and his church. Sexual intimacy is a gift from God for procreation and unity, and it is only appropriate within and designed for marriage.

Awaken Academy Student Code of Conduct

1. Students are to follow the directions of Awaken Academy teachers and staff at Awaken-sponsored events, including but not limited to field trips and performances.
2. Students are to display appropriate conduct during class session. This includes courtesies such as refraining from unkind remarks, profanity, coarse jokes, or other language that demonstrates disrespect or a lack of charity.
3. Students are to demonstrate respect and kindness to all staff and program participants. Students are not to gossip, lie, bully, or engage in physical or verbal fights with one another. Appropriate and biblical conflict management tools will be modeled, taught, and expected at Awaken Academy.
4. Students are expected to complete any assigned course work at home, to be on time to class, to bring the necessary class supplies, and to be prepared for the lesson. Students will not be permitted to sit in the back of the classroom and disengage. All students participate.
5. Students are encouraged to make wholesome friendships. Students should look upon one another as brothers and sisters in Christ and refrain from demonstrating romantic affection, or giving the appearance of romantic affection, at Academy functions.
6. Students are expected to demonstrate appropriateness in dress that exemplifies respect for oneself and for other students. Staff and faculty reserve the right to address the behavior of students who demonstrate a lack of awareness of the underlying principles of modesty and self-respect.
7. Awaken Academy students are encouraged to break the generational norms of screen/entertainment addiction. Unless the student needs to contact a parent, cell phones should be put away while the students are in class, at lunch, and on break. Friendships often develop in the margin before and after class, so students are encouraged to be engaged in the present moment and learn the art of face-to-face conversation.
8. Students are to display courtesy by remaining seated until dismissed, by treating church property with respect, and by cleaning up after themselves. Students are to respect the church facilities by taking care of the classrooms, not marking on the walls or tables, not pulling on wall displays, and by demonstrating care and respect for the buildings with which we have been blessed.
9. Students must be under the direct supervision of their parent or an Awaken Academy teacher at all times, including breaks, and it is the student's responsibility to be in an area that is appropriately supervised. Students will be signed in and out of class and the campus each day. Students must remain on site during lunchtime/breaks unless signed out by an approved family member.

10. Awaken Academy students are expected to refrain from immoral and illegal conduct. All weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol, and tobacco products are strictly prohibited from the facilities. Stealing, lying, bullying, cutting, fighting, or other acts of aggression toward oneself or others will be grounds for immediate dismissal from the program.

Awaken Academy

Performing Arts/Theater: Semester Readings and Weekly Assignments

Class/Week	Chapter Readings and Homework
Week 1	Course Introduction / In-class Project HW - Find a Bible story that you would love to see as a play
Week 2	Born Creators! Our IDEAS for the showcase – pick 1 How to overcome Stage fright and build confidence Theater Basics! Stage Directions, Theater Game
Week 3	Play Structures, Character building, and how all different roles matter in a play. Audition intro, and terminology and stage etiquette Theater game
Week 4	How to write a screen play! How to memorize lines HW – memorize a bible verse, and get familiar with the audition scene
Week 5	Auditions! Cast Play-Scripts out Theater game HW – Start memorizing lines (6 weeks to learn)
Week 6	Block / workshop play Theater game

	HW_Solo Performance worksheet (optional) 2-3 minute time-cap
Week 7	Workshopping play Theater game HW - Solo Performance plan (next week get approval)
Week 8	Workshopping play Theater game Solo Performance approval HW – (optional) come up with your own theater game!
Week 9	Workshopping play Theater game from a student
Week 10	Workshopping play Theater game from a student
Week 11	Lines memorized by today (no scripts) Run through play Run through solos - Workshopping
Week 12	Run-through play workshopping Theater Game from student
Week 13	Full run-through (no stopping) Favorite Theater games
Week 14	Dress rehearsal for semester showcase Favorite theater games
Week 15	Prep for semester showcase

*every class will begin with a bible verse. Please remember your bibles

*HW = homework