

Are you interested in starting a Children's Quizzing Ministry?

Here are some tips to help you get started:

Why Children's Quizzing? Children's quizzing is a bible study specifically designed for children. Through a six year rotation, they will study books of Genesis, Exodus, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, Samuel I & II, Matthew, and Acts. Children participating in quizzing have the opportunity to compete in quizzes at the zone, district, regional, and world levels.

Suggestions for teaching quizzing materials: When I started teaching children's quizzing, the leader's book had few ideas for presenting the material. I did round robin reading of the verses and then went over the "fill in the blank" questions as a group. Finally, I had the class mark their answer choices for the questions in the book. This was not very effective learning, plus I had to deal with active kids who were bored with these lessons. Over the years, the quizzing materials have improved and have good ideas for presenting the bible stories.

Here are some teaching strategies that have worked for me:

1. Storytelling – Tell the story using props or other visual devices
2. Audience Participation – Kids verbally respond to key points in the story
3. Active – Act story out either as a group or assign parts to kids. A study containing Paul's missionary journey can be told by moving around to different parts of the church, where each part of the story is told in a different room.
4. Visual aids – Showing video clips or pictures on a PowerPoint helps kids to see the story. There are helpful resources on the internet, so that you do not have to create these from scratch.

Overall, your teaching should engage the students so that they pay attention and have fun learning. Quizzing is all about involving kids in the study of God's Word. Warning: Some studies will be easier plan and present than others.

Competition: There are two levels of competition; Red Level is designed for children in grades 1-3 and Blue Level for children in grades 4-6. Keep in mind that a child should quiz in the level that best fits their individual ability. In the Dallas District, we are divided into 4 zones (Currently zones 3 & 4 are combined) for quizzing. This cuts down on time traveling to quizzes. This year we have 3 invitational quizzes that will each cover a portion of the book.

In March, we will have a Zone Quiz over the entire 20 studies. Quizzers have to score at least 80% to qualify for the District Quiz. At the District Quiz, they must score 85% to qualify for the World Quiz. The World Quiz is held every four years. During years a World Quiz is not held, quizzers can qualify for a Regional Quiz.

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