

Junior Bible Quiz

WHY DOES JBQ WORK?

The JBQ program dates back to about 1981 when 3 men who had a passion to provide children with a fun way to learn the great facts about, and from, the Bible. It is mainly used by the Assemblies of God, but there are other churches taking advantage of it as well; non-denominational, Baptist, Methodist, etc.

What is so good about JBQ?

Junior Bible Quiz gives kids a desire to read and study the Bible! While they learn the questions and answers for JBQ, they are learning God's Word and how to apply it to their lives. It is a great opportunity for parents to spend quality time with their children. One of the wonderful things about Junior Bible Quiz is the way it changes entire families, not just the children who are participating in the ministry. Often the whole family will learn right along with the child.

Goals of JBQ

- Encourage children to step into the Bible and to discover who God is, what He has to say, and then apply it to their lives.
- Build up the Christian family by giving both parents and children an opportunity to study God's word together.
- Renew the body of Christ by strengthening the bonds between our children, their friends, and the larger church family.
- Foster intellectual and spiritual growth in our children through study and personal achievement.
- Provide each child with the information and an opportunity to make Jesus their Lord and Savior.
- Help develop a respect for God and His Word, authority, and others.

2 Programs, working hand-in-hand, or separately

1) JBQ Seal Program

Daily study times teach discipline to the children and the material being studied allows for many teachable moments throughout the week. If you spend even 10 minutes a day studying with your child, they can learn. The requirements for the JBQ Seal Program are:

- Participation at weekly gatherings.
- Willingness of parents and children to study every week.
- Commitment to work towards their Discoverer, Searcher, or Achiever seals.

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OR FAILURE OF THEIR CHILD'S LEARNING.**

2) JBQ Competitive Quiz Program

There is a definite commitment involved with competitive JBQ. It is learning on a personal level, but they will compete as a team. A team is made up of 3 to 6 quizzers and a coach. This team spends many hours together studying and learning to apply God's Word. They also will spend a lot of time together praying and encouraging one another, so there is a bond and a reliance on one another that is formed. The requirements for the JBQ Competitive Quiz Program are:

- Participation at weekly team practices.
- Willingness of parents and children to study several times a week.
- Commitment to work towards their Discoverer, Searcher, or Achiever seals.
- Attendance at monthly quiz meets.
- Optional commitment to post-season study and practice for regional and national competitions (to be determined by the coordinator, coach, and parent).

Who can participate?

JBQ is open to all children who are:

- Enrolled in grades 1 through 6 during the quiz year.
- Committed to regular study times each week
- Willing to attend a weekly practice time

What the program offers:

- Weekly fellowship and practice time with other children in the program.
- Tools and support to help children study and memorize important facts about the Bible and key pieces of scripture.
- Goal achievement and advancement programs that reward children for growth through study.
- Monthly local area quiz matches for those children wishing to compete.
- Opportunities at the end of the year for children to compete at the regional and national level.
- Provide many opportunities for each child to learn to pray to the Lord. He is a BIG God and wants us to come to Him with everything!

What is the value of competition?

Children learn valuable lessons through the competition of quizzing. Children learn to win without boasting and lose without complaining. They can learn to treat opponents and officials with respect. They can learn discipline as they study for a match.

Preparing children for a quiz meet is a cooperative effort. It takes coaches, parents, and the children themselves, each fulfilling specific responsibilities.

Where do the questions come from?

JBQ is a set of 576 questions and answers drawn from the Bible. Some questions provide background about the Bible and its contents. Other questions explore the teachings and doctrine within the Bible. All of the questions together give children a solid basis for a strong and lasting relationship with God.

The 576 questions are weighted according to point value:

- 10-pointers (288 questions) easiest
- 20-point (192 questions) more difficult
- 30-point (96 questions) hardest

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