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For Starters, Biblequiz is—hands down—the greatest program on the planet for Bible memorization. The students you work with will become high achievers that make a difference everywhere they go. Investing in Biblequiz is eternal work. It's real ministry, and it works in multiplication, not addition. I do a lot of work ministering to the homeless, but my time and energy is never enough. If only there were 30 more of me! Biblequiz is that multiplication ministry. You are not just touching a life. You are touching a life that will be able to touch dozens more. You are growing leaders and world changers—Christian professionals that shine the light of Jesus in the marketplace as well as pastors, missionaries, college professors, church board members, small group leaders, and high capacity volunteers at churches that can truly impact their city. The work you put into these student's lives will make a significant difference for them and everyone that student will touch with their life. If there was one program to invest your time with, Biblequiz is worth the sacrifice.

About this Guide

If you are totally new to Biblequiz and have never seen a Junior Biblequiz or a Teen Biblequiz match before, and know nothing of the rules—I suggest scrolling down to the very bottom of this guide and contacting me: Call, text, or email.

There are 6 critical areas to effective coaching for Biblequiz. Recruitment, Motivation, Studying, Practices, Community/Fun, and Spiritual. This guide will cover everything you need to get started. Remember, submit all your plans to the Lord in prayer, and He will give you success. Godspeed!

-Pastor Richie Nelson

Key Resources

JBQ National Festival Website: [CLICK HERE](#)

Official A/G Website: [CLICK HERE](#)

From My Healthy Church: [CLICK HERE](#) I use the Cards for daily studying, and the Book as a reference guide for interruption points.

- **Bible Factpak Question Cards, NLT**–All 576 official questions in flashcards.
- **Bible Factpak Question Book, NLT**–All 576 official question in a book by numerical order, and then alphabetical order. Alphabetical order will help your quizzers know when they can interrupt a question as fast as possible.
- **Bible Master Award**–[CLICK HERE](#) This is a non-competitive award system that tests a quizzer's knowledge. They earn awards with increasing difficulty, and if they achieve the Master Award their name is recorded in the Hall of Fame–[CLICK HERE](#). My number is 1495, which I received June 11, 1997.

Bible Factpak Website: [CLICK HERE](#) This is a free service that allows you to generate random question sets for practice and competitions. I will have to post a video tutorial on how to use the website instead of attempting to write it all out here.

BiblequizTV Youtube Channel: [CLICK HERE](#) This is my YouTube channel. Subscribe to it to be notified when new videos come out. We also are adding Quotation Question Songs to help your quizzers memorize the verses by song with the references.

JBQ Apps: [CLICK HERE](#) This has games and resources to help with personal study and even to help coaches keep score digitally during a match, and look up the questions in real time to follow along as your quizzer is answering. I use this scorekeeping method.

Recruitment

As a coach, you are responsible to recruit Bible quizzers. As you consider recruitment, you should develop good selling points that will work with your target audience. I started a Junior Bible Quiz team at our church of 45 people with 5-10 kids on a Sunday. Not much of a pool. I had 1 kid in the right age range at my church and another kid from another church whose mom was interested. I formed a team with 2 kids. So even if you are in a small church with a small pool, you can recruit kids and maybe grow your church, which your pastor will be thankful for.

Now our JBQ and TBQ community at our church is 40 people. We are potentially adding 15-20 more people to that community this upcoming season! Praise God! Parents are hungry for their children to have a solid foundation in the Word. So next year our small little church might be pushing 60 people involved in Bible Quiz, and now a church down the road is interested in starting this ministry at their church! Bible Quiz is working because parents are sick of the garbage our culture is feeding our youth, but God's unchanging truth revealed in scripture is a real solution.

This last year, two families visited our church with kids in the right age range. Part of our assimilation/follow-up with our visitors is to let them know we offer an advanced growth track for their child in the Bible through JBQ or TBQ. Parents are almost always eager to check out the program. Once their children came to a practice, they dragged their parents back and both families joined the church. Two more committed families added to the church is a big win for us!

If we can do it, I know you can do it too!

We have families in which the parents don't "really" go to church, but they want their kids involved. I even had interest from unbelieving parents for their children. What an amazing evangelistic opportunity! Now Biblequiz as a ministry program is fulfilling the great commission!

The bottom line is: It is up to you to recruit kids. Don't make excuses of why you can't—problem solve and get creative. Our youth and children need to know God's word and be Biblically literate. I have nothing against the other programs out there—Awana, Sword Club, etc—but none of these programs come close to producing Biblequiz "next level" results. Awana kids and Sword Club kids don't go on to memorize more than half of the New Testament. They do good and I don't mean to pick on them, but Biblequiz is hands down the greater option because of the team sport element that drives kids to diligently study the word of God. Some of my JBQ kids (6-10y.o.) will study the Bible more than 2 hours per day, instead of watching TV or playing a video game. I've had students in TBQ that are studying the Bible for 4-8 hours a day, which is getting close to Bible College levels.

Make Intentional Recruitment an annual part of your schedule, and try to recruit students every year. I also try to recruit kids and students all year round, because JBQ Beginner Level doesn't stack information (each competition covers new information without reviewing any previous information), and XP5 in TBQ doesn't stack.

Recruitment Ideas:

As a coach, you should volunteer in kid's church or volunteer as a greeter. Every time a new family joins the church, you get to pitch Biblequiz to them. This kind of follow-up is instrumental to the growth of the church and every pastor should be more than happy to have it. However, some churches have a very specific and strategic assimilation process for newcomers. don't get in the way of that process, but mention Biblequiz on the side.

Homeschool families are a very natural fit for Biblequiz. Meet them and recruit them. Getting whole families with multiple kids builds a lot of stability.

Find homeschool co-ops and pitch Biblequiz them.

Go to the children's pastor and ask to pitch the idea to the parents as they drop their kids off. Bring a table and make a display, and have a sign-up form with contact info. Have a prize for

someone who shows up at a practice. Be a counselor for children's summer camp and ask to set up a display table with information about Biblequiz.

Private Christian Schools: Ask permission to set up a table and pitch the idea. Go to the first week of school and try to talk with parents and recruit kids. Give them an informational pamphlet. If you know a teacher, ask to present to their class, get permission from the powers that be, share for 2 minutes, and have a signup form on a clipboard that you can pass around the class.

The signup form is critical, strike while the iron is hot. And offer a prize to anyone who shows up to the first practice. We've given out our church baseball hats and I am surprised how many people will show up to get their free hat.

Anyone who has Students in the age range of JBQ (6-11yo) invite them to join the Quiz Team all year round. However, you want to make sure that you set them up for success at their first competition. So if they join two weeks before the competition. Have them start working on the next competition's material and skip the competition coming up.

Selling Points:

Use these points when talking to parents, children's pastors, etc.

- **Truth**—Considering the direction America is heading, it has never been more important to make sure our children to have a firm foundation of Biblical Truth in their life.
- **Community**—Instead of spending time with friends who might peer pressure your child into sinful, self-destructive, or wasteful uses of their time, your child will spend time bonding with other children who are passionate about studying the truth of scripture and living a life of faith in God. It's been rightly said, "Show me your friends, and I will show you your future." Have your child spend time with other godly, high-achieving, dedicated, disciplined, and intellectually bright students who are passionate about the things of God.
- **Development**—Your child will get smarter, learn to work harder, learn how to debate, analyze, strategize, discover their strengths, and work as a team.
- **Fun**—Biblequiz as a game or "sport" is incredibly fun. The team activities and trips are a ton of fun. We travel for tournaments out of state, go to theme parks, play games, and take adventures. It's a blast! Plus, when you hit a 30 point Quotation Question with only 30 seconds to answer perfectly, the hit of adrenaline is like skydiving, and the sense of accomplishment when you nail it for your team--there's nothing quite like that experience.
- **Networking**—Biblequiz will network your child with high achievers in ministry and many other professions around the Nation, which can open up doors for education, work, internships, and careers.
- **Not all about Performance**—Biblequiz is better than traditional sports teams, and let me tell you why: traditional sports are all about performance. Your value to that sports team is always and will always be based on your performance—what you can contribute. Biblequiz has the advantage because the value of Biblequiz is that they know the Word of

God and have hidden it in their heart. This will help them live a life of holiness and effectiveness for the Kingdom of God for the rest of their life. Even if they do horribly in the competition they have gained the immeasurable worth of knowing God's Word, which lasts forever. Plus, the end goal for sports is going "Pro," and usually ends with a student having a bum knee, ankle, back, wrist, elbow, or shoulder. They have a nearly impossible chance of reaching that goal and end up injured in the process. The end goal for Biblequiz is that the student takes God's dynamic word into the rest of their life: into their college programs, into their careers, into their marriages, and their parenting. Keep sports recreational and fun instead of uptight and anxiety producing. You and your child's time will be better invested becoming a high achiever in Biblequiz.

Use these points when talking with children 7-11:

- We have lots of fun, and play lots of games like Flying Chickens, Cave of Wonders, Biblequiz Baseball, Obstacle Course Relay Race.
- We have lots of yummy snacks like oreos, and prizes to win.
- We take fun trips together out of state, and go to theme parks to ride rollercoasters, water parks, and other fun adventures.
- If this one applies I use this too: We have a good team that is one of the best teams in the Nation. You could be part of a National champion team.
- There are other girls/boys your age who are so much fun to play with. You will love getting to make new friends.

Motivation

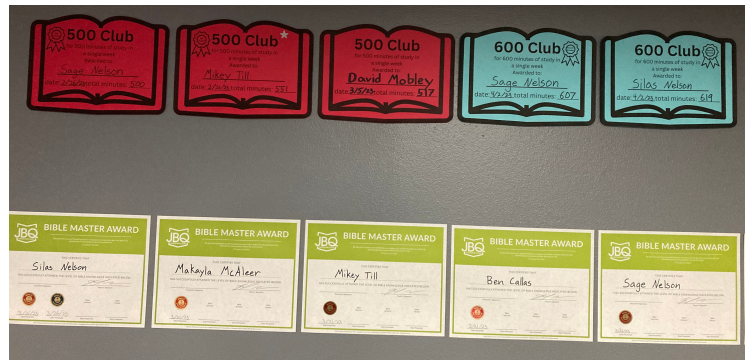
As a coach, you must become an expert motivator and encourager. Memorizing is not as fun as riding your bike, or playing a video game, period. Once you have recruited students, you have to keep them motivated. Many of your parents will not want to "police" their kids to keep them accountable for studying every day. Many motivation tactics will work with lots of kids, but not with others, so you want a manifold approach. Hit it at many levels.

Personal Conversation is your greatest tool for motivation. I will give you some of the top things I see students get motivated for, but you have to discover what lights the fire for each student by listening to them, and vision casting for them. Keep their "Why" in front of them.

Personal Achievement Goals. We do study logs in JBQ by minutes and award the top two every week to pick a prize from the treasure box. Minutes studied is a fairly good metric because some of your students will be very bad at memorizing, and the minute they feel like they can never catch up to the students in front, they give up trying altogether. I include practice time as minutes studied because it incentivizes showing up to every practice. Often, teams will reward students based on how many verses they memorized that week.

Put their names on the wall. With the study logs I made a deal that if anyone breaks 500 minutes in the week. Then they automatically get a prize from the treasure chest, and they

get to join the 500 Club and get their name on the wall. It took maybe three months of me mentioning the 500 Club. The numbers kept creeping up and up from 230 minutes, to 348 minutes, to 420 minutes. Finally, two kids the same week broke 500 minutes! Then two more pushed themselves and did it the next week. Then I had two kids that broke 600 minutes (They joined the 600 Club!) Then I had a kid break 800 minutes studied in a week! (He joined the 800 Club). I have Star stickers, so if kids break 500 a second week, they get a star on their certificate on the wall. I also use different colors for the different levels of Clubs. 500 is Red, 600 is Blue, 800 is Orange



Team Achievement Goals. For JBQ, if the team reaches 10,000 minutes studied they get an ice cream party, or get to go to the roller skating rink, or laser tag. With my team, 10,000 would only take about 4 weeks, so 20k-50k minutes might be a better goal for our team this year. Have a thermometer that reaches to the goal at the top and fill it in every week with what they accomplished. You can also use the total number of questions heard. What you measure becomes what is most valued. If you want your team to value something, one of the ways to develop a sense of value is to start measuring it.

I made a deal with my Beginner team 2 years ago, that if they were first place at Districts, I would dye my hair and beard Hot Pink. I knew there was little to no chance that year for them. But, they worked a lot harder, and did much better than they would have otherwise. My better team had won their level almost every league competition, so I didn't give them that same deal.

Pair teammates up, and have them call each other every day and read questions to each other over the phone. You should always pair girls up on your team.

Girls tend to be more motivated by community and a friend to work together with. Girls in groups of 3 can often mean one will feel like an outsider, so do your best to pair girls up.

Boys tend to be motivated by not just winning, but “crushing” wins, by being the best. With boys, do your best to give them a unique “job” on the team. They will be the 10pt quizzer, the quotations guy, the finisher who grabs the extra points at the end of the game to seal the match, etc. Pick jobs and roles for boys.

You have to have conversations and look for momentum. If your motivation tactics are generating momentum, keep going in that direction.

Go to extra tournaments. If you can swing the finances, going to tournaments out-of-state is a great motivator. Set memorization goals before the tournament, then have lots of fun with your students during the trip. Study hard and play hard. Try to go to Regionals and Nationals.

Students tend to slack off after tournaments and League meets, so you want to meet within the week after the competition and “debrief.” Talk with the team: What went well? What didn’t go well? What were we missing? What was confusing? Then set goals for that month together. Get them the new study material, and run some questions, but keep the practice fun!

Spiritual Warfare. For my JBQers I explain this (and TBQers): There are 3 things that my flesh war against: prolonged prayer times, memorizing scripture, and evangelism. When it comes time to do one of these 3 activities, everything in me wants to make an excuse to not do it. Whenever I feel that feeling, I know I have entered into a spiritual war, and I don't want to settle into letting the flesh win. I explain this to my quizzers, and I tell them that tomorrow when they go to pick up their Factpak to study, they will feel the same thing, and they will have to make a decision: give into the flesh's lukewarm living, or go above and beyond and soar.

Studying

There are two ways to study JBQ questions for new quizzers. The Memorization Model (MM), and the Slow Retention Model (SRM). Before I explain how these models work, I want to talk about parent engagement. JBQers who don't have parents that help them study, will almost always be in the bottom half of their quizzing bracket. Children are not disciplined enough to focus long enough to get the job done. They have not developed the muscle of their self-control, or willpower, or ability to focus. Self-control is a muscle, and your child will never develop that muscle well without an adult's help. The good news is that once it is developed sufficiently, they will need significantly less help, and eventually little to no help. As a parent or guardian, if you work hard now, you will be able to play later and reap the rewards of a child with self-control who can accomplish great things without your constant time and attention.

As a Parent, you should spend 20 minutes per day (except on your Sabbath) studying with each child. If you have two children, and one is a strong reader, you can have the strong reader read to the younger. One parent on my sister's team had the younger child, who was learning to read, practice reading by reading questions to her older sister.

If your child is really motivated and wants to be one of the best, then I would recommend 45-60 minutes per day.

I always use a stopwatch with my own kids because we do study logs. My sons will come home from practice wanting to break 500 minutes to get a prize, so I tell them they need to do at least 70 minutes per day without a day off, and with team practice time. They will push themselves pretty well. But they still need me as a parent to remind them about their goal, and encourage them to push through and get it done.

The Memorization Model (MM):

With this model, you memorize a set of questions each day until you can say the answer correctly. Then you review a set number of questions.

For Example:

Day 1	Memorize 10 questions	Nothing to review
Day 2	Memorize 5 questions	Review the 10 from yesterday
Day 3	Memorize 3 questions	Review all 15 from Days 1 & 2
Day 4	Memorize 3 questions	Review all 18

When you memorize, you read the question and answer to the child. With the answer have them repeat the answer in phrases after you. Then connect the phrases in repetition until the child says the whole answer himself.

- After question 1, Learn question 2. After learning question 2, Review question 1 and then question 2
- Now learn question 3. Then review question 2 then 3. Then question 1, 2, & 3.
- Set those 3 questions aside, they are done for the day.
- Start the second set of 3 questions.

Now, the next day it is common for the child to have forgotten the answer somewhat or largely, review it again until they can say the answer again.

Personally, I do not like the MM as much as the SRM. I used the MM for my older son, and shifted to the SRM by the end of the year. For my second son, I started him out with the SRM.

Slow Retention Model (SRM):

With this model, you read the question and answer to your child, and have them repeat the answer after you, phrase by phrase. For longer answers I do the answer two times through. I say a phrase and they repeat it after me. Then I move onto the next question regardless of whether they learned the first question's answer or not.

I work through all of the 30s and some of the 20s every day (except on our rest day). After 2 weeks, they will magically know the answers. For some of the 30 pointers it might take 3 to 4 weeks. Now in our District we only do 110-120 questions out of the 576 for each league meet. The A Level stacks this information, so League two they will do 220-240 question; League 3-330-360; etc. The Beginner Level will not stack, so only the new set of 110 questions. So there are only about 60 20s and 30s to go through. Save the easiest 20s for later in the month. Skip all the quotation questions the first week, and play the quotation question songs on repeat all week long. See below for more song details.

After the first week, I will start adding in the easier 20s, and going through all of the 20s and 30s.

After the second week, I will start adding in the 10s. By this point they will know many of the 10s just from hearing them at the Team Practices.

I like this model a lot because it's low stress for the child. You are never testing their knowledge. Just simply going through the questions everyday together. It's low pressure and more fun.

Colored Hair Ties:

Now with both models, I use colored hair ties to divide the questions.

Grey—unlearned questions for the upcoming competition.

Red—is the stack of questions they missed.

Green—is the stack of questions they answered correctly.

Blue—is the stack of questions they can interrupt the question (even if just before the last word of the question).

Purple—is if they interrupted the question by the "hit point" (**which is the last bolded** word).

Everyday I will "upgrade" questions. Every time they upgrade a question, I declare, "UPGRADE!" and put it next to the upgraded stack. At the end of studying I celebrate how many they upgraded that day, "You upgraded 4 questions today, Wow! Go tell Mom how many questions you just upgraded." Now I also "downgrade" questions, but I don't make a big deal about those, or even say anything at all. Except when they begin to interrupt the questions. If they were interrupting on the hit point before (purple stack), then start hitting the question slowly, I will mention downgrading the question and that they need to remember to hit faster because this is the purple stack.

At first, I will only use the red hair tie (questions being learned) and the grey hair tie (unlearned questions for the upcoming match). Then as soon as they get their first question correct I will start a green stack. But I won't start an interruption stack (Blue) until there is about 20 questions in the green stack. After about the first two weeks. Then I will wait another week before I start a purple stack (which I call the Ultra stack).

When you don't have enough time to go through all the questions, you always know the questions that need the most work, because those are in your red stack. The questions in your blue and purple stacks can be skipped every other day.

Each of my sons has their own Factpak of cards. It's worth the extra money to keep each kid's learning organized and systematic.

Quotation Question Songs:

We have put together Quotation Question Songs and are making that available to everyone. Even though it gives my children and my team a competitive edge to not share, our goal is to help as many children as possible. These are posted on my YouTube channel BibleQuiz TV.

Make a playlist with the songs they need to learn for the upcoming competition and play those on repeat all day everyday—in car rides, as they play in their room, do their house chores, etc.

We also have several of the lists put to song as well. The Books of the Bible are already on songs on YouTube, so we just use those. But I do plan to make our own of these as well, and add in the categories.

Practices

Two practices per week will be more helpful than one. It's normal for your quizzers to slack off during the week and forget to study, but they tend to cram the day before and the day of a practice, and often will study after the practice and the day after the practice. So If you Practice on Sunday, they will study Saturday and Sunday on the way to church, Sunday after practice, and Monday. If you have a practice on Wednesday, they will then study Tuesday, and Wednesday, and Thursday. Friday they will slack off on, but hey, Saturday is already back.

Biblequiz is extremely fun once you have done the right amount of studying. There is a tipping point for each student. When they finally have a taste of the rewards of studying hard and getting lots of questions, they naturally get hooked on Biblequiz. Your goal as a coach, is to get them to step over that threshold. Once they do, they usually will take off like a rocket. So don't feel pressured to blow through the questions quickly. You will know you have crossed that threshold when your students have come back to the next practice having memorized more than you expected them to.

Start by focusing on 20 questions and going through them 3 to 4 times at that first practice. If you practice twice a week, you will have plenty of time, so 20 new questions per practice is all you need. On the second practice you will go through new questions and review previous questions (at least once)

Then Celebrate. Celebrate. Celebrate. Cheer your students on, and teach your team how to cheer each other on. Brag about your students to their parents, and others while that student is within earshot. You want them to know how proud of them you are.

Sample Practice Templates:

Sunday/Midweek Practice: (2 Hours)		
Start (at 2:00pm)	3min	Gather everyone in a circle. Collect Study Logs. Have a parent calculate the winners while the rest of the team prays
Pray	5min	1 or 2 adults pray, and 1 or 2 students pray
Read New Questions	15min	Read 20 new questions twice through at the buzzers, use quizouts.
Game 1	15min	I tend to do the JBQ Relay Race here with the new questions.
Mix Questions	10min	Go through the questions at buzzers with new and old questions. Use Quizouts.
Snack Break	7min	Give out small snack and let the kids run around and play. They usually will self organize a game of Tag or Hide and Seek.
Spiritual Time	10min	A short lesson on a Bible quiz question card. Then a short spiritual exercise of some kind. We wait on the Lord together and listen to his voice. Practice prophecy by having the kids say the first verse that pops into their mind. Circle of prayer/encouragement—have one kid stand in the middle and the others pray for the student or give them a sentence or two encouragement.
Run Mixed Questions	25min	Run 2 or 3 sets of mixed questions the new plus review.
Game 2	15min	Play another JBQ game like King of the Hill, Biblequiz Baseball, Flying Chickens, Etc.
Treasure Box	5min	Let the top two study log winners pick out their treasure from the Treasure Chest. Then give out new study logs to the kids and fill in how many minutes they studied at practice today, which is around 80min.
	110min	

1 Hour Practice Schedule (60min)		
Start at 6:00pm		Gather everyone in a circle
Pray	5min	1 or 2 adults pray, and 1 or 2 students pray
New Questions	15min	Read 20 new questions twice through at the buzzers, use quizouts.

Game 1	15min	Play a Game that uses the JBQ questions
Mixed Questions	10min	Do new and review questions. Use quizouts.
Spiritual Time	10min	Use a JBQ question for a lesson and do a spiritual exercise.
Close out	5min	Enter minutes for study logs, give out prizes, and a snack.
	60min	

Spiritual Activities Ideas:

Circle of prayer. One student in the middle, everyone Lays hands on that student and prays for the student to encounter God's manifested presence. Everyone should pray out loud for this student at the same time for 30 seconds or so. Then individuals can pray for that person prophetically. Whatever pops into their mind, images, verses, words of knowledge, words of wisdom, insights, revelations. You are helping the student in the middle to be strengthened, encouraged, and comforted (1 Cor. 14:3). And, you are helping the students that are praying to hear from God and operate in the spiritual gifts. Spend only a couple minutes on each student. If a student says something "off" or weird, or just flat out wrong. Bring correction gently. A phrase I often use is, "That doesn't sound like something God would say, does it?"

Prophetic Verses. Sit and wait on the Lord together and ask him to put verses into our minds to encourage and strengthen and speak to us what we need today. Then the students can share as verses pop into their minds or you can wait for minute and go down the line and ask each student what verse popped into their mind. Before doing this I will read or recite John 14:26, and remind everyone that the Holy Spirit helps us to apply God's Word to specific areas of our life and situations we are in.

Community/Fun

Make Biblequiz fun! Laugh! Goof around a little. Find out the language that motivates your quizzers and keep that motivation in front of them.

If your quizzers didn't study very hard and basically "sucked" at practice. You need to win them over. Give them a vision, give them goals, and remind them how good they did in the past. Remind them of their potential, etc. For new quizzers, if the practice isn't fun, they won't come back for next week, and they won't be motivated to study harder during the week.

Have fun rewards. Oreos at practice is a serious game-changer. The kids are always excited for their snacks. Take a break and shoot some hoops, wrestle, and talk about a craft or a project. Put together a scrapbook or corkboard of pictures from the last season. Take a walk or jog. Hike a mountain and quote some verses at the top.

After every competition, we take our team out for ice cream and dinner. At the end of Districts or Regionals, go to a nicer restaurant.

Biblequiz is not all about performance. It is about community. The Biblequiz families will be the closest-knit group of friends at your church if you take the time to cultivate it. Simply going out to eat together after competitions is one of the simplest and best ways to do this. Picking a restaurant with a playground or spot for the kids to run around and play is best. Get them dessert after the meal too! With the cherry on top!

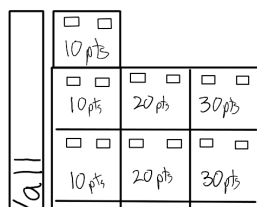
At our Regionals competition, we went to a waterpark the day before the competition. At Nationals we go to a theme park the day before or the day after. Or we go and see a movie together. Or go to a roller skating rink, ice skating rink, laser tag, etc. Spend the money, and make it fun. It's worth it.

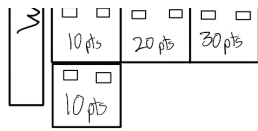
Teach them to "Work Hard & Play Hard." Teach them to "Pay now, so you can play later." These are important life lessons that instill a healthy work ethic for your students.

Game Ideas:

Flying Chickens:

1. Divide group into two or more teams.
2. Place 9-11 boxes (tubs) against a wall in a 3x3 grid, with 2 extra boxes for the 10pt row.
3. Place two factpak cards in each box. 10 pointers in the row up against the wall, 20 points in the middle row, and 30 pointers in the closest row. (The wall forms a backboard making it easier to make shots into)
4. The kid stands on the rug placed about 15-20ft from the front row with 2-4 rubber chickens (or bean bags). You can pick how many (I use 4).
5. They have 2-4 chances to throw the rubber chicken into a box.
6. If they throw one into the box, but still have more chickens. They are allowed to try for a better box, but they must disqualify their previous toss. So if they miss the new toss, they don't get any questions. They are allowed up to 4 tosses.
7. Teams take turns. Going back and forth.
8. If the question is answered correctly that team gets its points for their team. If it is answered incorrectly the card is placed back inside the box.
9. When both questions in the box have been removed, flip the box upside down and declare, "BOX ELIMINATED!!!" In a fun way.
10. The game is over when all boxes are "Eliminated!" Whichever team has the most points wins.





Corn Hole Variet:

The same concept of a game can work with “Corn Hole.” I do 10 pointers earning 2 bean bags to throw for their team. A 20 pointer earns 3. And, a 30 earn 4. Each kid will throw their bags right after they get their question correct. I only use one Corn Hole board. Tally total points first to 21 wins. I don’t play canceling out matched points each round.

Biblequiz Relay Race:

Station 3 or 4 adults on opposite ends or corners of a large room. Each adult has 5 Factpak cards. They all start at station 1, and have 15min to loop around 7 times. (I make up a story about a dragon coming in 15min to make them all eat canned broccoli). The last adult in the loop takes down the scores for the children. If they get the question correct they get to move on to the next station. If they get it wrong, they go to the back of that station’s line of kids. If there is no line, just ask them the next question. This game helps the kids learn those 20 questions really well!

Biblequiz Obstacle Course Relay Race:

This is exactly the same as above, but I set up chairs, gym mats, tunnels, agility ladders, etc. for them to go through while moving from station to station.

Biblequiz Baseball:

Set up a Baseball diamond in a large room or outdoors. The kids must get 15 home runs before they get 10 outs to win. They are all on the same team. If they answer a 10 pointer they get to run to first base, a 20 goes to second, and a 30 goes to 3rd. I have a stool with a noise button that sounds like a baseball bat hitting a ball. They pick the question value they want to answer. If they interrupt the question by hitting the button, they get an extra base. If they answer 3 questions wrong in a row they strike out, and go to the back of the line (I usually will find a third question I know the kid knows, so there are no strikeouts). But here’s the twist. I have another adult with 2 dodgeballs, and they stand in a corner of the room, they don’t get to move. Each hit, they get to throw those dodgeballs at the kids, if they get hit while running to a base they are out.

King of the Hill:

The kids form a single file line. The first two kids step up to buzzer red one and green one. A question is asked, whoever gets the point stays and whoever didn’t goes to the back of the

line. Then the next kid steps up to the buzzer. Keep a tally of points and announce the winner at the end. If a kid hits a question and gets it wrong, he/she goes to the back of the line, and the other kid is awarded the point, you don't need to reread the question to the other kid. But make sure to correct the kid with the right answer as they move to the back of the line.

Cave of Wonders:

100 plastic gold coins and a flashlight is all you need, but I also added 20 plastic gemstones of various colors, and 5 plastic gold bars. Divide into 2 teams, but you could do 3 or more teams. An adult or two will prepare a room that can get pitch black by spreading the gold coins and bars and gemstones around the room like an Easter egg hunt. Then ask the first kid on team 1 a question, if they get it correct they enter into the Cave of Wonders with a flashlight to collect as much treasure as they can in 15 seconds. If they get the question wrong, team two now gets the same question. Go back and forth until all the treasure as far as you can tell has been collected. The team with the most treasure points wins.

- Gold Coins 1 point
- Gemstones 2 points
- Gold Bars 5 points

Additional rules: you could award more time for higher point valued questions 10pts gets 15 seconds; 20pts gets 20 seconds; and 30pts gets 25 seconds.

- One adult should be outside the Cave asking questions
- One adult should be inside the Cave keeping time
- One adult can be the door keeper

Spiritual

Biblequiz even without the competition and the memorization is still an incredible tool for spiritual growth. Take a question or a couple of them that connect and explain them in further detail. I take a lot of time with "bedrock" principles like faith, grace, why should we be careful about what we think. Add depth to their memorization. Add personal stories that help them to connect the dots.

Our Biblequiz team has gone on mission trips together. We built homes for homeless families in Mexico. We have done medical missions in Africa. And good old fashion street evangelism and door-to-door evangelism in our community. My 9 year old son, was able to explain to a stranger what repentance meant, as we shared the Gospel with him.

Also, take time to pray, really pray. Pray in the Holy Spirit. Run after God's presence together and wait on him. Practice the gifts of the Spirit when you get together. This will help each student to mature in love and not just knowledge. 1 Corinthians 8:1 says "Knowledge puffs up,

but love builds up.” If you make Biblequiz all about intellectual knowledge your students will become prideful and arrogant. Get on your knees together before the living God and let the Holy Spirit do what only he can do. Make time for this during your practices. It only takes 10 minutes to make a significant difference. See the Spiritual Activity ideas in the practice templates above.

Have them pray for each other, pray for a missionary, pray for someone in the church who just lost a loved one, etc.

I hear many parents express concern for the character and heart development of their child. So, I try to have powerful moments of encountering God’s manifested presence and conversation time with the students. After waiting on the Lord, I ask the kids if they felt or heard anything.

Also, I have had some of the best, deepest, and most life-changing conversations with Biblequiz students while we are traveling. In hotel rooms late at night, or driving for endless hours, you are mentoring students in how to think and act like Jesus through the trips and practices. Children need to see patterns of behavior. So wake up turn on worship music and spend 15-30min. in prayer together. Read a chapter of the Bible. Let them see you and participate with you on spiritual disciplines.

There are so many ideas to bring depth to the kids during practices. Simple and short over time will create exponential growth.

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Godspeed,

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