



JBQ and Discipleship

As more people become increasingly aware of the positive influence JBQ has in the lives of children and families, word spreads of its value in children's ministry. Many people have discovered this wonderful program for helping their children commit to heart the Word of God and learn how to apply it to situations in their lives.

Plant the Word Deep in the Heart

The goal of Junior Bible Quiz is to plant the Word of God deep in the heart of children, helping them grow close to God. Working with children in JBQ offers valuable time with children and the Word of God. Your greatest reward is to see your child commit himself or herself to God day by day in the decisions he or she makes because of a growing knowledge of Him.

Junior Bible Quiz is a tool to help motivate children to learn well the information from the *Bible Fact-Pak*. As they prepare and compete with their teams, they will be hiding the Word in their hearts.

Develop a Love for the Word

The emphasis in working with

the children should be to help them develop a love for the Bible and an understanding that its truths can guide their lives daily.

Success in Junior Bible Quiz is not dependent on winning in competition. Success comes from internalizing God's Word and allowing it to guide the direction a child takes. Success comes when a child begins to develop a love for the Word of God.



Teach Important Lessons for Life

Children can learn valuable lessons through the competition of quizzing. Children can 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.

Competing allows opportunities

to help children grow in these areas:

- ⚡ Learning the importance of rules
- ⚡ Avoiding arguments
- ⚡ Sharing in the responsibilities of the team
- ⚡ Playing fair
- ⚡ Following directions from the coach
- ⚡ Respecting the other team's efforts
- ⚡ Offering encouragement to teammates
- ⚡ Accepting the judgment calls of the officials

Winning a competition must not become the primary goal for the coach, the parents, or the quizzers. Expect children to work hard and do their best. Let them know this is the goal of quizzing. Quizzing is a fun way to show what quizzers have learned.

Individual competition is also a motivator for children. Use the tools available to help them compete against themselves as they strive to learn and understand more about God's Word and how it applies to them. Show the children how they are growing and learning more all the time, regardless of their placement in quizzing.

Questions for Further Study—

1. What is the goal of Junior Bible Quiz?
2. What should be your emphasis in working with children in JBQ?
3. From where does success come in JBQ?
4. What important life lessons can a child learn through JBQ?



This article appears in the *Junior Bible Quiz Manual*, a how-to book containing everything you need to know to start, run, and improve a Junior Bible Quiz team. The *Junior Bible Quiz Manual* contains information for quizzers, parents, coaches, and area coordinators, and includes several reproducible pages. This and other JBQ products are available from Gospel Publishing House, 1-800-641-4310, or visit gospelpublishing.com.