

If you and/or others in your church are interested in starting a JBQ ministry, here are some steps to help you get started:

Plan

Obtain as much information about the Junior Bible Quiz Program as you can by visiting JBQ websites, such as the Indiana District site (www.indianajbq.com) and the National website (www.nationaljbq.org). Discuss the JBQ Program with your Pastor and church leadership and get their support. It may be helpful to have a JBQ coach from another church or a District leader to help present the JBQ Program. Determine when and where the JBQ Program can have its weekly meeting. Discuss in general terms expenses required and how it will be funded.

Introduce JBQ

Purchase a *Bible Fact-Pak* or *Bible Fact-Pak Study Guide* (www.gph.org or 1-800-641-4310) and introduce the questions to the children during Sunday School, Children's Church, VBS, or on Sunday or Wednesday nights. (Keep in mind that the Radiant Life Sunday School curriculum for Primary, Middler, and PreTeen includes *Bible Fact-Pak* question numbers with each lesson, beginning in Fall 2002.) This introduction to JBQ will help the children and others in the church to become excited about the program, and will help you see which children are motivated to continue.

Select Leaders

The leaders are the keys to a successful and sustained quiz program. The leaders must be willing to encourage, challenge and inspire the quizzers. The leaders must also be willing to learn along with the quizzers. The leaders' qualifications should include a desire to study, to work with children, and to devote time to the project. They should have the ability to communicate, to love, and to understand young people, motivating them toward spiritual goals – not just winning a contest. And above all, they should pray for the ministry and each child involved in their local JBQ Program.

At least one person should be appointed to oversee the program and to test the children as they progress through the *Bible Master Award* program. The leaders should consider attending JBQ training that may be offered by either the District or another church. Visit JBQ websites, such as the Indiana District site (www.indianajbq.com) and the National website (www.nationaljbq.org) to learn all you can about Junior Bible Quiz. If you choose to enter team quizzing, at least one coach and two officials will be needed per team. These are often parents of the quizzers.

Order Supplies

Most of the supplies needed to start a JBQ Program can be obtained through Gospel Publishing House (www.gph.org or 1-800-641-4310).

The *JBQ Manual* is an excellent source of information for starting a new JBQ program. Each child needs to have a copy of the *Fact-Pak* questions, in one form or another. This may be accomplished by giving each child (or encouraging them to purchase) a *Bible Fact-Pak* card set or the *Bible Fact-Pak Study Guide*. Another option is to purchase the *Bible Fact-Pak CD-ROM* and printing out question/answer sets for the children. Some churches place these question/answer sets in binders and give them to the children (or have them cover the cost). If finances are tight, you can buy one box of the cards and divide them up between the quizzers. If you are planning to enter team quizzing, obtaining a copy of the *JBQ Official Quiz Guidelines* is very beneficial. You will also want to purchase a Quiz Box.

Startup Information:

JBQ Manual (\$17.99 with binder) – packed with information to quickly help you start and maintain a great Junior Bible Quiz program.

Quiz Questions/Answers:

Bible Fact-Pak (\$19.99, NIV or KJV) – set of cards containing all of the 576 questions and Answers

Bible Fact-Pak Study Guide (\$9.99, NIV) – booklet containing all of the questions organized numerically and alphabetically

Bible Fact-Pak CD-ROM (\$99.99) – computer software to create quiz rounds, print out questions for study and more

Quiz Boxes

The Judge by Electramatic – phone (612) 781-9588

Quizbot – www.quizbot.com

Quiz Equipment, Inc – www.quizequipment.com

(This is not a complete list of resources, but rather a sampling of those available. The cost for a quiz box starts at approximately \$250.)

Other Useful Resources:

JBQ Official Quiz Guidelines Free Download – www.nationaljbq.org

Bible Master Award Program (\$7.99) – ten sets of certificates and seals used to recognize the children who have satisfied the Discoverer, Searcher and Achiever mastery levels

JBQ Tally Sheets Free Download – score sheets for quiz matches – www.nationaljbq.org

Bible Fact-Pak Games & Activities Book (\$9.99) – over 200 games, activities and crafts to help make the JBQ program fun

(Prices subject to change without notice)

Announce the Startup of JBQ

Ask permission to present JBQ during Sunday School, Children's Church, Sunday Worship, and other church ministries. Make your presentation exciting, showing parents and children that JBQ makes Bible study fun and challenging. You may want to invite a coach or quizzier from another church, or a District staff member, to speak about JBQ. Also place announcements on any available bulletin boards in the church and in the church newsletter or bulletin.

Recruit Quizzers

Outline your objectives and requirements so each person knows what will be expected. Talk personally with children who already show an interest in studying God's Word. Get together with those who are interested. It only takes 3 quizzers to make up a team! (You can actually quiz with only 2 quizzers, but 3 is a more practical minimum number.) Quizzing is a team effort -- get the support of the parents.

Begin Your Meetings

Once quizzers are recruited, you can schedule a regular meeting time. While the *Bible Fact-Pak* can be used in conjunction with other programs, the greatest benefits come from regularly scheduled study and practice times. Many groups come early before the evening service on Sunday or Wednesday, others schedule after-school or Saturday sessions. Some churches allow their teams to practice during Sunday School time.

Make these times fun, using devotions and games, not just rote memory, to help the children learn the content of the *Bible Fact-Pak*. Many teams will have t-shirts made for their teams. Encourage parents of interested children to become involved. Junior Bible Quiz can be a success only with the help of parents!

Register Your Team

If you wish to enter team competition and join league meets in your area, contact your District JBQ Coordinator to charter your team. See the "Contacts" section of the Indiana District website (www.indianajbq.com/contacts.htm) to learn who your District JBQ Coordinator is, as well as other District leaders. You may register on-line at the Indiana District website (www.indianajbq.com). Please see the website for the current registration fee.

Have fun

As stated in the JBQ Official Quiz Guidelines, the philosophy of team quizzing for elementary-age children centers on Facts, Fun, Fellowship, and Faithfulness. Don't forget the fun – have the quizzers help to create a fun team name!