

# Next Steps to a Successful Quiz Year

## Getting Ready For the Next Quiz

### Parents of a Quizzer

1. The goal before us all is to “Know God’s Word” so that we can “Know Our Savior” and be busy about “His Kingdom’s Work”.
2. With kids, you can make the “Know God’s Word” part a fun process through Bible Quizzing.
3. Be your child’s coach, or better yet, be your team’s coach too. When quizzers get into high school, sometimes they actually quiz without a coach, but for younger quizzers, you are their joy and motivation in quizzing- you are their key!
4. Help your child by-
  - a) Reading the material to your quizzer and listening to your quizzer when they read the material to you.
  - b) Rewarding your quizzer with every step of forward progress they make- First verse memorized? Reward it. First paragraph memorized? Reward it. First “Blue Sheet” question answered? Reward it! You get the point. Throw in some “surprise” rewards and watch them hunger to learn more.
  - c) Being the listener for the Olympic Memory Challenge. Insist on Word-Perfect performance because the feeling when a child gets it perfect is priceless. If your quizzer is getting frustrated, recognize the road-block, do something else and come back to it.
  - d) Being the taxi driver to the practice quiz for your team
5. Before the first quiz, register your quizzer (if they have no team yet)-- visit the web site for more information

### Coaches

1. Pull the kids together and make it fun
2. Practice weekly, bi-monthly, etc.
3. Practice with another church
4. Make practice a fellowship meal
5. Study the rules (found on the web site). Most quizzes run in friendly, competitive love, but there are times when quizmasters have to get picky to preserve order.
6. Need a quiz box? We may have one you can borrow!!
7. Before the first quiz, register your team (and quizzers)-- visit web site for more information
8. Use a Coach’s Quiz Question Book. These aren’t for quizzers. Ask Jim how you can get one. It is really tempting to give a question book to a quizzer to help them do better, but remember the goal-- we’re not here to help kids memorize answers, but to memorize God’s word and understand it well enough to formulate answers themselves when asked questions about God’s Word.

### Quizzers

1. Read your material **every** day- it doesn’t take long. Even the A/B league quizzers can read their 100 verses every day in just a few minutes.
2. Memorize more every day and recite what you already learned every day- Just like your physical

muscles, your memory muscle will get stronger and larger passages of Scripture will become easier and easier to memorize. Don't give up the first time your body pushes back and distracts you or wants to do something else. Keep focused on the goal and it will get easier.

3. Answer the blue sheet questions yourself. You can look at the answers if you get stumped. This will help you answer the questions you will be asked at the tournament that aren't on the blue sheet.
4. Make up your own questions.
5. Answer all "finish this verse" questions by providing the reference just in case you need to at the tournament.
6. You can answer a reference question by quoting the verse if you're sure the answer is in the verse-- (May not work for chapter only reference questions 8).
7. Identify "key" words or phrases, words or phrases that uniquely identify a passage based on words that are found nowhere else. Underline them in your scripture portion and write them down in a practice list. Have someone randomly read a key phrase to you and then you quote the verse it came from.
8. Participate in the Olympic Memory Challenge-- it will improve your quizzing and there are monthly and amazing year-end rewards!

# The Quiz Tournament Day

## Coaches

1. We will assume your team will be at every monthly Saturday quiz tournament unless you tell us ahead of time and PLEASE tell us ahead of time if you will be absent.
2. Coaches pick up your team's envelope on the table... it will contain
  - a) A roster for your team. If this is incorrect, visit the Tally Room right away to get this fixed. Quizzers can move from team to team-- we're flexible. You might be short one quizzer- that's easy to fix. Missing a whole team is a bit trickier, but we do it from time to time.
  - b) Score sheets to help track the quiz score and double check the scorekeeper
  - c) Daily schedule-- Tells you when things will happen. Sometimes we drift a bit, but we try to follow the schedule
  - d) The league quiz room schedule-- tells you where your team should be at approximately what time
  - e) Yellow stickies. Write the names of you quizzers from top to bottom matching the order they sit on the pads from left to right. It is okay to switch the kids around from quiz to quiz, but during a quiz, try to keep them sitting in the same order. Turn this yellow sticky into the quizmaster and scorekeeper as soon as you can when you get to your quiz room.
3. There will be the next month's blue sheets and OMC forms on the table for you to pick up, but these are also found on the web site for downloading and printing.

## Quizzers

1. Turn in your OMC forms as your arrive...
2. Find a seat together with your team
3. Keep track of you Scripture Portion! We don't have enough to supply too many spares this year-- sorry!
4. Be the encourager! Encourage your coach, encourage your scorekeeper and quizmaster and encourage the other teams you compete with. This is your chance to make the Word you are learning come alive in real life!
5. There's going to be some goofs from you and others... you'll make it and we'll all try to be fair.

## The Assembly

1. At 1pm DON'T BE LATE!
2. If someone has volunteered to lead us in a worship song or two, relax and enjoy the music and singing. Give God the praise and watch Him join us and bless our quiz day.
3. If someone has volunteered to bring a testimony from their life and scripture, sit and be inspired... I promise you'll love it!
4. We'll announce the team schedule which will help everyone know where they are going for their first quiz. If there are any questions for the day, there's always time to get those cleared up before we quiz.

## Find Your First Quiz

1. Coaches use your daily schedule and the room map to find what room you belong in and walk your team there, get them settled in the order they are going to be sitting and turn in a yellow sticky.

2. The quizmaster and scorekeeper will get the room ready, run down the quizzer names and make sure the quiz machine is working okay. They might even throw in a practice question or two.
3. If there isn't a scorekeeper, **PLEASE** volunteer to keep score-- the quiz will go faster and be more fun! Still no scorekeeper, encourage a spectator to jump in.
4. After a prayer, the quiz begins!!

## **The Break**

- Even the best quizzers, coaches and parents need a break... There should be enough time in the schedule to take 10 minutes to let a diversion restore focus and get the wiggles out.

## **The Individual Round**

- Based on each quizzers performance in the first 4 quizzers, there will be a 6th quiz where quizzers of approximately matching skills will quiz each other. You'd be surprised how fun this can be.

## **Clean up the room**

- Most rooms will need to be restored to a sunday-school layout after the quiz day. Look for a map or make your best guess. Most chairs were likely imported and even the table may have to be returned to the store room.

## **Return to the Sanctuary**

- It sometimes takes a few minutes to get the ribbons and certificates all filled out after a quiz day, but it won't take long. Sit patiently and we may even play a movie or something to help pass the time.

# Miscellaneous

## **Blue Sheets**

1. We started using “Blue Sheets” at the very beginning to give kids a leg up as they start quizzing. The Blue Sheet has approximately 10% of the questions a quizzer will hear in a quiz. Also, the Blue Sheet lists the memory verses which will be used in the quiz. Of course quizzers can memorize more, but memorizing the Blue Sheet memory verses will get you a “Bronze” OMC certificate and a big head start on all the memory verses they will be asked at a monthly quiz.
2. There is a second format of “Blue Sheet” that coaches may find helpful-- if you use the “Blue Sheet” link on the left side of the web site, you’ll find a link marked ‘\*’. This will take you to a Question AND Answer “Blue Sheet” helpful when using the “Blue Sheet” as a quiz.

## **Olympic Memory Challenge**

We started OMC many years ago or so for two reasons

1. Some quizzers learn a lot of material, but just haven’t mastered the art of jumping quite yet. The individual round helps that somewhat and OMC provides these quizzers with an immediate reward for their hard work, even when they don’t get the jumps.
2. A steady participation in the OMC will earn quizzers some cool stuff at the end of the year! We will give Olympic medals to quizzers who succeed at the Bronze, Silver and Gold levels with a coveted Tee Shirt given to those who can memorize all the material, 100%!!

## **Scoring**

Scoring is a bit tricking at first, but the rules aren’t that wild once you catch on.

1. 20 points to the team and quizzer for a correct answer asked to two teams or more
2. 10 points to the team for a “bonus” free question
3. -10 points against the team for incorrect answers with odd exceptions: the first two team errors before question 16 cost nothing

## **Quizzing out**

1. If a quizzer answers four 20 point questions they “quiz out”. If the quizzer quizzes out without answering any questions incorrectly they also get a 10 point bonus.
2. If a quizzer answers incorrectly 3 times they also “quiz out” by errors. The -10 points for the error is also levied against their personal score.

## **Toss-Up Questions**

- After an error by incorrect answer, the team in error sits out the next question and that question becomes a “toss-up”. If a “Toss-Up” question is answered incorrectly the last team is asked a free or bonus question worth 10 points.