

Teen Bible Quiz

How does it work?

Teen Bible Quiz is a powerful and fun way to encourage students to learn and study the Bible in a team quizzing format. Electronic quiz sets allow quizzers to “buzz in” and answer questions scoring points for the team. Competition with other churches/teams helps provide an atmosphere and setting to encourage and motivate students in studying the Bible, plus with the fun of making and building many new friendships. Bible quiz can be life-changing! It is an incredible discipleship experience that will grow your young people in the Word and their walk with Christ.

TBQ - Upcoming Years

2017-18	Mark
2018-19	1&2 Corinthians
2019-20	John
2020-21	
2021-22	

A different New Testament book or combination of books (NIV 2011 edition) is studied each year on a seven-year cycle. Top quizzers routinely memorize the entire portion, but even teens who memorize a few key passages can do very well. Players must also learn people and places and become familiar with exclamations, questions, parenthetical statements, Old Testament passages, and more.

Who can quiz?

Students in grades 6 - 12 may participate. Each team may have up to six members. Three quizzers compete at once and the others serve as substitutes. Churches may have more than one team. Each team needs a coach, and another adult may serve as an assistant.

When are the matches?

League meets consist of several teams in a given area who play a series of matches in round-robin format. Wisconsin/Northern Michigan schedules four meets a year plus the January Mid-Winter Classic tournament. TBQ meets are usually on the second Saturday of the month starting in October. The season ends with District Finals. A-Level teams may advance to the regional and national tournaments, depending on their placement in District Finals.

What are the different levels Teen Bible Quiz?

Teams may register and compete at a choice of three different levels: A-level, B/Middle School level, and the Experience level. This allows opportunity for almost any student to find a level at which they can study and compete.

A-level: Open to **all 6th – 12th** grade students. Quizzing is over **all** of the book(s) of study. Qualifying teams may advance to the regional and national tournament.

B/MS level: Wis./N. Mich. combines Middle School (6 – 8 grades) and B-level (6 – 12 grades) into one division—open to **all 6th – 12th** grade students. Quizzing is over **about two-thirds** of the book(s) of study. Great for younger and less experienced quizzers.

Experience level: Open to **all 6th – 12th** grade students. Quizzing is over **1 or 2 chapters** per quiz meet. The format is adapted to allow more quizzers to answer questions. Great for new quizzers or those with limited study time.

Sound like a lot?

The reward of studying God's Word is worth it! Even with today's busy schedules, every teenager can find fifteen minutes each day to study the Bible. During those fifteen minutes virtually any teenager can memorize three Bible verses. In the six months of the regular quiz season, that's more verses than all of Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon! Most important, long after scholarships are spent and awards are collecting dust, the knowledge of God's Word continues in their hearts.

How do we get started?

1 **Select a coach.** The coach is the key to a successful and sustained quiz program. He/she will not only select study times, but also must encourage, challenge and inspire the quizzers. Coaching qualifications should include a desire to study, to work with youth, and to devote a lot of time to the quizzers and quizzing. He/she should be willing to learn along with the quizzers, to communicate, to love, and to understand young people, motivating them toward spiritual goals—not just winning contests. Ask a qualified person to pray and seek God's guidance. Someone who feels the Holy Spirit leading him/ her into this ministry will be more conscientious and will seek Holy Spirit guidance in directing the team.

2 **Recruit team members.** Talk personally with youth who already show an interest in studying God's Word. Carry announcements on the bulletin board and in the church newsletter. Have a nearby quiz team come to your youth

group and give a demonstration. Invite a coach or quizzer from another church to speak to your youth group. Take those young people who are interested in becoming quizzers and the adults who are interested in becoming coaches to a quiz retreat or a quiz tournament so they can see what quizzing is like.

3 **REGISTER YOUR TEAM by September 1 and order supplies.** A registration form can be found at www.ycem.org. The national Bible Quiz office publishes materials to help you get started and coach a team— access their information and store at www.biblequiz.ag.org. The most important of these is the *Scripture Portion* (one per quizzer), a spiral-bound booklet which contains each season's scripture material with a concordance. Practice questions and other helps can be ordered as well. The Teen Bible Quiz Rules Book can be downloaded from the national website. You also need to purchase electronic quiz equipment, information provided.

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4 **Get together.** The final step is to get together with those who are interested. Quizzing is a team effort. One of the side benefits is learning to work together, study together, and pray together. Share a time of fellowship and information on quizzing. Outline your objectives and requirements so each person knows what will be expected. Close by spending some time together in prayer.

You are joining the ranks of thousands of young people and coaches who reap the benefits of Bible Quizzing! Go to the national website www.biblequiz.ag.org for much more info, coaching helps, testimonials, and updates. Email the coordinator for Wisconsin and Northern Michigan, Don Batty, at debatty00@gmail.com .

Also, there are a number of college scholarships that are awarded to Teen Bible quizzers each year, some from the national BQ ministry and many from Assemblies of God colleges.