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NEWS

Kudos to the Coaches!

Indiana has a great JBQ program. One of the reasons is the coaches. Thanks, coaches, for all you do and the time you give to help kids learn God's Word. We are off to another great year and many kids are involved. We welcome the new churches and look forward to getting to know you better.

Who is JBQ for?

The fact-pak came out in 1975. It was designed for quizzing but was promoted as a program that any age could use to study the word of God. As this great tool to teach God's Word became known, it was soon put into the JBQ format we now have. The teen quizzing program was going strong and it was an easy fit for kids to use and so Junior Bible Quiz was started.

JBQ not only helps kids learn the Word of God but also families. Parents, kids who are not old enough for JBQ, and kids too old for JBQ are learning the Word of God through JBQ by studying together. So in a way, JBQ is for everyone. I want to keep the focus of the program on the kids. Adults can learn and I encourage them to earn their seals and study the questions. At the quiz meets, I want the adults to step back and be reminded that this day is for the kids. It is for them to have fun and to show how they have learned God's Word. Parents and coaches will have fun as well but let's do everything for the kids. Let's honor them, encourage them, and help them enjoy the day by making it fun.

Very seldom do we hear kids complaining about the quiz day, but I hear adults complain. It is not about us but it is about them - God's special kids. Who is it for? Anyone can use the fact pak to grow in God's Word, but when it comes to Junior Bible Quiz, it is all about those wonderful God given kids.

Seals Program

One great thing about JBQ is the Seal program. This is not about speed but about each child learning and showing they know God's Word. There are 4 different seals that a child can earn in this program, which is set up by the National office:

Discover Seal

10 Point Cards (20 out of 30 pulled at random.)

Searcher Seal

10 Point Cards (25 out of 30 pulled at random)

20 Point Cards (15 out of 20 pulled at random)

Achiever Seal

10 Point Cards (28 out of 30 pulled at random);

20 Point Cards (18 out of 20 pulled at random)

30 Point Cards (5 out of 10 pulled at random)

Master Seal

10 Point Cards (30 pulled at random)

20 Point Cards (20 pulled at random)

30 Point Cards (10 pulled at random)

You can only miss one answer.

In Indiana we have two other awards that can be earned:

Quote Master - You must answer correctly all the questions from cards that have quotations questions in them in one sitting. You can only miss one.

AIS (Almost Impossible Seal) - You must answer all 576 questions in one sitting and can only miss one.

All of these awards can be earned by anyone and I would encourage your kids to earn them.

Check the web site (www.jbquiz.com/indiana/) for past winners and also seals that the PeeWee kids can earn.

State Quiz Meet

State Meet is **FRIDAY AND SATURDAY**, March 19-20, 2004. State Meet will be open to all Discover and Searcher teams across the State.

It is what's known as open enrollment. What's the catch?? There is no catch, BUT there are rules to be followed to have your team(s) registered for the State Meet. They are as follows....

First, registration forms must be in Pastor Barry's office with a **check (\$35 per team)** by **MARCH 1, 2004**. That means NO ONE will have competed in League Finals before registrations are due. Enclosed is a registration form with this newsletter. Get them filled out and sent with your **check**, to be in Pastor Barry's office by **MARCH 1, 2004**. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!**

Secondly, LEAGUE FINALS are still very important. League Finals will help the State Meet planning committee make decisions regarding...

- Ü Quantity of teams that can attend State Meet will be limited to the quizzing space at the host church. SO, if more teams sign up than the host church can handle, then League Finals will be used to finalize who may attend. ****NOTE**** We do not expect this to be an issue, but just in case.
- Ü Your finish at League Finals will determine seeding for the State Meet. So again, League Finals are important to your seeding at the State Meet.

We started Junior Bible Quiz last year, and had eight kids answer the call. One of them however was very hesitant. Not because of the work involved, but because he had a lot of difficulty in reading. In fact his reading ability concerned his mother so much that she spoke to his teacher and asked for help. The teacher suggested that he read 20 minutes a day. Since they were going to be studying JBQ everyday, that is what he read. After a few months the young man's teacher spoke to his mother and said, "Whatever you're doing, keep it up, because it's working." By the end of the year this young man was reading at the level he was suppose to, and he was one of our finest quizzers.

This is just another example of how JBQ can benefit your children and their families. Because of the persistence of him and his family to study God's Word through JBQ, he no longer has to worry about reading anything. In fact this young man happens to be in my Sunday school class, and he is one of the first to volunteer to read every time.

While I love all of the spiritual aspects of JBQ, and there are many, I think giving a child confidence in a weakness through learning God's Word is one of the most valuable.

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