

# Keep Quizzing Fun

Practice time ideas for coaches and coordinators

## Emotional Learning

What happens when we laugh and learn?

A growing body of research suggests that, when used effectively, classroom comedy can improve student performance by reducing anxiety, boosting participation, and increasing students' motivation to focus on the material.

(<https://www.apa.org/monitor/jun06/learning>)

So how do we teach, practice, and prepare for tournaments while still having fun?

Here are a few ideas:

**Option 1:** Choose a certain number of questions to focus on for each practice. Use an assortment of point values so that some are easy while others are more challenging. Teach a few questions by having children repeat after you, then play games utilizing those same questions. Continue to alternate between learning and playing. This keeps it fun!

**Option 2:** Choose a certain number of questions to focus on for each practice. Use an assortment of point values so that some are easy while others are more challenging. Teach a few questions by having children repeat after you, then have the quizzers compete in a mock tournament using the buzzers. Again, continue to alternate between learning and playing.

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### LEARNING FIRST

Humor does not overpower the goal of learning the content.

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### THE ENVIRONMENT

Immerse every quizzer in an environment of fun and learning.

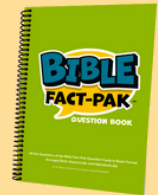
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### HUMOR TRANSFORMS

Humor and laughter act as a buffer to stress.



Bible Fact-Pak question cards make games fast and easy during practice sessions at church and home.



Bible Fact-Pak Study Guide help kids study at home or on the go.



BibleFactPak.com  
Generate free practice questions to help prepare for official match play.

# Junior Bible Quiz

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**Option 3:** This option focuses solely on being confident and ready to buzz in at tournaments. Have the quizzers sit at a buzzer system just like they would at a match. Play buzzer games with the kids to get them to respond faster. To better prepare the kids to interrupt and gain control of a question, teach them to watch your mouth as you speak. Tell the quizzers to buzz in when you say a certain word. Then say words that are similar trying to trick them. The first person to buzz in when you say the given word wins that round. Ex: Buzz in when I say purple. Now proceed to say penguin, pineapple, pizza....purple!

**Option 4:** If you have enough leaders, utilize small groups in your practice time. Split the team up into different groups around your given space. Each small group has a leader with 5-10 questions. Leaders will teach question sets and review with their small group. Then, groups will rotate to another leader. This continues until time runs out or all quizzers have visited each leader. If you still have time left, play review games to see what the quizzers learned.

**Option 5:** If your practice time isn't lengthy, spend one week teaching a set number of questions. Send home those question numbers with your kids to practice. The following week only play games during your practice time, but use the questions learned the previous week.



Finally, feel free to use any combination of these options or even an idea you have! Change it up often. Make it fun, and consider using a reward system to keep the kids engaged. (ex - punch cards, JBQ bucks, sticker charts, and other reward charts similar to those used in elementary schools)

Keep in mind, that parent involvement is critical to a quizzer's success. It is a vital key to how well a child does in the program and what they get out of it spiritually. Most of the quizzers who do well in the program are those who have adults who are committed to helping them succeed. We suggest that children practice for 15 mins a day 5 days a week.

However, coaches do not be discouraged if kids do not practice at home! Our goal here is that kids will learn the Word of God. We can equip and encourage parents to help. But if your quizzers only hear the Word once a week, it is better than not at all. Keep trying, keep encouraging, and make it simple for parents to get involved. Consider sending home a card with question numbers for each quizzer to work on that week.

## **BIBLEFACTPAK.COM (EXPERT TIP)**

Use the question set generator to create fun games and activities based on the lesson topic for the day. This can be done from any smartphone. Simply select "Custom Question Set," deselect all, choose a theme that connects with the lesson, scroll to the bottom, and select "Generate." No printing necessary!