

Kentucky Junior Bible Quiz



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Season Packet

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(See www.kyjbq.com for additional information.)

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INTRODUCTION

Thank you for expressing interest in Junior Bible Quiz (JBQ). JBQ is a tremendous program because it helps to motivate children to learn God's Word. We trust that your perusal of the enclosed material will increase your interest and that soon you will begin JBQ at your church. We believe JBQ is a powerful tool in the advancement of the cause of Christ.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

1. **JBQ is designed for children up through 6th grade. Minimum age is generally viewed as Kindergarten, but there is no official minimum age. Parents, coordinators, coaches, and the State Coordinator are free to determine a pre-school child's ability to quiz on a case-by-case basis.**

Regarding the upper limit on age, generally if a child is either in the 6th grade or is 11 years old on Labor Day of the upcoming season, he/she is eligible to quiz. All decisions concerning eligibility will be determined by the State Coordinator on a case-by-case basis.

2. A team consists of 2 to 8 quizzers and a coach (up to two assistant coaches is also permissible).
3. As few as 2 and as many as 4 quizzers may quiz at once for each team and substitutions are allowed.
4. A church or school may have an unlimited number of teams.
5. When a quizzer "quizzes out" he/she must sit out the remainder of that particular match. This keeps one individual from totally dominating any single match. A quizzer "quizzes out" by answering six questions correctly in one 20 question match (in which case ten bonus points are awarded), or by answering 3 questions incorrectly in one such match.
6. A quizzer can also foul out by getting 3 individual fouls in one 20 question match. Fouls and incorrect answers are mutually exclusive, meaning that a quizzer can remain in the match with two fouls and two incorrect answers.

7. The material we quiz over is a finite set of 576 questions called the Fact-Pak.
 - a. The Fact-Pak was developed in the mid 1970's by the Assemblies of God church Sunday School department and then modified in 2002. In June of 2011, the JBQ National Advisory Committee agreed to update the Bible Fact Pak and include connections to the Fire Bible For Kids (NIV 2011). It is not expected to change again at any time in the near future.
 - b. The questions are divided according to point values (10, 20, & 30), and difficulty, with 30 point questions the most difficult, and 10 point questions the least difficult. Each point value includes questions covering basic Bible content, Scripture memorization, and theology. There are 288 10-point questions, 192 20-point questions, and 96 30-point questions in the Fact-Pak.
 - c. For A League (up through 6th grade, and the most advanced form of quizzing), a 20 question round of quizzing consists of ten 10-point questions, seven 20-point questions, and three 30-point questions.
8. **There are no denominational limits in Kentucky JBQ. Churches from many denominations participate in JBQ at all levels.** We have had State, Regional, and National Finalists from churches in the Baptist, and Methodist denominations, as well as Non-Denominational churches. Teams sponsored by Christian schools have quizzed in Kentucky for years, but schools and JBQ clubs need prior approval from the State Coordinator before quizzing.
9. The term "Break In" represents a very important concept. Each question in the Fact-Pak has some words in bold face type. These words are all that are needed to distinguish that particular question from any other question of the same point value. At that point in the question it is safe to "break in". It is thus helpful to have the quizzers learn the bold face words as the question and the rest of the question as part of the answer.
10. Besides stating an answer, a quizzer is also allowed to sing or chant the answer—any methodology is permitted if it helps the quizzer remember an answer, and the answer can be heard and understood by the judges.

PHILOSOPHY

Competition helps motivate the quizzers to study God's Word but adult leaders should be sure to emphasize the learning aspect by reminding the children that anyone who learns God's Word is a winner!

GETTING STARTED

If you decide to begin a JBQ Ministry, it is helpful to have another church bring its JBQ team to your church to do an exhibition for your congregation. Contact your divisional coordinator if you are interested in having such an exhibition. For more information, contact Paul Markwell at paul@kyjbq.com.

For JBQ Resources, visit www.NationalJBQ.org, and click on "JBQ Resources" in the middle of the page (www.nationaljbq.org/resources). While there are hundreds of JBQ resources out there, a handful of resources are all that is needed to get started. Listed below are key resources to get started.

1. Information Resources:

- a. **JBQ Official Quiz Guidelines.** The JBQ Official Quiz Guidelines are now available as a free pdf file download. The Guidelines are the National rulebook that Kentucky, and everyone in Regional and National Tournaments, follows. They provide an in-depth understanding of the rules.
- b. **JBQ Manual.** The JBQ Manual is full of information to quickly help you start and maintain a great Junior Bible Quiz program. It includes helps for coaches, coordinators, officials, and parents.

2. Question Resources:

- a. **Bible Fact-Pak.** This is a set of 576 cards, one card for each of the questions used in JBQ. It is useful in learning and practicing the questions. This can be used by leaders, parents, and quizzers.
- b. **Bible Fact-Pak Audio CD.** Another excellent resource for each quizzer and parents is the Bible Fact-Pak Audio CD. The CD is an excellent study tool for quizzers. It has every question in the Fact-Pak on CD, so a quizzer can listen to the CD and learn the questions. Parents are typically responsible for the cost of this (one CD per quizzer).
- c. **Bible Fact-Pak Study Guide.** The Study Guide contains all of the 576 questions in numerical and alphabetical order. It is useful for quizzers to use to learn and study the questions, as well as for leaders and coaches.

- d. **Question Set Generator.** There is a question set generator available online at www.biblefactpak.com. It is useful for generating question sets for practice and meets. Please check the website for pricing information.
3. Equipment Resources:
- a. **Electronic Quiz Set.** You will also need an electronic quiz set (quizbox). The Kentucky District has a few quizboxes that it loans out to new churches for one season only on a first-come first-serve basis. The new church commits to an entire season, including State Tournament, and then after State Tournament, the loaned quizbox is returned to the District to benefit another new JBQ Ministry the next season. If you are interested in borrowing a quizbox for one season, please contact the District Coordinator.
 - b. **Vendors.** The quizbox recommended most by our district leaders for purchase is the A/G Quizbox with Timer 2nd Generation (<http://www.quizequipment.com/information.htm>). The most economical quizbox is the set offered by Grass Lake Assembly of God (<http://grasslakeassembly.org/589994.ihtml>).

The resources listed above are the ones most helpful in starting JBQ. However there are additional resources you may want to consider and a few of them are listed below.

1. Study app for smartphones. “Study-Pro/JBQ FactPack” is available for iOS/iPhone and Android devices (available on the Apple App Store and the Amazon Appstore for Android). This app allows the quizzier to learn and study the questions.
2. Score keeping app. “QuizzScore” is available for Android devices (available on the Amazon Appstore for Android). This app allows the coach to keep score during the matches and review stats for the entire meet. (See www.jbquiz.com for more information.)
3. Study Bible. The “Fire Bible for Kids New International Version” and complimentary JBQ questions is available for use as a devotional resource and for use in children’s curriculum.

SPECIFICS OF KENTUCKY JBQ

Communication

Besides our website at KYJBQ.com, Kentucky Junior Bible Quiz has a Facebook page.

Quiz Meet Specifics

The regular quiz season consists of five meets, held from October through March. Each regular-season quiz meet is held on a Saturday morning (see Divisional Coordinator or website for times and locations).

Teams register for each match by visiting the Kentucky Junior Bible Quiz website at www.kyjbq.com. The website also offers news bulletins, match times, tournament results, resources, and links to JBQ regional and national websites.

Competition Levels

Since the 2008-2009 season we have offered 3 levels of competition in Kentucky as follows:

1. **“A” League – Up through 6th grade.** Each 20 question match includes ten 10-point questions, seven 20-point questions, and three 30-point questions. (Overtime consists of one 10-point question, one 20-point question, and one 30-point question in random order. If the teams remain tied, a 20-point question is asked until the tie is broken.)
2. **“B” League – Up through 3rd grade.** Each 20 question match includes thirteen 10-point questions, and seven 20-point questions. (Overtime consists of two 10-point questions and one 20-point question in random order. If the teams remain tied, a 10-point question is asked until the tie is broken.)
3. **“C” League – Up through 1st grade.** Each 20 question match consists of twenty 10-point questions. (Overtime consists of three 10-point questions. If the teams remain tied, a 10-point question is asked until the tie is broken.)

Exceptions to age limits will be considered for those with learning disabilities—all exceptions must be cleared with the coordinator of the appropriate division.

In all leagues, we use a format which makes joining us fairly easy. We have a “focus set” of questions (until late in the season) from which 75% of the questions for a particular match are taken. The remaining 25% are taken from the questions previously covered (75% new, 25% review).

Team Tie-Breakers

1. 2 Teams

- a. Head- to-Head Record (current group play).
- b. Total Points (current group play)
- c. Team Points, Head-to-Head (current group play)
- d. Total Points, minus QuizOut bonuses (current group play)
- e. Total Points for the entire Meet (include qualifying rounds)

2. 3 or more Teams

- a. Total Points (current group play)
- b. Head-to-Head Record (current group play)
- c. Points in Head-to-Head (current group play)
- d. Points in Head-to-Head, minus QuizOut bonuses (current group play)
- e. Total Points, minus QuizOut bonuses (current group play)
- f. Total Points for the entire Meet (include qualifying rounds)

(Please note that the Tie Breakers listed above are the actual ones used for the meet. The Stat program utilizes preprogrammed Tie Breakers as a help in the program. The order on the printouts is for communication of information and may not reflect actual end result due to different Tie Breakers that may be in use.)

Quizzers at Churches without a JBQ Team

In the event that a family wishes for their child(ren) to be a part of the JBQ ministry, but the opportunity is not available at the church they regularly attend, the District Coordinator after consulting with Board members may place them on a team from another church. The divisional coordinator will consider geographical location, previous or current family relationships, and fairness to all of the other teams in Kentucky when making the decision.

Sponsor Churches

Each season, five churches that quiz in KY will be asked to each sponsor one of the regular season matches. That church will appoint four total people—at least 2 adults

and 2 others who are at least 12 years old--to come roughly one hour before start time (e.g. 8:30 a.m. Eastern) to help with set up, and stay late that day to ensure that all quiz rooms are back in the conditions they were in prior to quizzing (e.g. 30-45 minutes after awards are finished). We have outlined procedures and a punch list of items covered.

Awards at Regular Season Matches

At the end of regular season matches, we serve lunch (lunch tickets sold before quizzing begins).

Immediately as soon as the information is ready, we recognize each team on stage for that team's placement that day. We also recognize the top 10 scoring quizzers in each division and award them ribbons for their placement.

We also have dress-up or costume contests at most regular season matches, then give awards for the winners of those contests. The award is typically a small toy.

Hide and Seek Awards

The purpose of the Hide and Seek Awards is to better recognize the incremental accomplishments of quizzers throughout the year. Our hope is that the awards will provide all quizzers with additional incentive to memorize Bible facts and apply the Word of God in their lives.

Hide Award

Purpose: to recognize and encourage quizzers in their monthly memory work.

Rationale: The Memory Seals recognize quizzers at the end of the year for their memory work, but this award will serve as a checkpoint, to keep them motivated throughout the year. This is an award that each quizzer can achieve, no matter how well he/she quizzes. It may seem like more work for the coach, but it could pay off in a more prepared team. Above all, our hope is that no quizzer would "slide" through the ministry, but that all would receive a great foundation in the Bible. Besides, the coach can appoint a "tester" to do this function for them.

Reward: Toy prize & recognition on stage. The toy prize will match those given for winners of dress-up or costume contests.

Requirements:

1. Each coach or coordinator will determine the assignments for each quizzer.
2. At the end of the month, each coach (or a designated appointee) will test their quizzers verbally, reading the entire question.
3. Each quizzer must answer at least 95% of his/her assigned questions. For example, if a quizzer is assigned questions 1-72 for a meet, he/she must answer 68 of those questions correctly.
4. Each coach, **coordinator**, or appointee will report this via e mail to Kim Turner (TurnWmKm@aol.com) after they register for the meet.

Seek Award

Purpose: to encourage quizzers to seek a deeper walk with the Lord by recognizing them for putting the Word of God into action.

Rationale: It is good and right to rejoice with those who have just given their lives to the Lord. This award is to recognize all such milestones (salvation, baptism in water & baptism in the Holy Spirit) and other steps of faith that quizzers have taken, such as: leading someone to the Lord, sharing their God-given talents, ministering through gifts of the Spirit, etc. This is another award that any quizzer can achieve, no matter how well they quiz, just by applying the Word to his/her life.

Reward: Certificate & recognition on stage

Requirements:

1. Each coach will keep a record of their quizzers' milestones and accomplishments throughout the month, encouraging them to seek & serve God.
2. Each coach must report these milestones and accomplishments via e mail to Kim Turner (TurnWmKm@aol.com) after they register for the meet.

Notes:

- a. The certificate will have a summary (about 5-10 words) of the milestone or accomplishment.
- b. The focus will not be on what the quizzer did, but what the Lord did through/in the quizzer.

STATE TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

1. The State Tournament is open to all teams who register by paying the appropriate tourney fee. There are “Challenge Rounds” that occur prior to the finals on Saturday (typically the 1st or 2nd Saturday in March, and “Level” Competition on Saturday (typically late March or early April, largely depending on the Easter Calendar and Spring Break School Calendars. We try to hold State Tournament well before or well after Easter and School Spring Breaks (see last page for dates for this season).

Plaques are awarded to teams within each ability level. Every team that competes at the State Tournament will receive a plaque. Trophies are typically awarded to quizzers who, in the Finals, score in roughly the top 40% of those quizzing in the same division.

2. A-League teams competing in the highest ability level on Saturday at the State Tournament are able to qualify for Regional and National competition.

The 1st place team in A League Master Division (i.e. Gold Division) automatically qualifies for both the Great Lakes Region Tournament (i.e. Regionals), and the National Festival (i.e. Nationals).

The 2nd through 4th place teams qualify for Regionals only. Should any of these teams not wish to proceed, then the opportunity will be passed on to the next eligible District qualifier. The Great Lakes Region Tournament consists of 20-24 teams (four from each district) from the Great Lakes Region, which consist of the Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, and Appalachian Districts. At Regionals, the top 6 finishers (out of up to 24 teams competing) who have not already qualified, qualify for Nationals. The Regional Competition is typically held on the first Friday and Saturday in May.

REQUIREMENTS

1. **Officials** - Each church is required to provide two adult volunteers (or trained teens-7th grade minimum) per team to serve as officials at each meet. It is strongly encouraged that the provided volunteers include at least 1 Quizmaster for every 2 teams from the church (4 teams = 2 Quizmasters, etc.). At times, the Coordinators may elect to award bonus points for each round to the church who

supplied all of its officials. In such case, furnishing the required number of officials results in that team starting each round with a 20 point bonus.

- a. Officials' and Coaches' Training and certification will continue to be a major point of emphasis for the upcoming season. We are considering a one-hour officials and coaches training session at the very beginning of the first match of the season.
 - b. The KY AG District strongly urges that all churches do background checks on any adult that works with children. Therefore each church is responsible to have background checks performed on any adult involved in their JBQ program, including coaches and officials. One resource for obtaining background checks can be found at www.protectourministry.com. (There is a fee associated with this service.)
 - c. Getting officials certified is a point of emphasis. All officials are asked to ultimately take and pass (with a minimum score of at least 80%) the online test on the Kentucky JBQ website (www.kyjbq.com). Once the test is completed, the test taker should have the results sent to their division coordinator by entering their name, entering the password (**kyJbq09** where the 'J' is upper case and the '0' is the number zero), selecting either West Division or East Division (choose one), and clicking on the "Submit" button. The test is open book, open note, and it can be taken multiple times. The Officials Test is located on the KentuckyJBQ website (www.kyjbq.com).
2. **Bring Your Quizbox** - We need for each church to maintain a ratio of one quiz competition level electronic quiz set for every two teams which it enters. If you are unable, however, to get a quiz set in time for a particular tournament, please check with your divisional coordinator to see if there are enough quiz sets in your division to allow you to compete until you are able to procure enough electronic quiz sets.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1. Registration is handled at the KY JBQ website, kyjbq.com.

2. **The registration fee for 2019-2020 is \$55.00 for the regular season and \$55.00 for State Tournament. If desired, teams can pay for both regular season and State Tournament at the beginning of the season. If you are a church quizzing for the first time, your first-season registration fee is \$0 for the regular season AND State Tournament.**
3. Regular Season registration is due by the end of September. Checks payable to "Kentucky JBQ" can be mailed to 8306 Cabin Hill Road, Louisville, KY, 40291.
4. There is an additional \$65.00 registration fee per team involved in the State Finals Tournament (a \$55.00 early-bird registration fee is offered if teams are registered by the date listed on the website). This is to be sent to the State Coordinator at 8306 Cabin Hill Road, Louisville, KY, 40291 (checks payable to "Kentucky JBQ") when registering. **First-year churches pay nothing for State Tournament, and are expected to attend.**
5. Children may join your program at any time during the season. You may add new teams during the season provided they are registered one week prior to the first tournament in which they compete. You may change your rosters (by communicating with your divisional coordinator) prior to each tournament during the season and two weeks prior to the State Finals Tournament. Registrations for the State Tournament are due by the deadline listed on the Kentucky JBQ website (www.kyjbq.com).

QUIZZING OUTSIDE OF HOME DISTRICT/STATE

For many years, Kentucky has welcomed churches from adjacent states such as Indiana, Ohio, and Tennessee, to quiz with us during the regular season, if it makes sense from a distance, cost, and logistics standpoint. To provide consistency, in May 2011 the Great Lakes Region established a policy for teams quizzing outside of their home districts. The policy states that churches with Junior Bible Quiz teams desiring to quiz in another District:

1. May participate in league (local) quiz meets in another District:
 - a. With the permission of both coordinators of the Districts involved, and
 - b. If communication concerning fees has been resolved prior to competition.
2. Must participate in their own District JBQ Final tournament unless extenuating circumstances prevent doing so; and

- a. Permission from both coordinators of the Districts involved and permission from the Regional coordinator(s) involved is granted, and
- b. Communication concerning both fees and advancement must be resolved prior to competition, and.
- c. The National Festival coordinator should be notified of the arrangement.
- d. Teams may only participate in one District Final competition in a given quiz season.

Although these requirements may, on the surface, appear onerous, the process has been done before, is all accomplished via E Mail, and can be handled quickly and easily, if it makes sense.

KY JBQ MEET LOCATIONS

All Matches, including State Tournament, will be held at:

First Assembly of God
 2780 Clays Mill Rd,
 Lexington, KY

SEASON SCHEDULE

Meet	Date	NEW (75%)	REVIEW (25%)	THEME	Sponsor Church
1	Oct 5, 2019 (New -Set 4)	10s: 217-288 20s: 433-480 30s: 553-576	N/A	Crazy Clothes	
2	Nov 2, 2019 (New – Set 1; Review – Set 4)	10s: 1-72 20s: 289-336 30s: 481-504	10s: 217-288 20s: 433-480 30s: 553-576	Wacky Hair / Crazy Hat	
3	Dec 7, 2019 (New – Set 2; Review – Sets 1,4)	10s: 73-144 20s: 337-384 30s: 505-528	10s: 1-72, 217-288 20s: 289-336, 433-480 30s: 481-504, 553-576	Duct Tape	

4	Feb 1, 2020 (New – Set 3; Review – Sets 1,2,4)	10s: 145-216 20s: 385-432 30s: 529-552	10s: 1-144, 217-288 20s: 289-384, 433-480 30s: 481-528, 553-576	Sports / Careers	
State	Feb 29, 2020	All Questions	N/A	Bible Character	
State	Mar 21, 2020	All Questions	N/A	N/A	

QUESTION SETS

(Question numbers of each point value contained in each question set.)

	Set #1	Set #2	Set #3	Set #4
10s	1-72	73-144	145-216	217-288
20s	289-336	337-384	385-432	433-480
30s	481-504	505-528	529-552	553-576

FUTURE SEASON SCHEDULES

(The primary (“new”) question set covered at each meet.)

Season	Order of Question Sets Covered			
	Meet #1	Meet #2	Meet #3	Meet #4
2019-2020	4	1	2	3
2020-2021	1	2	3	4
2021-2022	2	3	4	1
2022-2023	3	4	1	2