

Bible Quiz Overview

Here were some of my goals in writing the questions.

- I tried to cover every major event, and every major character.
- There is at least one question from every book in the Bible.
- It's been a while since I wrote this, but I think there is a question relating to every chapter from Matthew through Acts. Obviously some of the Gospel stories overlap, but I'm pretty sure a story from each chapter is covered.
- Some questions may seem arbitrary. Here are some of my reasons for picking questions:
 - Important people and events
 - Cool facts (oldest man, longest book, etc...)
 - Interesting stories that make you want to read more (Gory, funny, odd, etc...)
 - I wanted to breed familiarity with the Bible. Reading about people of whom you know nothing is really boring. My hope is that it would be hard to read more than a page or two in the Bible without recognizing some event or person that you have learned about
 - Some of the genealogies are random, but our kids memorized some of the lists, so I wrote questions to reinforce that. It is probably easier for kids to learn the list than to learn from Bible quiz. For instance, it is easier to learn the list of Judges (Othneil, Shamgar, Deborah, Gideon, etc...) than it is to learn "Which judge came after Deborah?"

Questions are broken into sections. You may want to work on one section at a time so it is not so overwhelming. Start with a familiar section like 'Christmas'. When the kids ask questions take the time to stop and look up the stories. Add new questions slowly and repeat them more often. If kids are getting 80% of the questions right they will have fun and will want to keep learning. If they are getting 80% wrong they will feel dumb and will dread playing Bible Quiz.

Most of the wrong answers are also real people or events. For instance, in the question below all of the answers given really happened to someone in the Bible.

What happened to Adoni-Bezek in retaliation for the way he had treated 70 kings?

Thumbs and big toes cut off (Judges 1:6); Cut of his hands and feet (2 Samuel 4:12); Cut off his head and stuck his body on the wall (1 Samuel 31:9,10); Cut off half of his beard, and cut his garment in the middle at the buttocks and sent him home (2 Samuel 10:4)

In the following question all the names listed are real Bible names:

Who was a mighty warrior and a mighty hunter before the Lord?

Nimrod (Genesis 10:9); Rufus (Mark 15:21); Dorcas (Acts 9:36); Dodo (2 Samuel 23:24)

The right answer is always the first one listed on the printed versions (except the Old Testament version). We usually try to have the kids answer without hearing the choices. When they get stuck they say, "Choices please," and we read off the possible answers in random order.

I know this format is somewhat difficult to use. It was created this way to be read by a quiz making program. I have versions for palm pilots and PCs if you'd like that as well.

Have fun. I know there are some typos left. Feel free to e-mail me corrections or comments.

Thanks,

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