

MAKING QUIZZING FUN FOR KIDS

We try to make every practice fun and with a surprise element in there. We quiz our teams against each other, even our Beg.1 team against the Jrs..

.For the younger ones we keep a grab bag of prizes you can pick up at the dollar store,.. Even those multi packs of little toys for birthday parties , kids love that junk..and it makes it easy. My uncle is always buying stuff on sale and a lot of times it's for kids. He gave us several packs of crayons and marker pens. With the beginners I would do a quiz & for every correct answer the quizzers would get a crayon. If they interrupted and missed they had to give one back, thus curbing the urge to make stupid interruptions just to beat everyone. At the end of the quiz the one who had the most crayons won the whole box. The Jr.s did the same thing with the markers. They will work for this stuff...We do money & candy (using the small individually wrapped pieces) quizzes the same way.

For extra practices in preparation for Extravaganza, District Finals or Nationals we do funny quoting. Quizzers draw a slip of paper that will tell them to quote in the voice of a duck, or quote singing or in a preaching voice, or while hopping on one foot (think up crazy things) .

We also do relays where we have verse references on slips of paper and a one time word from those verses on another slip of paper. We put the references on a table at one end of the room and the words on the other end of the room. Divide quizzers into teams. Each team member runs to the table and gets a unique word, then runs to the table with the verses references on it. When they match a word and reference they take it to a coach to be checked. Once the coach says it's correct they run and tag the next team mate in line to go and do likewise.

We have surprise question quizzes, where one question is selected by the quiz master and told to the score keeper. At the end of the quiz the score keeper announces who got the surprise question . If a quizzers answers this question correctly they get the prize. Sometimes it's a dollar , sometimes it's a large candy bar. When the quizzers see a dollar bill hanging from the front of the quiz master podium they get all excited knowing we are having a surprise question quiz.

Our year end awards party is an event that they work towards all through the quiz season. They receive points for their participation at every tournament individually and as a team. These points earn them the right (500 min. points to get in) to attend the Year End Awards Party and any points over the 500 up to 3000 will be converted into dollars on a game card to play in the game room(our highest game card is \$15). All points over 3000 go toward the trophies awarded to 1st,2nd, and sometimes 3rd place highest scores for the year (depends on the number of quizzers we have. Sometimes we do this 1-3rd place for Jr.s and same for Beginners. This year we did 1st & 2nd place for each team).

There are also other awards given at this event to each team, (whatever accomplishment the team had or something like "Determination" award if they didn't win at tournaments. This year we had "4th Place at Extravaganza 2018" for Jr. 1 and our Beginner 1 team received "5th Place in the Nation 2018") We also give individual accomplishment awards for things like Novice Quizzer of the Year, Most Improved Quizzer, Youngest Team Captain, Christian Character (usually give to a last year Jr. Quizzer who has exemplified a great attitude in quizzing and example in church). If something really humorous happened to a quizzer we sometimes give a

humor award naming whatever happened. Every quizzer gets at least 1 award. Most go away with at least 2 awards.

These are just a few suggestions of things we do to make quizzing fun at weekly practices. I'm sure you can expand on these ideas or this may trigger in you another game or fun way of getting the verses into their memory. The excitement of going to tournaments is the icing on the cake.

What we do at practice: Spot checks - the quoting of 10 random verses taken from the verses a quizzer had memorized by the previous week. The practice before a tournament the spot check is done on all verses covered at the tournament and a quizzer must quote 80% correct.

Weekly progress reports are passed out each week to be taken home and filled in each day as the quizzer studies and initialed by parents. This is an accountability tool to keep the quizzers on track with memorization and quoting every day and accountability for parents to the Quiz Ministry. It also allows notes from parents to coaches or coaches to parents on any problem issues that everyone needs to be aware of.

Drills on unique words or phrases, teaching the meaning of verses, quizzes, & games are the body of our practices. Some weeks the quizzers are divided up by experience instead of teams. Experienced quizzers are drilled with more in-depth study. Less Experienced quizzers are worked with on more simple aspects of quizzing. New quizzers are taught the basics of quizzing, rules and how to memorize.