

The Quick Start Checklist for a New Leader of a Local Youth Bible Quiz Program

April to June:

- Read parts 1 & 2 of “I’m In Charge Of A Quiz Team! What Do I Do Now?” blog post ([Part 1](#)) ([Part 2](#))
- Read the [YBQ Rules and Regulations](#) (or the [Beginners Guide](#) from The Foundry Publishing)
- Recruit teens to join Youth Bible Quizzing (“[How to Recruit New Churches and Youth](#)” presentation from Q2018)
 - Encourage recruits to read a chapter a day of the Quiz scripture during the summer for familiarity before the season begins. Based on the “[Summer Exposure without the Burn](#)” blog post.
- Contact your District YBQ Director to let them know you are starting a team and ask about their availability to help you get started. Obtain and print your District’s YBQ Competition schedule:
 - Your first District Quiz Meet is on (date) _____ at (location) _____ and will cover chapters _____.
- Plan with your church leaders and youth parents **when** and **where** you will have your weekly 45-90 minute YBQ practices beginning in July/Aug (3-4 weeks prior to the first District quiz meet, depending on the number of chapters covered)
 - When: _____ (e.g. Wednesday’s at 5pm)
 - Where: _____ (e.g. Youth room)
 - Beginning: _____ (e.g. August 15)

Early July:

- Plan with your church leaders and/or parents budget and transportation logistics for each quiz meet. Reserve the church van, get volunteers to drive personal vehicles, medical release forms, plan overnight stays if necessary, who pays for fees and books, etc.
- Invite Teens and parents to a Kick-off Pizza Party in July/Aug (the Saturday before team practices begin).
 - Optional: Encourage everyone to have read the first chapter before arriving.
 - The date and time of the party is: _____ (e.g. Saturday Aug 11 from 10am-2pm).
- Order these books from [The Foundry Publishing](#):
 - For each **New Quizzer**: [Novice Quizzer’s Kit](#) (includes pocket scripture portion, daily devotional, book of practice questions, and Beginner’s Guide for \$21.99)
 - For each **returning Quizzer**: [Experienced Quizzer’s Kit](#) (includes spiral-bound scripture portion, daily devotional, book of practice questions for \$24.99)
 - For each **Coach**: [Coach’s Kit](#) (Experienced Quizzer’s Kit plus a subscription to Set Maker and Bible Study for \$26.99)
 - Also get the [Beginners Guide](#) for each **new Coach** (\$4.99 or borrow one from a new quizzer)

Late July to Mid-Aug:

- Host the kick-off pizza party for your Quizzers and parents (1 week before quiz practices begin; see **Early July** above for the date)
 - Provide pizza, board games, card games, and/or group games (that utilize questions based on Chapter 1, if optioned).
 - Print and distribute the “[A Goal without A Plan Is Just A Wish](#)” and “[6 Study Hacks That Actually Work](#)” blog posts and the Quiz books. Discuss ways to use each book when studying at home.
 - Tip: Have the students write their name on the inside cover of each book!
 - Tip: Share with everyone the suggested **Daily Study Method** and the study checklist from the [Beginners Guide](#).
 - Tip: Be sure to emphasize that ‘studying at home’ part!
 - Print and give each quizzer the [Memory Verse list](#) and the District Competition schedule
 - Try to get at least 1 teen to commit to learning the Memory Verses. Give them a set of [Memory Verse flash cards](#)
 - Dismiss with an assignment to study Chapter 2 prior to arriving at practice next week
 - Provide a [Crossword Puzzle](#) and [Word Search](#) for Chapters 1 & 2
 - Reminder to use the Daily Devotional and Practice Question book from your [Novice](#) or [Experienced](#) Quizzer’s Kit

Early/Mid Aug:

- Start team practices (approximately 3-4 weeks prior to first District Quiz meet; see **Apr-June** above for the date you set).
 - Use [Set Maker](#) to generate practice questions (you get a subscription with your [Coach’s Kit](#) purchase)
 - Collect completed puzzle sheets for a small award or recognition.
 - Spend time at each practice balancing application of that week’s scripture, study, fun, and competition/jumping practice (“[Quiz Practice Ideas](#)” presentation from Q2018)
 - If new to quizzing, also spend time reviewing some of the rules at each of the first few practices.
 - Dismiss with study assignment and puzzle sheets.

Late November/December:

- Read “[5 Says to Keep Your Momentum during The Holidays](#)” blog post on how to keep your teens engaged during the holidays.
- Print and encourage quizzers to read “[How to Deal with Mid-Season Burnout](#)” blog post from a teen’s perspective.
- Pro Tip: Follow up with quizzers during the week between each practice in December, encouraging them to keep up with their daily study routine during the holidays. With no school, teens tend to get out of their study routine.

Links to Quizzing-related information and resources:

Quizzing essentials

- [The Quiz Cycle](#) – What books we study each year.
- [“The Obligatory ‘What is Teen Bible Quizzing’ Post”](#). A quick summary of the Youth Bible Quizzing ministry.
- [Official Nazarene YBQ rules](#) – The official rulebook.
- [“I’m In Charge of a Quiz Team! What Do I Do Now?”](#) blog posts ([Part 1](#)) ([Part 2](#)). Part motivation, part instructions.
- [“What Quizmasters Want from a Captain’s Challenge”](#) blog post. Training for your team Captain(s).
- [“The 3 Pitfalls of Bible Quizzing and How to Avoid Them”](#) blog post. Advice on how to motivate, avoid quizzing burnout, and involve parents.

Recruiting Teens

- [“How to Recruit New Churches and Youth”](#) PowerPoint presentation from Q2018.
- [YBQ Promotional videos](#) – Show during church announcements or offering, commercials prior to youth services, preview of quiz competition for new quizzers, etc.

Leading a practice

- Games: [“Quiz Practice Ideas”](#) PowerPoint from Q2018. Games to play during quiz practices.
- Games: [“Coach’s Idea Book”](#) (\$4.99 from The Foundry Publishing). Games to play during quiz practices.
- Games: [“Double the Fun: Playing a Game While Playing a Game”](#) blog post. Enhance quiz practices.
- Questions: [Set Maker](#) (requires subscription; already included in your [Coach’s kit](#))
- Questions: [Blue Book](#) of practice questions (\$9.99, already included in your [Coach’s kit](#))
- Equipment: Jump pads: **Check with your Youth Bible Quiz Director for advice before purchasing.**
 - [Acme](#): 2-Team kit \$250 (laptop and shipping not included, free software download)
 - [QuizStuff](#): 2 Team kit \$300 (laptop and shipping not included, price includes software)
 - [Quiz-Time](#): 2 Team kit \$310 (no laptop required, price includes shipping)
- Equipment: [“Keep Score on Your iPad”](#) blog post. Instructions on how to keep score on your iPad using iOS Numbers.
- Equipment: Print your own [paper Scoresheets](#) and [learn how to keep score](#).
- Bible Study: [Discovering Youth Bible Study & Quizzing](#), free downloads from Wesleyan-Holiness Digital Library
 - Note: These are not updated to NIV2011
- Bible Study: [Small Group Bible Study](#) includes Leader’s and Student Guide (requires subscription; part of your [Coach’s kit](#))
 - Note: These are not updated to NIV2011
- Motivation: [“5 Says To Keep Your Momentum during The Holidays”](#) blog post on maintaining engagement.
- Motivation: [“How To Deal With Mid-Season Burnout”](#) blog post on momentum from a teen’s perspective
- Motivation: [“The Practically Guaranteed Way To Be A Top 10 Bible Quizzer”](#). Motivation to memorize verses.

Study Tools

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crossword puzzles by chapter• Word search puzzles by chapter• Memory Verse list• Print-your-own Memory Verse cards | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• YBQ App (\$4.99 on iOS and Android)• Blue Book of practice questions (\$9.99, already included in your Coach’s kit)• Quote Cards of each verse (for <i>According To</i> question study) |
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How to study

- [Beginners Guide for the New & Novice Quizzer](#) (\$4.99; included in the [Novice Quizzer’s Kit](#)). Includes a section on how and what to study and a study checklist to track progress.
- [“A Goal Without A Plan Is Just A Wish”](#) blog post. Why and how to schedule your study time.
- [“6 Study Hacks That Actually Work”](#) blog post. Advice on how to get the most out of your study time.
- [“Summer Exposure Without The Burn”](#) blog post. How to prep for the next season without getting burned out too soon.
- [“According to Cole, Leah, and Lydia...”](#) blog post. Expert advice on how to study for “According To” questions.

Fundraising ideas

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wall of Money – 200 envelopes labeled \$1-\$200 for donations• Yard Sale – In a good location, advertise every day (Craigslist, Facebook..). Ask everyone in church to donate some stuff. Habitat for Humanity picks up leftovers if scheduled in advance.• Design and sell a church t-shirt• Quarters – Pass out pill bottles or M&M containers for congregation to return when filled with quarters. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sponsor a Quizzer for \$1/week. With 50 sponsors, a teen could raise up to \$1,400.• Chili Cook-Off – People purchase tickets to event. Vote on best chili and awards given.• Dessert Auction – Make it fun! Auction off delicious homemade desserts donated by congregation. Just before Thanksgiving is great time to do this. |
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