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The Bible Adventure

A team Bible fun knowledge challenge for Adventurers

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Introduction

The Bible Adventure (BA) is a group based challenge that tests the groups' knowledge of sections of scripture. Each year a new block of scripture is assigned and excited Adventurers and their parents commit themselves to study those passages of God's Word.

In December, after months of study, the Adventurers gather together with other groups in their area to test their knowledge against a set of questions drawn from the scriptures they have been covering. If they answer a high enough percentage of the questions correctly, they advance to a next level event. Each group tests against a standard, and all who perform to the designated percentage advance. Yet any and all can advance, based solely on their efforts.

Translations

- English: NIV New International Version
- Spanish: NVI Nueva Version Internacional

Scripture Coverage

The Bible Adventure (BA) team will follow the book, books or sections of books of the Bible, that Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE) use.

Questions

The questions for each level of the Bible Adventure will be distributed by the BA Conference Coordinator to the appropriate individuals at each participating area. All questions are prepared by the Bible Adventurer Team appointed by the Texas Youth Department. Questions are written to stand alone and be able to be answered individually. All will be multiple choice or true/false answers. Questions will always include the scriptural reference. All questions will be developed from the New International Version and Nueva Version Internacional.

The BA team will coordinate the translation of all the questions into Spanish. All questions will be in harmony with the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Group Requirements

Groups are made up of four to six (4-6) Adventurers from a single club. Clubs may have multiple groups participate, as long as each team has at least four (4) unique Adventurers on each group. Exception, if a club only has 7 participants, the group may split 4-3.

Groups should be as complete as possible. For example, a club would not be allowed to field three groups of four (4) participants, but they could field two groups of six (6) participants from that club.

Each group is composed of the following:

- 4 to 6 currently enrolled Adventurers ages 8-9 from a single club (it may vary depending on children's knowledge of the scripture.) If an Adventurer turns 10 after September 1 of the current year they are eligible to participate.
- A Group's Recorder
- Up to four (4) additional group members
- A non-playing Coach/Grader

Group's Recorder

During play, it is the duty of the Group's Recorder to write the answer on the appropriate answer card.

Coach/Grader

A club staff member, pastor, or committed parent acts as the group's Coach. His/her role is to assist, coordinate, and to motivate the group. The Coach should not take the place of parents in the study of the Bible. Additional adults are welcome to assist with training, but there should be one official coach per club in charge of coordinating the BA efforts of the club. Another function of the coaches is to serve as graders during the testing.

Uniform Requirements

All group members, coaches and participants must be in full dress uniform as set forth by the Texas Conference to participate at any level event. This uniform normally includes: Dress uniform shirt with proper insignia, dress uniform pants or jumper, authorized socks or stockings, authorized shoes, Adventurer scarf and slide and the Adventurer Sash.

Board Approval

As with all Adventurer events, the church board, or a board appointed body, must vote participation approval as well as acknowledgement of the specific event dates for inclusion on the local church calendar.

Preparation

Decide to Participate

Once your Adventurer year begins start encouraging participation and promoting the event. This is a great opportunity to get our children and their families excited about the bible.

Club staff is encouraged to use the selected scripture as a thematic focus for meeting worships, outreach events and other activities as this will help reinforce the content.

Each group must register with the conference their desire to participate in the Bible Adventure (BA).

Practice Questions

During the fall of the year, involve your families in sharing questions they practiced at home with each other. Questions must stand alone and be able to be answered individually. The BA will only use multiple choice or true/false answers. Questions should always include the scriptural reference.

Reading and Memorization

Each group member should read the full text multiple times with their families.

Many find it helpful to break the text into several blocks and have participants focus on smaller sections, so that you have two specialists on each third of the material, but make sure that each one covers all of it as well.

Enlist the help of the Sabbath School departments to play games and have activities that will cover the assigned scriptures.

Practice Events

During October and November, provide several opportunities for the Adventurers to practice with groups made up of church members.

Group Selection

At some point before registration deadline, the Coach, in consultation with the club staff and the interested Adventurers will need to establish specific group(s) that will participate.

Personnel & their duties

BA Coordinator

The person responsible for the Bible Adventure at each level is the BA Coordinator.

At the conference level, this would normally be the Conference BA Coordinator, Conference Adventurer Director or their designee.

The BA Coordinator's responsibilities are:

- To oversee organization of at least one level of the program, from registration through completion.
- Conference level coordinator will oversee all area levels as well as the conference level.
- To arrange for the needed personnel in a timely manner
- To arrange for the meeting venue

Personnel is appointed by the BA Coordinator for the level at which they will be working. For example, the Conference BA Coordinator would appoint the Quiz Master, Translator, Clerk, and Graders for the conference level event.

Quiz Master/Translator

The Quiz Master may act as host and MC for the event, and reads the questions. They read each question in English and Spanish alternatively.

They can be the Youth Director, Conference Adventurer Director, a Pastor, an Area Coordinator or even a local Adventurer Director.

Clerk

The Clerk, with the use of a stopwatch or other technology, regulates the 10 second discussion period while the team determines the answer that would be recorded. The time begins after the question is read in English and Spanish alternatively by the Quiz Masters.

The Clerk will call the end of time, loud enough for all the participating groups to hear.

The Clerk receives the completed score cards from each Grader and with the help of the BA team tabulates final group standings.

The Clerk is the Conference Representative at each level. They should be an adult with no specific club affiliation.

Grader

Each team needs an adult Grader. The Grader is usually the coach from another group. Their job is to determine if the answer given by the group is correct or not. Once they have made the determination, they record the score. The Grader keeps track of the group's answer score and cumulative score on the group's score sheet.

At intermission and at the end of the round they will double check the running total for accuracy.

It is also the Grader duty to watch for inappropriate communication between group members and anyone in the audience.

Specific Issues of Grading

All BA questions will be multiple choice or true/false. The group must cross off any answer they do not want to be accepted.

The Program

Registration

By the middle of November, the club should register online at Texas Conference website.

Additional Forms

Bible Adventure Statement of Integrity and Medical Consent Form will need to be filled out at the area level. All forms are available online at txadventurers.org.

Levels

Play takes place at 2 levels: Area, Conference.

After participation in the local area event, all groups holding a first-place finish advance to the next level.

Area Level

Area level events bring together groups from within a portion of a conference. Obviously, you want at least two groups and preferably more in an area event. Ideally an area event would include 2 to 10 groups, but it is possible have more.

The conference coordinates with the local BA Area Coordinator, the running of area level events based on the number and location of groups registered to participate.

The local Bible Area Coordinator arranges the venue for area level event.

Single Group in an Area

In some cases, there might only be one group participating from an area in a conference. If this is the case, then multiple areas will be combined so there are at least two groups in the event.

Conference Level

All groups with first place scores are eligible for participation in the conference level event.

A large enough facility, such as a large church, church school or academy would be chosen that is centrally located to host the number of first place groups that would be participating in this level. First place groups from the area do not need to register for the conference level event but they do need to confirm that they will be participating.

The Conference BA Coordinator arranges a venue for conference level event.

Event Dates

Area: The first Sabbath in December

Conference: The third Sabbath in January

The Event

This section outlines the organizational needs and tasks of coordinators at all levels of the Bible Adventure (BA).

Equipment & Supplies Needed

Each location hosting the BA event will need to have certain equipment and supplies on hand.

- A large projection screen
- An LCD projector, and a power cord
- A computer loaded with Microsoft PowerPoint, and a power cord
- A PowerPoint presentation of the proper level questions and answers
- A projector stand.
- A table for the computer
- Cables to connect the computer to the projector and to the sound system if needed
- A table and microphones for the Quiz Master, Translator, and Clerk.
- Three chairs, one for the Quiz Master, one for the Translator, and one for the Clerk.
- A stopwatch or other method of keeping accurate track of seconds of time for the Clerk
- 50 sheets of pre-numbered paper or card stock per team on which the Group's Recorder will circle their answers
- A marker per group for the Recorder and a small clipboard
- A scorecard, pen, and clipboard for each group's Grader
- Registration table with chairs
- Flags and banners
- Signs for each club to assign seating
- Assign graders to groups ahead of time
- Separate room for parents with video and sound preferred
- Praise team (suggested)

Coordination

Questions Distribution

Participating areas will receive a copy of the questions in time for their area event. Each level will have a new set of questions per event.

Event Flow, Play & Details

Times listed are approximate. Remember, the more groups participating, the more time will be required.

Event preparation by the event staff - 1:00 PM

- Arrive at the site far enough ahead of the starting time to have set up complete before the groups arrive.
- Confirm that the building is open, lights are on, temperature is set, and rest rooms are accessible.
- Set up the equipment.
- Set up the tables and chairs for the Quiz Master, Translator, and Clerk.
- Set up seating for the participating groups. Six members plus a Grader.
- Setup video and sound for parents

Event Preparation by the Group – The Time Varies According to the Distance

- Groups and Graders will be dress in full dress uniform.
- Groups and Graders arrive at the site on time.

Staff Briefing - 2:00 PM

- The BA Coordinator (It can also be the area Coordinator) meets with the event staff to review policies and answer questions and has prayer with them.

Team Check in - 2:15 PM

- As the group checks in they are assigned a circle of chairs.
- They are introduced to the Grader.
- Answer cards, pens and clipboards are given to the Graders.
- Group members and Graders turn over all electronic devices, Bibles, and notes in their possession to club staff or attending parents.

Welcome - 2:30 PM

- The BA Coordinator welcomes the group and introduces the staff and the participating groups.

Opening Exercises - 2:35 PM

- Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Pledge and Law
- Adventurer Song
- Song Service (Optional) - 2:40 PM

Instructions - 2:45 PM

- The BA Coordinator/Quiz Masters reviews the rules of play listed under Quiz Part 1.
- The rules should be projected on the screen while the BA Coordinator/Quiz Masters review them.

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- They also review the grounds for disqualification and expulsion and remind them that no one in the group may have any electronic device on their person during the event.
- Remind the audience and the groups that christian decorum is expected of all present.

Quiz Part 1 - 2:50 PM

- Half of the questions will be asked during part 1.
- The first question is projected on the screen in English and Spanish. The Quiz Masters read the questions in English and Spanish alternatively.
- When the Quiz Masters finish the question, the Clerk starts the stopwatch and runs it for 10 seconds. During this time the group discusses and determines the answer, and tells the Group Recorder what to circle.
- At 10 seconds the Clerk will call “Time” and the Group’s Recorder must circle without hesitation, the answer on the pre-numbered paper for that question.
- Answers may be circled before time is called.
- After an appropriate pause of about 3 seconds, the slide will change and the Quiz Masters will read the answer in English and Spanish alternatively.
- At this time the Graders will determine if the group correctly answered the question. They will add one (1) for every correct answer or zero (0) for incorrect answer. They keep running the score until all the questions are finished.

Intermission - 3:35 PM

- 10 minutes
- During this time the Grader double checks the running totals.

Quiz Part 2 - 3:40 PM

- The second half of the questions are asked.
- Play proceeds in the same manner as outlined in Quiz Part 1.
- At the end of play, the Grader writes the second half total on the scorecard and also total for both halves.
- The Grader double checks the second half total, and the final total.
- The Grader then takes the score card to the Clerk.

Devotional (Optional) - 4:25 PM

- A 10-minute devotional based on the section of scripture that is being covered.
- This also gives the Bible Adventure Coordinators, time to finalize the awards.

Presentation of Awards - 4:40 PM

- The BA Coordinator or the Adventurer Conference Director will present the awards earned during the event. Every group receives an award, as all are winners for the studying of God's Word.
- To lessen the competitive spirit, exact points are not given or stated publicly during the program. Only the place standings are announced.
- Standings are announced by calling the clubs in alphabetical order and stating their standing. It is Bible Adventure policy that specific scores are never announced or released.
- Each group receives a Certificate of Participation.
- Each individual participant receives a Pin.

Closing Prayer - 4:50 PM

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Disqualification

Any points earned during play, while being coached, commented to, or prodded by an audience member through any channel or method will be revoked.

A second instance during the same day of play will result in the group being expelled from play, and makes them ineligible to participate in any higher levels that year.

Grading

50 Questions will be asked at each level of play. Points are awarded for correct answers.

Rankings are established by “grading on the curve.”

Rankings are as follow:

- A score of 90% or above, as compared to the top score earned at that event, earns the group a first place standing.
- A score of 80-89%, as compared to the top score earned at that event, earns the group a second place standing.
- A score 79% or below, as compared to the top score earned at that event, earns the group a third place standing.

Forms of Recognition

Certificates

Each group participating receives a certificate indicating the level of play and their standing (first, second, or third) in the event.

Each certificate is signed by the BA Coordinator for the level in which they are participating and the Adventurer Director.

Certificates will be provided by the Texas Conference Youth Department.

Pins

Each Adventurer participating will receive a pin with the year and level of participation.



Additional Notes

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Meals

Meals for each group are the responsibility of the local club. Sometimes the event host church, club or school will arrange for a fellowship meal following the event.

Make It Fun

As you lead your Adventurers into the Bible Adventure, be sure to keep it fun and enjoyable. The study of scripture is serious business, but if you become overbearing and ill-tempered in the process, you will negate much of the blessing of the event.