

WELCOME TO BEREAN JBQ

Dear Friends,

If you're reading this letter, I want to personally thank you for taking the time to consider joining our Berean Junior Bible Quiz (JBQ) program for the 2025–2026 season. A few years ago, we reimagined our traditional JBQ format, transforming it into a fun, engaging, and discipleship-focused experience for kids. This year, we're thrilled to extend an invitation to churches across the Iowa Ministry Network to be a part of this exciting journey.

We believe JBQ is one of the most effective tools for helping kids develop a deep love for God's Word. Over the past few years, we've seen tremendous growth in our program—not just in numbers, but in spiritual depth and enthusiasm for Scripture. Our goal is simple: to teach kids to be passionate about God's Word in a way that sticks with them for life.

As you consider whether our JBQ program might be a good fit for your church, I'd love to share a few ways we've restructured things to emphasize learning, personal growth, and fun over competition.

A Relaxed, Discipleship-Focused Atmosphere

While we value the excitement that healthy competition can bring, we've intentionally created a more laid-back environment at our quiz meets. We want students to enjoy the experience without the pressure to perform. Quizzers are encouraged to ask questions, and quizmasters may pause a match to explain correct answers when teachable moments arise. This approach creates space for discipleship, fosters a love for learning, and helps students feel more comfortable and confident.

Individual Achievement Over Team Performance

In our program, all awards are based on individual achievement rather than team success. This encourages students to take personal responsibility for their study time and growth, while removing the pressure of team dynamics. Whether a student is quick on the buzzer or still building confidence, everyone can thrive and feel valued. The focus shifts from winning as a team to growing as an individual—together.

Three Leagues to Match Every Student's Journey

We've also restructured our leagues to better meet students where they are in their JBQ journey:

- **PeeWee League (K–2nd Grade):** A great entry point for younger quizzers to learn the basics in a low-pressure environment.
- **Spark League (3rd–5th Grade):** Designed for students who are newer to JBQ or may have limited time to study. This league is fun, engaging, and non-competitive.
- **Fire League (3rd–5th Grade):** For students who want to dig deeper and enjoy a bit of competition. This league is perfect for those ready to commit to more intensive study and challenge themselves.

We encourage you to review the league descriptions carefully, as our structure and rules may differ from the traditional JBQ model you're familiar with. We're truly excited about what God is doing through this ministry, and we would be honored to have your church join us. In a world full of distractions and uncertainty, we believe JBQ is a powerful way to plant God's Word deeply in the hearts of kids.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more, feel free to reach out to me at matthewklapp@bereanag.com.

Blessings,
Pastor Matthew Klapp
Berean Junior Bible Quiz Coordinator

2025/2026 BEREAN JBQ LEAGUES

PEE WEE – K-2nd League

1. The Pee Wee League is for Kindergarten, First, and Second-grade children.
2. Pee Wee is intended to be a FUN introduction to JBQ and the WORD study.
3. Pee Wee League only uses 10-point questions. Questions 1–144 for the first meet and 145-288 for the second meet.
4. **There will be no interrupted questions permitted.** The Quizmaster must complete all words of the question before a child may buzz to answer. An interrupted question, even on the last word of the question, will be re-read for the opposing team only. *NOTE: At the start of each match, each Pee-Wee quizzer will have one question to them. They will have 5 seconds to buzz in, or if time passes the question will be open for the whole table.*
5. After a question is answered, the question will simply be acknowledged as correct/incorrect. A Quiz Out will be awarded after **five** correct answers from a single quizzer in a match, along with 10 bonus points. *Three incorrect questions in one match results in a backwards quiz-out.*

SPARK LEAGUE- Developmental League

1. The SPARK League is intended for beginning quizzers or quizzer who want to have a fun and relaxing season learning the Word of God. This league is best suited for kids who have other commitments or aren't looking for a super competitive atmosphere during their quiz season.
2. SPARK League will be quizzed with the questions divided into three sections. Each meet will consist of only one section (never accumulated from previous meets). This is intended to encourage quizzers who may not be able to commit for an entire season but can participate in any given meet.
3. **There will be no interruptions allowed in the SPARK League.** The Quizmaster must complete all words of the question before a child may buzz to answer. An interrupted question, even on the last word of the question, will be re-read for the opposing team only. *NOTE: The first 10 questions of each match will be read for alternating teams. This gives both teams better opportunities to participate each match. The remaining ten questions will be open for either team.*
4. After a question is answered, the question will be acknowledged as correct/incorrect and awarded points (Negative ½ points if incorrect). A Quiz Out will be awarded after **FIVE** correct answers from a single quizzer in a match, along with 10 bonus points. *Three incorrect questions in one match results in a backwards quiz-out.*

FIRE LEAGUE – Competitive League

1. FIRE League is considered to be a highly competitive league. This league is intended for quizzers who are committed to master the content of the fact pack questions and enjoy the intensity of competition.
2. FIRE League will be quizzed with the questions divided into three sections, and they accumulate as the season continues. The first meet will use the first set, the second meet the first two sets, and the third meet all questions.
3. Interruptions are allowed; if a quizzer interrupts a question, they must complete the question in essence before giving the answer.
4. After a question is answered, the question will be acknowledged as correct/incorrect and awarded points (Negative ½ points if incorrect). A Quiz Out will be awarded after **FIVE** correct answers from a single quizzer in a match, along with 10 bonus points. *Three incorrect questions in one match results in a backwards quiz-out.*

TEAMS:

Teams can consist of 2-3 quizzers per team. Having smaller teams allows for opportunities for quizzers to buzz in more often. If a quizzer shows up on the day of the quiz meet, and none of the rest of their team is present, that quizzer will be allowed to join another team for the day. All awards are based on personal performance, and not team efforts, so this will not have an effect on their achievements for the day.

Berean JBQ Awards

WORD WARRIOR: Each meet there will be a designated single quotation question as the Word Warrior verse. Any child that can correctly quote the designated verse to the State Coordinator (or their designee) during their bye round will get to design and *make their own "Word Warrior" button*. All quizzers are eligible to earn the button; only one button will be awarded per quizzer per meet.

QUIZ OUT TROPHIES: A "quiz out" trophy will be given to any quizzer who answers five questions correct in a single match during any of the different meets of official quizzing. (Other tournaments or practices do not count.) This "quiz out" trophy will be awarded on the day the quizzer earns it. Only one "quiz out" trophy per quizzing season per quizzer. These will be awarded at each quiz meet, as each quizzer earns their first quiz out.

CLUB MEDALS: Upper League Club Medals – "100 Club" or "120 Club" medals will be given FIRE and SPARK League quizzers scoring those amounts in a single match during official quizzing meets. These will be awarded at the end of the quiz season.

QUOTATION CLUB MEDALS: Berean offers a medal for those who complete all of the 10-Point Quotations, and/or 20-Point Quotations. These awards are given to a quizzer just one time in his/her JBQ career. If a quizzer completes all of the 10-point quotation questions, they will receive a 10-Point Medal; and if they complete all of the 20-Point quotations questions, they will receive the 20-Point Medal. These do not have to be in one session. If a quizzer attempts a question and misses it by even just a little bit, the quizzer cannot immediately be asked again the same question. There must be a period of time to go by and other questions to think about before that question can be asked again. The purpose is to ensure that each quotation is learned and not just stored in short term memory. Refer to the quotation club spreadsheet to help keep track of completed questions. Students who achieve these awards must have their coach inform Pastor Matthew prior to the final quiz meet to receive their award.

QUOTATION CLUB TROPHY AWARD: Our most important and biggest award is given to those quizzers in the "Quotation Club." This award is given to a quizzer just one time in his / her JBQ career. To receive it a quizzer must, in the months of August through February, quote correctly every quotation question to the JBQ coach during practice times. These do not have to be in one session. If a quizzer attempts a question and misses it by even just a little bit, the quizzer cannot immediately be asked again the same question. There must be a period of time to go by and other questions to think about before that question can be asked again. The purpose is to ensure that each quotation is learned and not just stored in short term memory. Refer to the quotation club spreadsheet to help keep track of completed questions. Students who achieve these awards must have their coach inform Pastor Matthew prior to the final quiz meet to receive their award.



JBQ Quotation Club



Quizzer's Name: _____

10 Point Quotations			
#	Verse	Date	Initials
24	Gen 1:1		
86	Ex 20:3		
87	Ex 20:4		
88	Ex 20:7		
89	Ex 20:8		
175	Matt 2:2		
183	John 1:29		
199	Matt 16:16		
233	Acts 3:6		
251	Acts 16:31		
257	Rom 6:23		

20 Point Quotations			
#	Verse	Date	Initials
293	Matt 24:35		
294	Ps 119:11		
314	John 1:1		
317	Heb 13:8		
318	John 1:3		
325	John 10:10		
326	Luke 19:10		
334	Acts 1:5		
342	Rev 22:13		
351	Rom 3:23		
354	Rom 5:8		
355	John 3:3		
365	Rom 1:16		
366	Eph 2:8		
369	1 Cor 13:13		
371	Mark 12:30		
372	Mark 12:31		
373	John 15:13		
374	John 14:15		
375	John 13:35		
376	1 John 4:8		
377	Heb 12:14		
380	James 1:22		
382	1 Thes 5:18		
385	Matt 7:12		
386	Phil 1:21		
387	Prov 15:1		
407	Zech 4:6		
409	Acts 2:4		
411	Acts 2:38		
421	Rom 12:5		
423	Matt 18:19		
424	Mark 16:15		
439	1 Cor 11:26		

30 Point Quotations			
#	Verse	Date	Initials
481	Rom 8:38-39		
482	John 1:11-12		
483	Prov 3:5-6		
484	Heb 10:25		
485	2 Tim 3:16		
487	2 Tim 2:15		
488	John 20:31		
489	Heb 4:12		
499	Acts 4:12		
501	Is 9:6		
502	John 3:14-15		
504	2 Cor 13:14		
505	Matt 1:23		
506	John 14:6		
507	John 11:25		
509	Matt 5:17		
512	John 3:16-17		
517	Rev 3:20		
518	Rom 10:9		
521	Heb 11:1		
522	Phil 1:6		
523	Col 3:17		
524	Matt 5:44		
525	Eph 4:32		
529	Rom 8:28		
530	Matt 6:33		
532	Matt 6:9-13		
533	Ps 1:1		
534	Ps 23:4		
535	Prov 14:12		
536	Matt 5:16		
537	Matt 6:20-21		
538	Rom 12:1		
539	Phil 4:6		
540	Phil 4:8		
542	Ps 19:14		
544	1 Cor 10:13		
545	Prov 28:13		
546	1 John 1:9		
547	Ps 101:3		
550	Acts 2:39		
551	Acts 1:8		
552	Gal 5:22-23		
560	Matt 28:19		
563	2 Cor 9:7		
565	Is 53:5		
566	John 14:3		
567	Acts 1:11		
569	1 Thes 4:16-17		
570	1 Cor 15:52		

JBQ QUESTION SCHEDULE

Below is the schedule of JBQ Questions for each meet. We understand that to many quizzers, this may seem like a lot. However, we challenge them to discover what they can do, and try to push themselves each year! If that means you are only able to learn 2-3 new questions, and one quotation verse a week, that is still a win! For Pee-Wee and SPARK League quizzers, the questions focus on a specific set for each meet. For quizzers in FIRE League, the questions build upon each other for each meet, and you continue to add on more questions as the season goes on.

PEE-WEE QUIZZERS: Question Schedule

Here are the questions to focus on leading up to each quiz meet!

MEET	10 POINT QUESTIONS	20 POINT QUESTIONS	30 POINT QUESTIONS
November	Questions 1-144	N/A	N/A
Jan/Feb	Questions 145-288	N/A	N/A
March	N/A (Unless Snow Make-Up)	N/A	N/A

UPPER LEAGUE QUIZZERS: Question Schedule

SPARK LEAGUE

Here are the questions to focus on leading up to each quiz meet!

MEET	LEAGUE	10 POINT QUESTIONS	20 POINT QUESTIONS	30 POINT QUESTIONS
November	SPARK	Questions 1-96	Questions 289-352	Questions 481-512
Jan/Feb	SPARK	Questions 97-192	Questions 353-416	Questions 513-544
March	SPARK	Questions 193-288	Questions 417-480	Questions 545-576

FIRE LEAGUE

Here are the questions to focus on leading up to each quiz meet!

MEET	LEAGUE	10 POINT QUESTIONS	20 POINT QUESTIONS	30 POINT QUESTIONS
November	FIRE	Questions 1-96	Questions 289-352	Questions 481-512
Jan/Feb	FIRE	Questions 1-192	Questions 289-416	Questions 481-544
March	FIRE	Questions 1-288	Questions 289-480	Questions 481-576