



## Children's Bible Studies and Quiz Event Guidelines, Rules & Procedures 2021-2022

***Children's Bible Studies and Quiz Events* provide in-depth Bible study for children grades 1 through 6 (generally ages 6 through 12 years). This resource invites children to experience genuine discipleship through the study of God's transforming Word. Through *Children's Bible Studies*, children learn about God, study his Word, and gain a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Children also learn to apply biblical teachings to actual life situations. *Children's Bible Studies and Quiz Events* encourage children to grow in Christlikeness and to live in relationship with God.**

### **The goals of Children's Bible Studies & Quiz Events are to help children:**

- To desire to study the Bible
- To learn and develop Bible study habits
- To become familiar with God's holy Word
- To understand that God is the central character and hero of the Bible
- To understand the Bible as the story of God's redeeming love
- To begin a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ
- To grow in wisdom, understanding, and Christlikeness
- To apply Scripture to real life situations and reflect Christian attitudes during quiz events
- To celebrate God's Word and all that they have learned at quiz events

*Children's Bible Studies and Quiz Events* are sponsored by the Church of the Nazarene. These are the official *Guidelines, Rules, and Procedures* for *Children's Bible Studies and Quiz Events* worldwide.

## **SECTION 1: RESOURCES & OVERVIEW**

### **1.1 Six Year Cycle**

*Children's Bible Studies and Quiz Events* follow a six-year cycle. Each year focuses on different books from the Bible. These books offer an overview of God's redemptive love for all creation. Together, they provide a spiritual foundation and a chronology of God's relationship with humanity. Whenever possible, the quiz season follows the schedule for local area schools. The current cycle is as follows:

2021-2022—*Studies in Joshua/Judges/Ruth*  
2022-2023—*Studies in 1 & 2 Samuel* \*  
2023-2024—*Studies in Matthew*  
2024-2025—*Studies in Acts*  
2025-2026—*Studies in Genesis*  
2026-2027—*Studies in Exodus* \*

\* Indicates a world quiz year. The world quiz is held every four years during the Church of the Nazarene General Assembly and Conventions.

Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries (SDMI)/Children's Ministries International of the Church of the Nazarene (CMI) and The Foundry Publishing determine the official Bible study for each year.

### **1.2 Bible Study Resources**

- *The Holy Bible*, NIV 2011
- Children's Quizzing Bible Studies curriculum
- Memory Verse Tracking Sheet
- Attendance Sheets

*The Holy Bible*, NIV 2011 is the primary resource for all curriculum and events.

Children's Quizzing Bible Studies books provide review questions for two levels of comprehension—RED Level and BLUE Level. These questions are found in *Dr. Digalot's Challenge* in the quizzing curriculum. Memory verses are provided in each Dig Site(lesson), and are included in the events.

### **1.3 Quiz Event Resources**

- Official *Quiz Event Guidelines, Rules, and Procedures*
- Memory Verse Sheets
- Event Memory Verse Tracking Sheet
- Event Questions
- Event PowerPoint Slides
- Score Sheets
- Awards and Certificates
- Quiz Box

A child uses the official quiz box to answer questions during events. Each child should use a quiz box a method that provides the same numbered answer choices. The quiz box contains four tab inserts that are numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4. Participants pull one numbered insert to indicate the correct answer. Children can also use the quiz box to answer review questions in the classroom. The quiz box dimensions are 11 1/2" wide X 5" deep X 11" high. Make your own or purchase a quiz box, curriculum or other resources from The foundry at [www.gokidsquiz.com](http://www.gokidsquiz.com) or 1-800-877-0700.

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## 1.4 Tiered Quiz Events

Quiz events provide children intentional opportunities to discover what they learn throughout a quiz event season. This guiding principal allows the children to celebrate God's Word and reinforces the children's knowledge and confidence.

- A. Tiered quiz events encourage and effectively prepare children to participate in higher level events and ultimately the world quiz.
- B. Leaders should organize and participate in tiered quiz events as often as practical, preferably between two or more churches. When children participate in smaller quiz events, they are better prepared psychologically, emotionally and physically for a larger event.
- C. The tiered event structure should reflect the districts or regions organizational structure i.e., fields, regions, zones, or areas. Leaders should adjust this structure as needed.

**Tier 5: World Quiz Event**

**Tier 4: Regional Event**

**Tier 3: District Event**

**Tier 2: Zone Event**

**Tier 1: Invitational Practice Event(s)**

- D. Each world region should conduct or designate at least one world quiz qualifying event.

## 1.5 Suggestions and Connecting

Send inquiries, and suggestions, about Children's Bible Studies and Quiz Events, or these official Guidelines, Rules and Procedures to:

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## SECTION 2: Quiz Events

Events not operating in accordance with the *Children's Quiz Events Guidelines, Rules and Procedures* will not qualify for additional event levels.

The quiz event season generally follows the school-year.

### 2.1 Age and Grades

Children in grades 1-6\* (USA) at the beginning of the quiz season may participate in Children's Quiz events. Seventh graders, regardless of age, participate in Teen Quiz. Kindergarteners are not eligible for Regional or World Quiz Events.

### 2.2 RED and BLUE Levels

The basic level is RED Level. The advanced level is BLUE Level. There are no grade limitations or restrictions on participation in RED Level or BLUE Level events.

#### A. RED Level Events

This event level is designed for younger or beginning quizzers and for older quizzers who prefer a basic competition. Children in grades 1-6 may participate in RED Level events.

1. Comprehension Level: Grades 1-3 (generally 6-8 years).
2. Source for Zone/Area Event Questions: Dr. Digalot's Challenge in the Children's Quizzing curriculum student guide and memory verses.
3. Source for District Event Questions: Combination from Dr. Digalot's Challenge in the Children's Quizzing curriculum student guide, reworded questions and memory verses.
4. Source for Regional Event Questions: Combination of questions from scripture, Dr. Digalot's Challenge in the student guide, reworded questions, new questions, and memory verses.
5. Number of Multiple-Choice Answers Per Question: 3.
6. Number of RED Level Questions per Zone/Area, District, and Regional Game: 15.

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7. Number of RED Level Games for Zone/Area, District and Regional Events: minimum of 2 games. The number of games is determined by the district and/or regional Children's Quizzing director.

## B. BLUE Level Events

This event level is for older or more experienced quizzers and for younger quizzers who prefer a greater challenge. Children in grades 1- 6 may participate in BLUE Level events.

1. Comprehension Level: Grades 4-6 (generally 9-12 years).
2. Source for Zone/Area, District, and Regional Questions: Scripture, Dr. Digalot's Challenge in the Children's Quizzing curriculum, student and leader's guide, reworded, and new questions, and memory verses.
3. Number of Multiple-Choice Answers Per Question: 4.
4. Number of BLUE Level Questions per Zone/Area, District, and Regional Game: 20.
5. Number of BLUE Level Games for Zone/Area, District, and Regional Events: 2 or 3 games. The district and/or regional Children's Quizzing director determines the number of games.
6. Bonus questions may be given in the form of memory verses or recall questions.

## 2.3 Switching Between RED Level and BLUE Level Events

Children may switch between RED Level and BLUE Level for Invitational Quiz Events. Switching helps leaders and children determine the best level for each child.

For the official Zone/Area, District, and Regional events, the local director must register each child for either RED Level or BLUE Level. The child must quiz at the same level as they progress from Zone/Area, to District, and Regional events.

## 2.4 Award Levels

Children's Bible Studies and Quiz Events believes that every child has an opportunity to answer every question, and receive recognition for every correct answer he or she gives. Therefore, Children's Quiz Events uses multiple-choice questions, and ties are **never** broken.

Children and churches do not compete against each other. They compete to reach an award level. All children and all churches who reach the same award level receive the same award. Ties are never broken.

Recommended Award Levels:

- Bronze Award = 70-79% correct
- Silver Award = 80-89% correct
- Gold Award = 90-99% correct
- Gold All Star = 100% correct

District children's quiz directors may add award levels or adjust percentages.

## 2.5 Types of Events

All events should operate in accordance with these official *Children's Bible Studies and Quiz Event Guidelines, Rules and Procedures*.

### Tier 1: Invitational Event

An *invitational event* is a practice competition between two or more churches. Invitational events may be organized by local quiz directors, zone quiz directors, or district quiz directors. Individuals who organize an invitational event are responsible for preparing the competition questions.

### Tier 2: Zone/Area Event

Each Church of the Nazarene district is divided into groupings of churches called *Zones*. The District Children's Quiz Director may decide to compete through zone divisions in order to qualify for the district event. If one zone has more quizzers than another zone, the District Children's Quiz Director may separate or combine the zones to create *Areas* in which the numbers of quizzers are equal. The term *Area* is used when zones are combined or divided. Churches located in each zone/area compete in that *Zone/Area Event*. The District Children's Quiz Director determines the number of children from each church and organizes the competition.

Questions for Zone/Area Events are "official questions" and can be obtained from the General Children's Quiz Office. See Section 3.

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## Tier 3: District Event

The *District Event* is the second official event level. Children advance from the *Zone/Area Event* to the *District Event*. The District Children's Quiz Director determines the number of children from each church and organizes the competition.

Questions for district events are "official questions" and can be obtained from the General Children's Quiz Office. See Section 3.

## Tier 4: Regional Event

The *Regional event* is between two or more districts or states. When a Regional Children's Quiz Director is in place, he or she determines the number of children from each district and organizes the event. In the case where there is no Regional Quiz Director in place, the participating District Quiz Directors finalize the date, location, and requirements in consultation with the General Children's Quiz Office.

The *Regional Quiz Event* follows the *District Quiz event* guidelines.

Questions for Regional Events are "official questions" and can be obtained from the general Children's Quiz Office (See section 3.).

## Tier 5: World Quiz Event

Once a quadrennium, an *International World Quiz* is sponsored by the Church of the Nazarene. The Global Children's Quiz Coordinator determines the dates, locations, costs, qualifying dates, and the overall qualifying process for all World Quiz events. District event rules are followed for the World Quiz event.

Children qualify to participate in the World Quiz at the District event.

## Other Event Situations

### • Other Denominations and Non-Denominational Groups

We welcome other groups who want to use the Children's Bible Studies and Quiz Event materials for study. We recommend that other denominations adapt these competition guidelines and follow their own structure.

### • Other Denominations and Non-Denominations Who Want to Join a Nazarene Event

Churches will be placed in contact with the District Children's Quiz Director. The district director will assign the church to a zone/area. Churches must agree to follow these *Official Event Guidelines, Rules, and Procedures*.

## 2.6 Quizzers with Special Needs

The Church of the Nazarene, SDMI/CMI, and Children's Bible Studies and Quiz Event leaders recognize the value and importance of every child. It is our policy to allow for modifications and accommodations of the quiz event procedures so that children with special needs and learning disabilities may participate in quiz events to the best of their ability. Accommodations and modifications are allowed but not mandated by the General Children's Quiz office.

Caution should be used in order to protect the integrity of children's quiz events. Modifications and accommodations shall not be used in a strategic way to improve individual and/or team scores. Special needs must be declared in advance. Modifications and accommodations are provided at the discretion of the District Quiz Director. The existence of accommodations or modifications at one event does not guarantee the same accommodation can be made at future events.

## 2.7 Competition Ethics

The District Quiz Director is the individual on the district who has the responsibility to conduct quiz events in accordance with the *Official Quiz Event Guidelines, Rules, and Procedures*.

### A. Hearing Questions Before the Event.

Since events use the same questions, it is not appropriate for children and workers to attend another zone/area, district, or regional event prior to participating in their own event. If an adult quiz worker attends another event, the District Children's Quiz Director may not allow the church to participate in the event. If a parent and/or child attends another event, the District Children's Quiz Director may not allow the child to participate in the event.

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**B. Worker's Conduct and Attitudes.** Adults are to conduct themselves in a respectful and Christ like manner. Disagreements with the District Children's Quiz Director, quizmaster, or judges are to be discussed in private. Adult quiz workers should not share information about a disagreement with children. Attitudes are to reflect a cooperative spirit and good sportsmanship. Final decisions and rulings of the District Children's Quiz Director are to be accepted and relayed in a positive tone to children and adults.

All decisions of the District/Regional Children's Quiz Director are final.

## 2.8 Responsibility and Authority

### A. District Children's Quiz Director:

1. Operates all competitions according to these *Official Event Guidelines, Rules, and Procedures*.
2. Contacts the General Children's Quiz Office to provide current contact information and statistical information, including the number of churches and children participating on his/her district.
3. Makes decisions and solves problems within the guidelines of the *Children's Quiz Event Guidelines, Rules, and Procedures*.
4. Contacts the General Children's Quiz Office for an official ruling on specific situations as needed.
5. Has the authority to introduce additional quiz procedures on the district as long as the procedures do not conflict with the official *Children's Quiz Event Guidelines, Rules, and Procedures*.
6. Contacts the General Children's Quiz Office in SDMI/CMI, when necessary, to request a specific change in the official *Children's Quiz Event Guidelines, Rules, and Procedures*.

### B. Regional Children's Quiz Coordinator:

**Note:** This position is a developing position and currently does not preside over District Children's Quiz Directors on the region.

1. Creates a Regional Children's Quiz Leadership Team that consists of all District Children's Quiz Directors on the region and remains in contact with this team to keep procedures consistent across the region.
2. Operates and organizes the Regional Competition according to the official

*Children's Quiz Event Guidelines, Rules, and Procedures*.

3. Contacts the General Children's Quizzing Office in SDMI/CMI, when necessary, to request a specific change in the official *Children's Quiz Event Guidelines, Rules, and Procedures*.
4. Makes decisions and solves problems within the guidelines of the official *Children's Quiz Event Guidelines, Rules, and Procedures*.
5. Contacts the General Children's Quiz Office for an official ruling on specific situations, as needed.
6. Contacts the General Children's Quiz Office to place the Regional Competition date on the General Church calendar.
7. Contacts the General Children's Quiz Office to provide current contact information and statistical information from a regional quiz, including the number of participating churches and quizzers.

### C. The Quizmaster:

1. Reads the competition questions.
2. Follows the official *Children's Quiz Event Guidelines, Rules, and Procedures* established by the General Children's Quiz Office and the District Children's Quiz Director/Regional Coordinator. In the event of a conflict, the final authority is the official *Children's Quiz Event Guidelines, Rules, and Procedures* and the decision of the District Children's Quiz Director/Regional Coordinator.
3. May participate in discussions with judges and the District Children's Quiz Director/Regional Coordinator concerning a challenge.
4. May call a time-out.

### D. The Judge:

This position is highly recommended as a third voice in addition to the Quizmaster and Quiz Director when addressing conflict over challenges.

1. Assists the Quizmaster and District/Regional Quiz Director when challenges are made.
2. Evaluates the validity of a challenge based on the answer as compared to the question's scripture reference.
3. A challenge is valid for only one reason: the answer marked as correct in the

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Official Quiz Question is actually incorrect according to the Bible reference given for that question. Challenges issued for any other reason are invalid. Invalid challenges are never considered.

## SECTION 3: EVENT QUESTIONS

### 3.1 Availability of Official Questions

The District Children's Quiz Director is the only individual on the district who may obtain a copy of the Official Zone/Area and District Event questions.

The Regional Children's Quiz Coordinator is the only individual on the region who may obtain a copy of the Official Regional Event questions. In the case of no Regional Children's Quiz Coordinator, one participating District Children's Quiz Director may obtain a copy of the Official Regional Event questions.

Order forms for official questions will be sent via e-mail by December of each year. Contact the General Children's Quiz Office at [ChildQuiz@nazarene.org](mailto:ChildQuiz@nazarene.org) to update your e-mail address. Requested questions will be sent via e-mail or US Postal Mail no earlier than January each year.

### 3.2 RED and BLUE Level Official Questions

Official questions for RED and BLUE Level events will follow the guidelines set forth in Section 2:2.

### 3.3 Reading and Projecting Event Questions

- A. The quizmaster automatically reads the question and multiple-choice answers two times.
- B. The quizmaster may include a third reading for difficult or long questions.
- C. Questions are never limited to a one-time only reading.
- D. Projection of questions using PowerPoint or other visual media is permitted for RED and BLUE Level events.

## SECTION 4: EVENT METHODS

There are three event methods:

- Individual method

- Team method
- Combination method

### 4.1 Individual Method

In this event method, children participate as individual quizzers. Each child's score is separate from all other scores. Children from the same church may sit together, but individual scores are not added together to obtain a church or a team score. There are no bonus questions for individual quizzers.

**Note:** The individual method is the only method that may be used for RED Level events.

### 4.2 Team Method

This method is used for blue level only.

All children participate in teams. Churches may send teams to a blue level event or special event for teams only.

The district director determines the number of participants needed to form a team. All teams must have the same number of members. The recommended number per team is 4 - 5.

In this method, the individual scores of all team members are combined for a team score.

Bonus questions may be used.

### 4.3 Combination Method

The combination method combines individual and team quizzing. In this method, churches may send to an event:

- Individual quizzers only
- Teams only
- Individual quizzers *and* teams

The District Children's Quizzing Director determines the number of children needed to form a team. All teams must have the same number of quizzers. The recommended number of children per team is 4 or 5.

Children from churches that do not have enough quizzers to form a team can participate as individual quizzers.

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In the combination method, teams, not individuals, can qualify for bonus questions. The bonus points awarded for a correct answer to a bonus question are added to the team's total score, not to an individual quizzers's score.

The District Children's Quizzing Director selects either the individual method or the combination method for BLUE Level events.

## SECTION 5: BONUS QUESTIONS

### 5.1 The Use of Bonus Questions

Bonus questions are only used in the BLUE Level team and combination event method, and only with teams, not individuals. Teams must qualify for a bonus question. Bonus questions occur after questions 5, 10, 15, and 20.

### 5.2 How to Qualify for a Bonus Question

A miss is a child's incorrect answer to a quiz question. To qualify for a bonus question, a team may have only as many misses as there are members on the team. Example: a four-member team may have only 4 or fewer team misses. A five-member team may have only 5 or fewer team misses.

Example of a Four-Member Team

Question	1	2	3	4	5
Child 1	5	0	5	5	5
Child 2	5	5	5	5	5
Child 3	5	5	0	5	5
Child 4	0	5	5	0	5

Example of a Five-Member Team

Question	1	2	3	4	5
Child 1	5	5	5	5	5
Child 2	5	0	5	5	0
Child 3	0	5	5	5	5
Child 4	5	5	5	0	5
Child 5	5	5	0	5	5

### 5.3 Bonus Scores

The bonus points for a correct answer to a bonus question are added to the team's total score, not the individual child's score.

### 5.4 Answering Bonus Questions

The District Children's Quiz Director determines the way children will answer bonus questions. Traditionally, the child tells the answer to the scorekeeper.

Prior to the reading of the bonus question, the coach or local children's quiz director selects a team member to answer the bonus question. The same child may answer all of the bonus questions in a game, or a different child may answer each bonus question.

## SECTION 6: TIME-OUTS

### 6.1 Number of Time-Outs

The District Children's Quiz Director determines the number of time-outs to be given to each church. *Each church receives the same number of time-outs, regardless of the number of individual quizzers or teams from that church.* For example, if the district director decides to give one time-out, each church receives one time-out.

The District Children's Quiz Director determines if an automatic time-out will be given during a game and the specific point at which the time-out will occur in each game.

### 6.2 Who May Call a Time-Out

The Local Children's Quiz Director or coach is the only individual who may call a time-out.

The District Children's Quiz Director or quizmaster may call a time-out at any time.

### 6.3 Length of Time-Outs

The District Children's Quiz Director, prior to the start of the season, determines the maximum length of time for a time-out.

## SECTION 7: SCORING

Score sheets may be downloaded for free at [www.gokidsquiz.com](http://www.gokidsquiz.com).

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## 7.1 Point Systems

The district quiz director selects option A or B.

### Option A: Five Points.

Award five (5) points for each correct answer as follows:

- 5 points per correct answer
- 5 points per correct bonus answer (BLUE Level team points only)

**Example 1:** If a child answers 20 questions correctly in a BLUE Level round, the child earns a total of 100 points. Extra points are not given for perfect rounds.

**Example 2:** If every member of a four (4) person team answers 20 questions correctly in a BLUE Level round and the team answers four (4) bonus questions correctly, the team earns a total of 420 points.

### Option B: One Point

Award one (1) point for each correct answer as follows:

- 1 point per correct regular answer
- 1 point per correct bonus answer

**Example 1:** If a child answers 20 questions correctly in a BLUE Level round, the child earns a total of 20 points. Extra points are not given for perfect rounds.

**Example 2:** If every member of a four (4) person team answers 20 questions correctly in a BLUE Level round and the team answers four (4) bonus questions correctly, the team earns a total of 84 points.

**Note:** RED Level points will be lower as there are only 15 questions per round and is individual participation only.

## 7.2 Tie Scores

Ties between individual quizzers or teams are never broken. All individual children or teams who tie receive the same recognition, the same award, and the same advancement to the next event level.

## 7.3 Marking Score Sheets

The District Children's Quiz Director determines the symbols that will be used to mark correct and

incorrect answers on the Official Zone/Area and District Score Sheets. All scorekeepers are to use the same method and symbols to insure correct tabulation.

## 7.4 Scorekeepers

Local churches are responsible for training and providing scorekeepers when requested to do so by the District Children's Quiz Director.

The District Children's Quiz Director determines the number of scorekeepers each church must provide, based upon the number of quizzers that church brings to an event. Churches that do not provide scorekeepers may be eliminated from the zone/area or district event.

Churches that do not provide the required number of scorekeepers may be required to decrease the number of quizzers representing that church. If the church needs to decrease the number of quizzers, the Local Children's Quiz Director or coach is responsible for selecting the quizzers who will and will not participate.

## SECTION 8: CHALLENGES

Challenges are to be the exception and not the norm during an event.

### 8.1 Appropriate Challenges

Challenges are permitted for only one reason: the answer marked as correct in the Official Quiz Questions is actually incorrect according to the Bible reference given for that question. Challenges issued for any other reason are invalid. Invalid challenges are never considered.

Challenges are not permitted because a quizzer, quiz director, judge, or any other event participant dislikes the wording of a question or answer.

Challenges are not permitted because any of the above named persons thinks a question is too difficult or confusing.



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## 8.2 Loss of Challenge Privileges

Individuals who issue invalid challenges disrupt events and cause children to lose concentration. Individuals who consistently issue invalid challenges or create problems by arguing about a challenge ruling will lose the privilege of challenging event questions for the remainder of the event.

The District Children's Quiz Director, or the Quizmaster in the absence of the District Children's Quiz Director, has the authority to remove the privilege of challenging questions from any or all individuals who abuse the privilege.

## 8.3 Who May Issue a Challenge?

The Local Children's Quiz Director or coach are the only persons who may issue a challenge to an event question.

If an individual other than the Local Children's Director or coach attempts to issue a challenge, the challenge is automatically ruled as "invalid."

## 8.4 When May a Challenge Be Issued?

The District Children's Quiz Director decides when challenges may be issued.

### Options Include:

1. Call a Time-Out. The coach or local children's quizzing director uses a time-out to issue a challenge.
2. After a 5 question round. For example, a challenge may be issued after question 5, 10, 15, or 20.
3. After the Game. The coach or local children's quiz director calls for a challenge after the last question of one game and *before* the start of the next game.

Challenges are never accepted on a previous game after the start of the next game.

**Example:** The Local Children's Quiz Director or coach cannot issue a challenge on a question in Game 1 after the start of Game 2.

## 8.5 How to Challenge

The District Children's Quiz Director will determine how an event question can be challenged prior to the start of the event by addressing the following:

- Will the challenge be written or verbal?
- At what point can the challenge be issued (during a game or at the end of a game)?
- How does the coach or local children's quiz director issue the challenge (show of hands, come to the quizmaster's table, send a written notice to the judge, etc.)?

The District Children's Quiz Director should explain the procedure to all coaches and Local Children's Quiz Directors at the beginning of the quiz year.

## 8.6 Challenge Procedures

- A. An individual issues a challenge according to the procedures outlined by the district.
- B. The judges, quizmaster, and district children's quiz director follows these steps:
  1. Determine if the challenge is valid or invalid. To do this, they listen to the reason for the challenge. If the reason given is valid—the answer given as the correct answer is incorrect according to the Bible reference—they follow the challenge procedures outlined by the district.
  - b. If the reason for the challenge is invalid, they announce that the challenge is invalid and the competition continues.

If more than one person challenges the same question, the Quizmaster/District Quiz Director/Judge selects one local quiz director to explain the reason for a challenge.

After a question is considered for a challenge, another person may not challenge the same question.

## 8.7 The Effect of a Challenge on the Competition Scores

If using the combination event method, a challenge may change the individual quizzers' scores and therefore affect the team's ability to qualify for a bonus question.

If a challenge is accepted as valid, the district Children's Quizzing Director, or Quizmaster in the director's absence, select one of the following options.

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**Option A:** Eliminate the question and do not replace it. (The result is that a 20-question game becomes a 19-question game.)

**Option B:** Give every child the point(s) he or she would have received for the challenged question.

**Option C:** Eliminate the question and replace it. Ask all quizzers a new question.

**Option D:** Let children who gave the answer that was listed as the correct answer in the official questions keep their points. Give another question to the children who gave an answer that was listed as an incorrect answer.

## SECTION 9: CHEATING

### 9.1 Cheating Policy

Cheating is serious and should be treated as such.

The District Children's Quiz Director, in discussion with the District Children's Ministries Council, determines the policy to follow in the event that cheating occurs during a competition.

The district's policy and procedure should be mailed to *all* local children's ministries directors, children's pastors, and local Children's Quiz directors.

### 9.2 Cheating Procedure

It is important to have evidence or a witness that cheating is occurring before accusing an adult or child.

A sample procedure:

- If cheating is suspected, ask the judges to watch, but do not tell them who is suspected. After a few questions, ask the judges' opinions. If they did not see cheating, go on with the quiz and realize that the suspicion may have been a mistake.
- If the judges saw the same thing, ask whether they are *sure* beyond a shadow of a doubt. Do not act until everyone is sure.
- Explain the problem to the child's coach or Local Children's Quiz Director, and ask the director to talk with the child privately.

- The Quizmaster, Judges, and coach or Local Children's Quiz Director should watch for continued cheating.
- If the cheating continues, the Quizmaster and the coach or Local Children's Quiz Director should talk with the child privately; explain the consequences for cheating, and what the child must do to correct the behavior.
- If the cheating continues, the Quizmaster should tell the coach or Local Children's Quiz Director that the child's score will be disqualified.

## SECTION 10: FINAL DECISIONS

### 10:1 Award Decisions

All scoring and challenge decisions are to be made *before* presenting awards. The Quizmaster and scorekeepers should be sure all final scores are accurate prior to the presentation.

No award is to be taken from a child after the awards are presented. If a mistake is made, children may receive a higher award but never a lower award. This is true for both individual awards and team awards.

### 10:2 District Traveling/Rotating Trophy

If there is a scoring mistake, the team that incorrectly received the trophy is to return the trophy immediately so it may be presented to the correct team. The coach or local Children's Quiz Director of the church that must return the trophy is responsible for helping children understand that they did not earn the trophy and why returning the trophy is the right thing for them to do.

### 10:3 Unresolved Decisions

Consult with the General Children's Quiz Office regarding unresolved decisions.