LIVE BREAKING NEWS



Acts of the Apostes Junior Bible Quizzing Junior Division

Coach-in-a-Box



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How to Use this Guide

The Coach-in-a-Box study system blends the essential aspects that make for an effective study program in Bible Quizzing with the elements of a devotional. The quizzer won't just be memorizing. They'll be digging deeper into the meaning of the verses they're learning, praying the Word, and learning how to apply what they've learned to their own walk with God.

This section provides an overview for how to use this tool, including the contents of the guide and how to use it in study.

Let's take a quick tour of the tool.

INTRODUCTION

Introductions set the stage for what you are about to study. The general introduction at the beginning of the guide provides a brief overview of the material and the theme for the year. Each chapter opens with an introduction that summarizes the primary context of the chapter and the key takeaways from the verses you are about to learn.

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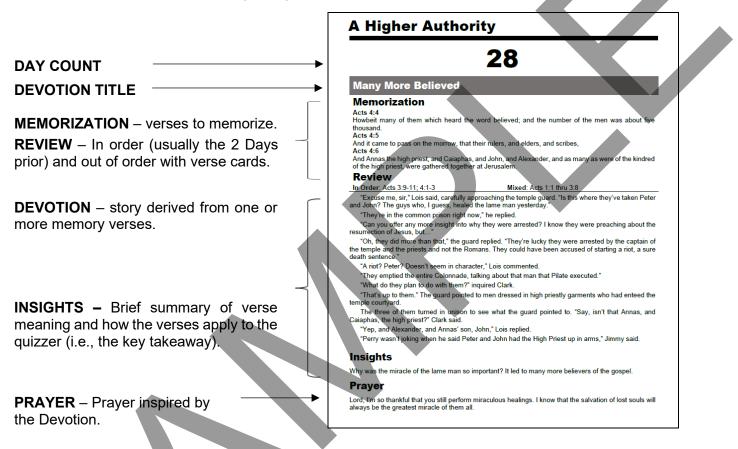
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STUDY MODULES

The Study Modules are broken out by days and identify the work to be done in the areas of memorization and review. Plus, each day has its own devotion, Life Lesson, and Prayer. These devotions are designed to draw out a key point from one or more of the verses that will be memorized that day. There are 100 Study Modules at about three (3) verses per day, on average.

Let's look at the elements to the Daily Study Modules.



REVIEW OBJECTIVES FOLLOWING MEMORIZATION

These objectives will guide your review until you are working entirely from verse cards.

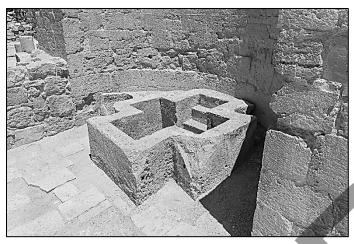
OPTIONAL REVIEW CHALLENGES

These exercises will aid your recall and increase your confidence to respond to specific types of questions.

DISCIPLINES OF STUDY

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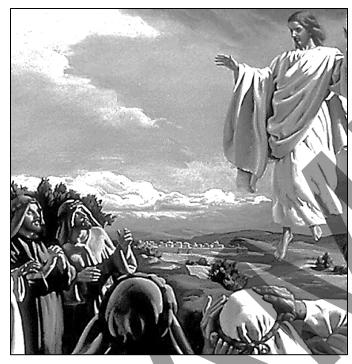
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The Start to the Beginning

Memorization

Acts 1:1

The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, **Acts 1:2**

Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

Acts 1:3

To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

Review

In Order: None

Mixed: None

Lois pointed to a large congregation of people grouped together atop a hill just outside the city wall. "That's got to be it," she said, jumping off Ernie, the donkey. She motioned to Jimmy. "You get ready to start filming. I'll try to get a little closer to make sure we're at the right spot."

Jimmy leapt from his donkey and grabbed his gear. "I'll be ready to roll when you are."

Lois scaled the slope until she could see into the crowd. She caught sight of a familiar face. "That's Jesus alright. Alive and well, so it seems." Her radio buzzed to life.

"Lois, you there yet?" Perry said.

"We're here, Chief, and I've spotted Jesus."

"Okay, get set up. You're live in five minutes."

"Copy that," she said into her speaker. Lois spun back to Jimmy. "Try to get a close-up of Jesus, and then pan over the crowd. I'll do a voiceover."

Jimmy lugged the camera up to his shoulder. "You got it, Lois."

Insights

Jesus' death did not stop His teachings. Even after His resurrection, Jesus taught His followers. He's still teaching us today through His Spirit, His word, His ministers, and our time alone with Him.

Prayer

Jesus, I need Your Spirit in my life to help me live a life that is pleasing to You.

2

The Coming Promise

Memorization

Acts 1:4

And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. **Acts 1:5**

For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. Acts 1:6

When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

Review

In Order: Acts 1:1-3

Mixed: None

"Good morning, Jerusalem! This is Zeke Zion," said the chipper anchorman.

"And I'm Sarah Abram coming to you from the downtown Jerusalem Y.H.W.H. News Center. Today, we're going live with our very own Lois Lein where a very unusual gathering is occurring on the outskirts of town. Lois, can you fill us in?"

"Yes, Zeke and Sarah, we're at what appears to be a religious gathering." Jimmy panned for a closeup of Jesus. "And as you can see, it's being led by Jesus of Nazareth."

"I'm sorry," Sarah said. "Did you say Jesus of Nazareth? Wasn't He crucified several weeks ago?"

"That's right, Sarah. Yet, as you can see, He's very much alive."

"What are they talking about?" Zeke asked.

"It's hard to make out everything he is saying, but he appears to be addressing them about a promise from God. Something about being baptized by the Holy Ghost."

"Holy Ghost?" Zeke inquired. "What is the reaction of the people?"

"They seem to be asking questions about the restoration of Israel. I assume they are referring to the ancient prophecies that Israel will one day rule the world."

"Thank you, Lois," Sarah said. "We have to take a sponsor break but stay with us for updates of this important news as it is happening."

Insights

When God makes a promise, He keeps it. For example, He made a promise to His disciples that the Father would send a Comforter in His name, which we know is the Holy Ghost. If you have the Holy Ghost, then you have Jesus in your heart.

Prayer

Lord, thank you for keeping Your word. I can trust you to always do what You say You will do.

3

The Ascension of Jesus

Memorization

Acts 1:7

And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:9

And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

Review

In Order: Acts 1:1-6

Mixed: None

"If you're just tuning in, Lois Lein is on location at the Mount of Olives," Ezekiel Zion said when the news returned.

"That's right, Zeke. And she's just spotted a crowd gathered around a man that has appeared to defy even death itself," said Sarah Abram, the other Y.H.W.H. news anchorperson. "Lois, are you still with us?"

"Yes, I'm here, Sarah," Lois replied.

"Bring us up to date. What's happening?"

"The resurrected man from Galilee, Jesus, is just concluding a speech about what He is calling the Holy Ghost. From what He's told His followers, this Holy Ghost will give them power to spread His teachings throughout the world. Wait!"

A few seconds of silence passed. "Hello, Lois. Are you still there?" Zeke asked, concerned.

"I'm here, but I can't describe what I'm watching. Jimmy, can you get a close-up on Jesus? Are you seeing this, Zeke and Sarah?" Lois asked.

"Is that a cloud? Is he flying?" Sarah replied.

"I can't explain what's happening," Lois said. "A cloud descended from the sky, and Jesus just lifted into the air. Jimmy is telling me he's losing sight of him."

"That is the strangest thing I think I have ever seen," Zeke said. "It's like when Elijah was taken up by a chariot of fire, only this time it's a cloud. Extraordinary."

Insights

The Holy Ghost gives us power. Through the Spirit of Jesus, we can overcome sin, temptations, even death. We are also made to be witnesses of God's grace to spread the gospel throughout the world.

Prayer

Jesus, one day we will rise in the sky to meet You in the air. I'm thankful that I have a promise to live in Your presence for all eternity.

4

He's Coming Back

Memorization

Acts 1:10

And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

Acts 1:11

Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. **Acts 1:12**

Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

Review

In Order: Acts 1:1-9

Mixed: None

Jimmy pointed to the sky. "Look!" he exclaimed.

Lois cupped a hand over her eyes to block out the sun. She noticed what appeared to be two men slowly descending from the sky. "Uh, Zeke and Sarah? You thought that was strange, you haven't seen anything yet."

"What's happening, Lois?"

"Hold on! Jimmy is going to try to capture what is taking place."

Zeke peered deeply into the monitor. "Are those men falling from the sky?"

"I think they're angels, Zeke," Sarah commented. "They appear to be talking to the crowd. I can't hear what they are saying. Are you getting anything, Lois?"

"They appear to be sending the crowd away," Lois replied. "They're telling them that Jesus will come again just like they saw him leave. I think the people are headed back to Jerusalem. I'm going to follow them to see where they are headed. More when I have an update."

"Okay, well, folks, there you have it," Sarah said. "Jesus is not only alive, but he appears to have been taken up by a cloud into the sky, followed by men dressed all in white. We'll stay with this story as it unfolds."

"Now, onto the weather with Chip Cohen," Zeke announced.

Insights

We know that when Jesus comes back a second time, He will reign over all the earth, and we will be with Him when He does.

Prayer

Jesus, I want to be a part of the family of believers who stand with You when You reign over all the world.

5

Prayer Meeting in the Upper Room

Memorization

Acts 1:13

And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

Acts 1:14

These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

Review

In Order: Acts 1:7-12

Mixed: Acts 1:1-6

Lois and Jimmy followed the group into the heart of Jerusalem on donkey-back. "Where are they headed?" Jimmy asked.

"I think they are going into a room on the upper floor of that building," Lois replied.

"Anybody you recognize?" he asked.

"I know a few of the faces. I think the ones in the front are Jesus' closest disciples."

"Not the guy who turned Jesus in, right?" Jimmy inquired.

"Oh, no. Not him. He's..., well...he's not alive anymore," she said, struggling to find the appropriate words. "Stay here. I'm going to see what they are up to." She leapt from the donkey.

Lois waited until they had all convened in the upper room, then peeked inside the window. She returned several minutes later to the place where she left Jimmy.

"Well, is there anything to report?" he asked. "What are they up to?"

"They're praying," Lois said.

"Praying? Not much of a follow-up piece, I would hazard to guess."

"Maybe not," Lois said, getting back on the donkey. "But let's keep a close eye on them anyway. See if anything happens in a day or two. Let's head back to the station and fill in the Chief."

Insights

Have you ever noticed that every great move of God begins with a prayer meeting? Prayer opens invisible doors in the spiritual world for God to do amazing things. Never neglect your time in prayer.

Prayer

Jesus, help me fall in love with prayer. I want to spend time every day in Your presence.



Prayer that Rocked the World



Perry Laban, Y.H.W.H. News Center's Chief of News, poked his head out of his office. "Where's Lein?" he bellowed.

She stood up from her desk. "Right here, boss."

"I need you to grab Jimmy and rush over to that place where those followers of Jesus are gathered to pray," he replied.

Jimmy happened to be in the desk beside her. Lois reached over and jabbed him in the arm. "I knew it! I told you something was going to happen." She called back to the Chief. "What's going on?"

"You're the reporter, you find out."

"So, that's it? I'm reporting on their prayer meeting?"

"Exactly," he said before he charged back into his office and slammed his door.

Jimmy grabbed his camera. "What's eating him today?"

"You know the Chief," she replied. "All go and very little details. He knows more than he's letting on."

"But he wants us to do a report on their prayer meeting?" Jimmy inquired. "They've been at it for what, ten days now?"

"Let's get over there in a hurry and find out," Lois said, grabbing her scroll for notes. "The boss has a keen nose for news, and he's sure fired up about this one. This may be a prayer meeting that changes history for all we know."

Discipline of Study

Tips for an Effective Study Program

Bible Quiz Study 101

The study required in Bible Quizzing is a big commitment for both the parent and the child. It takes time, consistency, a lot of work and patience. However, there are practical tips for effective studying. The following pages outline some fundamentals for developing Disciplines of Study in the following areas.

MEMORIZATION

- ► The Phrase-15 Method
- ► The Reading Method

REVIEW

STUDY PLANNING

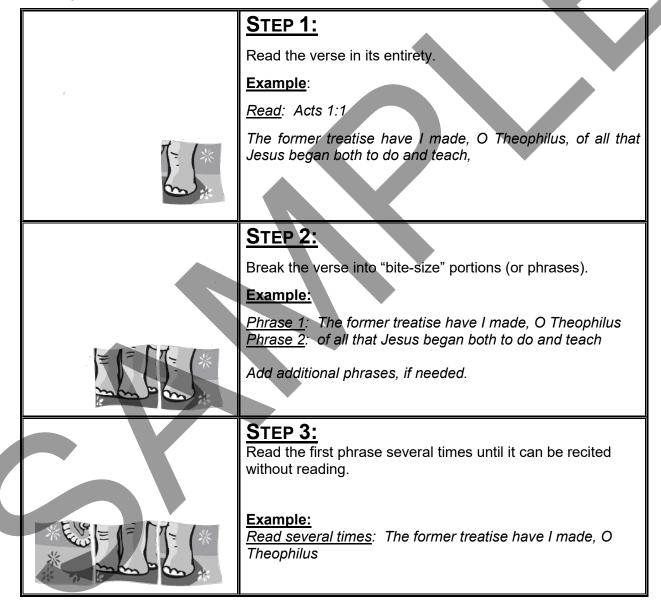
Memorization: Phrase 15 Method

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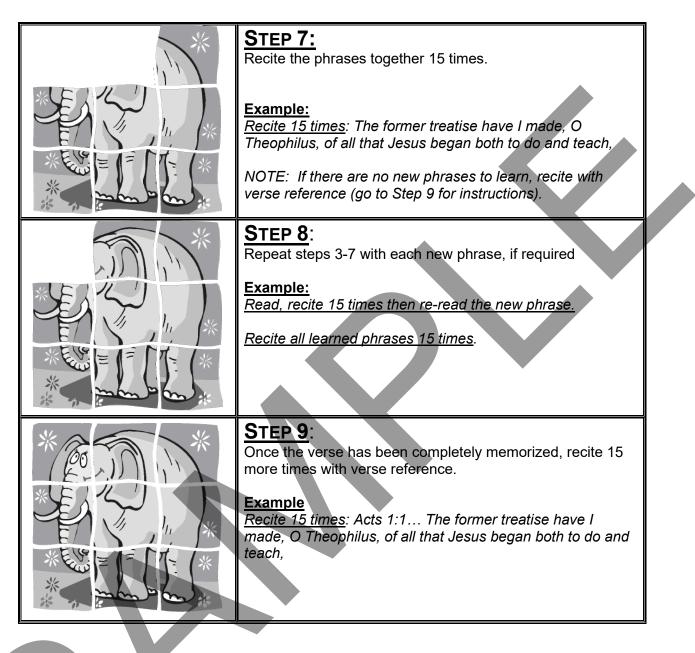
QUESTION: How do you eat an elephant?

ANSWER: One bite at a time.

This expression rings true with memorization. By breaking the verse into "bite-size" pieces, the quizzer is better able to memorize. The most widely used approach for memorization in Bible Quizzing is the Phrase-15 Method. Here's how it works:







NOTE: You may wish to combine Steps 8 and 9. When you add the last phrase to the other phrases memorized, tack on the verse reference then and recite the whole verse with the reference 15 times.

Memorization: The Reading Method

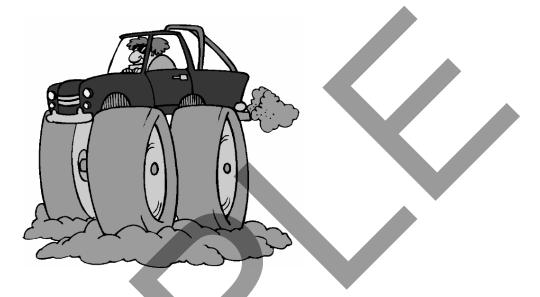


Ever find yourself remembering a face but not the person's name?

Many remember more of what they see than what they hear. When memorizing verses, it helps sometimes *see* what one is reciting. If the quizzer is at the age where he/she can read, allow him/her to read the verses to the point they can be recited. Here's how to so that.

- The quizzer reads the verse in its entirety until he/she feels confident to attempt to quote it.
- The quizzer quotes the verse with verse reference without looking.
 - If he/she gets stuck or misquotes, he/she can "cheat" by re-reading the verse.
 - You can stop them when they misquote but try not to verbally correct the quizzer. Let them try to find the trouble spot for themselves by re-reading the verse.
- When the quizzer has successfully quoted the verse five to seven times without error, the quizzer re-reads the verse again to ensure he/she quotes it correctly.
- After each new verse is learned, the quizzer goes back to the beginning of the verses learned that day and
 - 1. Re-reads them and
 - 2. Re-quotes them.
 - For example, if the quizzer is to memorize Acts 2:1-3. After verse 2 is memorized, the quizzer re-reads and re-quotes verses 1 and 2 together with verse reference.
 - Additionally, when verse 3 is learned, the quizzer reads and quotes verses 1, 2 and 3 together with verse reference.

Review



Imagine a dirt road that is traveled over a lot.

The more people drive down that road, the deeper the ruts become. It's like that with review. The more you quote a verse, the deeper it gets into your memory and the faster you can recall it.

What is Review?

It is accurately quoting either order or out of order all verses learned to date.

How is Accuracy Measured?

Accuracy is achieved when quoted exactly as recorded in the official material without assistance.

When Does a Quizzer Review?

A quizzer should review every day. A quizzer can begin to forget verses in as short as 1 – 3 days without reviewing.

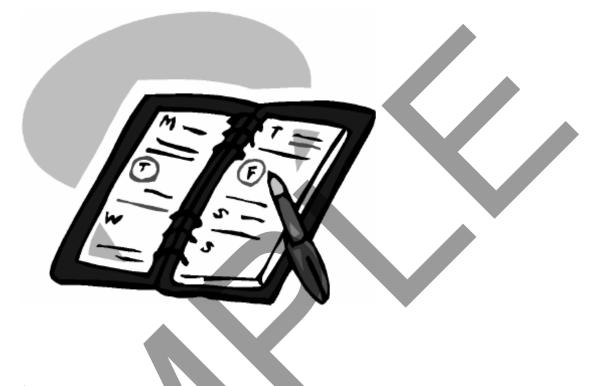
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A quizzer should quote all the verses memorized to date every day. They'll find the more they do, the faster they'll become in recalling and quoting.

What if the Quizzer gets "Stuck in a Rut"?

Review is meant to overcome shortfalls in the quizzer's memory. At times, they may get "stuck" and need some "prodding" by having someone read or recite the part of the verse they are having trouble recalling. If this occurs, the quizzer should quote the verse <u>at least three times</u> word perfectly without any help before he or she moves on to the next verse.

Planning



Putting together a study program takes planning.

The Coach-in-a-Box Daily Objectives are given to provide a framework for what's required each day for studying. But it only goes so far in developing a plan. These few tips and tricks may help in putting together an effective home study program.

1 WHAT TO STUDY

There is a preferred order to the study each day:

- **REVIEW**. It is suggested that the quizzer do all their review before memorization. This helps set the momentum for effective studying and prepares the mind for added memory. Also, adequate time needs to be given for review before attempting to memorize.
- **MEMORIZE**. The order you memorize is optional; however, you should pay attention to the length of time it takes for you to memorize. This may vary based on the number of verses to memorize and length of the verse.

You may choose to memorize verses every day, or you may set aside certain days for memorization (e.g., weekdays). However, review daily, as possible.

Crunched for time? If anything is to be sacrificed for a particular day, let it be memorization. Ensure review is given its proper time. Verses are often forgotten over a relatively short period of time. This can be discouraging to the quizzer and requires added work to re-memorize.

2 WHEN TO STUDY

"You only need to study on the days you breathe."

Bro. Bobby Long Retired JBQ National Quizmaster

The above statement illustrates the importance of a quizzer developing a daily discipline for study. Here are some important tips about when to study:

- A quizzer may find it more efficient to study at the same time every day. Finding what time
 works best for the quizzer may take some trial and error. On the other hand, there may
 be only a certain time during the day when the quizzer is available for study. Nonetheless,
 with whatever time is determined, make it priority for study.
- If your schedule at home is limited, use that time to learn your new verses. Your flash cards are mobile and can go with you. In the car on the way to school, church, the store or wherever you go, you can use that time for review (this, of course, assumes you're not driving). As Deuteronomy 6:7 says "...,when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

3 HOW LONG TO STUDY

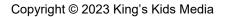
You should plan for at least an hour per day for study time. At first, when there are not many verses to review, you may not need that much time. Then, as the year progresses and more verses are added (or perhaps just before a tournament), you may need more time in study. At some point, however, when memorization is complete, the time normally spent in memorizing can be allocated to more intensive review.

Here is a rule of thumb about time each day in study:

- 15-25 minutes in Memorization (assuming 4 verses at 4-7 minutes per verse)
- 15-60 minutes in Review (varies by number of verses to review and speed at which the quizzer can recall)

Total study time: Between 15 and 85 minutes (or an average of 60 minutes per day taken over the regular quizzing season).

Give me a Break. It's important to consider breaks when scheduling time to study. A 5-10 minute break between review and memorization may add to the overall time of study but may also add a great deal of productivity to the study. Or, you can review at one time in the day and memorization later, or vice versa.



4 WHERE TO STUDY

It's best to study in the same place at home every day that has the fewest distractions. Here are some possibilities about a study location (note: this list is not exhaustive):

- In their room
- In the car
- At school during lunch
- On the floor of the living room
- At the kitchen table
- Eased back in a recliner or outside, lying in a hammock under a palm tree on a tropical island (one can dream, right?)

The key is to make the environment as distraction-free as possible and work within the schedule.

5 FINAL THOUGHTS

Sometimes it's productive to buddy up with a friend, a quizzer, a coach, or a parent who can "spot check" quoting. Not only does it keep them honest, but they might also find they've been misquoting verses and didn't realize it. In Junior Bible Quizzing, it is most common for the a parent or caregiver to work with the quizzer in all aspects of the study.

Find ways to make study fun. Use your imagination. And always, make God a part of your study. DON'T FORGET TO PRAY!!!