

# Acts of the Apostles

Junior Bible Quizzing

*Beginner Division*

Coach-in-a-Box

2024

All rights reserved. No part of this book may be reproduced or used in any manner without the prior written permission of the copyright owner, except for the use of brief quotations or the purchase of a limited-use multiple copy license obtained through its distributor. To order a limited-use license or additional copies this book or other Bible Quizzing materials, visit [www.bqpowers.com](http://www.bqpowers.com). For questions or permissions, please email [jonathang@kingskidsmedia.com](mailto:jonathang@kingskidsmedia.com).

Scriptures are taken from the KING JAMES VERSION (KJV), public domain.

For other works by the author:

***God Quest: The Elliott Chronicles***

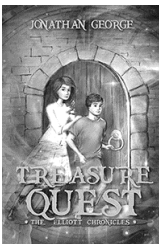


First edition 2015  
ISBN 9781567229837  
Printed by Word Aflame Press  
Pentecostal Publishing House  
Fiction

[www.pentecostalpublishing.com](http://www.pentecostalpublishing.com)

---

***Treasure Quest: The Elliott Chronicles***

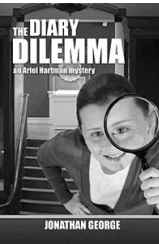


First edition 2017  
ISBN 9780757754333  
Printed by Word Aflame Press  
Pentecostal Publishing House  
Fiction

[www.pentecostalpublishing.com](http://www.pentecostalpublishing.com)

---

***The Diary Dilemma: An Ariel Hartman Mystery based on Galatians***

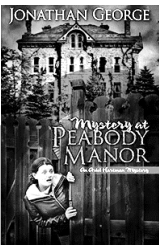


First edition 2011  
ISBN 9781567228632  
Printed by Word Aflame Press  
Pentecostal Publishing House  
Fiction

[www.pentecostalpublishing.com](http://www.pentecostalpublishing.com)

---

***Mystery at Peabody Manor: An Ariel Hartman Mystery based on Ephesians***

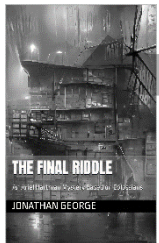


First edition 2013  
ISBN 9780757743542  
Printed by Word Aflame Press  
Pentecostal Publishing House  
Fiction

[www.pentecostalpublishing.com](http://www.pentecostalpublishing.com)

---

***The Final Riddle: An Ariel Hartman Mystery based on Colossians***



First edition 2023  
ISBN 9798388218360  
Printed by Kindle Direct Publishing, USA  
Publisher Kings Kids Media, Houston, Texas 77062  
Fiction

[www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

---

# Table of Contents

How to Use this Guide .....	i
Introduction .....	1
ACTS 1: The Promise of the Father .....	2
ACTS 2: Happy Birthday, Church! .....	10
ACTS 3: The God of Big Miracles .....	40
ACTS 4: Calling All Witnesses! .....	48
ACTS 5: We Obey God .....	60
ACTS 6: A Call to Serve .....	78
ACTS 8: Spread the Joy .....	83
Review Following Memorization .....	109
Optional Review Exercises .....	109
Disciplines of Study .....	110



# 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 quizzers 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

The Introduction sets the stage for what the quizzers is 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. After this, there are introductions that open the chapters. These chapter introductions help summarize the chapter or provide key takeaways from the verses they are about to learn.

### Introduction



Do you have a favorite superhero? If so, do you know how they got their super powers? Their beginning is called their origin story. The church of Jesus Christ has an origin story, too.

Where can we read about the church's origin story? It's found in the book of the Bible titled "Acts of the Apostles". Before Jesus went back up into heaven, He spoke about how the church would grow from Jerusalem, then into Judaea and Samaria, and finally into the utter most parts of the earth. This came through the Holy Ghost which is God's power inside of us. This power helps us to conquer sin, sickness, and even death one day. We even have the power to be witnesses for Jesus Christ throughout all the world.

Did you know that Acts is one of the few books of the New Testament that does not end with the word "amen"? There's a good reason for that. You know why you end your prayers with "amen"? It signals to

God that you are done. Why doesn't Acts end with amen then? Church history is still being written today, and you are part of that story.

As Apostolic believers, Acts is very important to us. It shows how the apostles took all the teachings they received from Jesus and put them into practice. We look to Acts to show others how they can be saved and have power like the earliest believers.

Let's dive deep into Acts and find out how our faith and doctrine got its start.

### GENERAL INTRODUCTION

## Acts 1

### The Promise of the Father



In Acts 1, Jesus gave His final words to His disciples before He rose back into heaven. Before He left, He made a promise to His followers. They would have power through the Holy Ghost. We know there is power in the Holy Ghost to conquer sin and do God's work.

But did you know that was not the only promise we read about in Acts 1? The angels who were present at Jesus' return to heaven promised that He was coming back some day!

The Holy Ghost not only helps us to live a holy life on Earth. One day, the Spirit-filled believer will join Jesus in the clouds to go to their forever home.

When His disciples learned of these promises, they prayed together for God's plan to come to pass. Through prayer, we receive the Holy Ghost. Through prayer, we stay connected to Jesus. Soon, we will see the One who answers our prayers face to face.

### CHAPTER INTRODUCTION



# Introduction



Do you have a favorite superhero? If so, do you know how they got their super powers? Their beginning is called their origin story. The church of Jesus Christ has an origin story, too.

Where can we read about the church's origin story? It's found in the the book of the Bible titled "Acts of the Apostles". Before Jesus went back up into heaven, He spoke about how the church would grow from Jerusalem, then into Judaea and Samaria, and finally into the utter most parts of the earth. This came through the Holy Ghost which is God's power inside of us. This power helps us to conquer sin, sickness, and even death one day. We even have the power to be witnesses for Jesus Christ throughout all the world.

Did you know that Acts is one of the few books of the New Testament that does not end with the word "amen"? There's a good reason for that. You know why you end your prayers with "amen"? It signals to God that you are done. Why doesn't Acts end with amen then? Church history is still being written today, and you are part of that story.

As Apostolic believers, Acts is very important to us. It shows how the apostles took all the teachings they received from Jesus and put them into practice. We look to Acts to show others how they can be saved and have power like the earliest believers.

Let's dive deep into Acts and find out how our faith and doctrine got its start.

# Acts 1

## The Promise of the Father



In Acts 1, Jesus gave His final words to His disciples before He rose back into heaven. Before He left, He made a promise to His followers. They would have power through the Holy Ghost. We know there is power in the Holy Ghost to conquer sin and do God's work.

But did you know that was not the only promise we read about in Acts 1? The angels who were present at Jesus' return to heaven promised that He was coming back some day!

The Holy Ghost not only helps us to live a holy life on Earth. One day, the Spirit-filled believer will join Jesus in the clouds to go to their forever home.

When His disciples learned of these promises, they prayed together for God's plan

to come to pass. Through prayer, we receive the Holy Ghost. Through prayer, we stay connected to Jesus. Soon, we will see the One who answers our prayers face to face.

# The Promise of the Father

## 1

### Baby Book

#### 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:

#### Review

**In Order:** None

**Mixed:** None

**\* REMINDER:** *The asterisk identifies the primary verse(s) from which the story is based.*

Samantha pulled a leather-bound book from her mother's nightstand. The cover displayed a drawing of a baby's face inside a shimmering white circle. Just below the drawing, the words "My Baby" were written in curly blue letters.

"What's this?" Samantha asked her mother.

"That's your baby book." Her mother took the book from Samantha and opened it to the first page. "This is where I wrote down important memories from your very first year as a baby." Mother pointed at her hand-written entries. "See, here's the date you were born and how much you weighed. I also wrote down when you took your first steps, what your first words were, and so forth."

"Why did you do that?" Samantha asked.

"So, we could look back one day and remember all the new beginnings we shared with you when you were little. It's important to never forget where we began."

#### Closer Look

The Book of Acts is the church's baby book. It describes how the church got started. It is important for us to learn from these early Christians, so we can be sure to do what they did and believe as they believed.

#### Prayer

Jesus, I want to know what the early Christians did so I can do and believe the same things.



# The Promise of the Father

## 2

### Passion Fruit

#### Memorization

##### \*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:

##### 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.

#### Review

**In Order:** Acts 1:1-2

**Mixed:** None

Reagan's dad reached for a round, purple piece of fruit on the countertop in their kitchen. He began to cut into the silky flesh.

"That's a weird looking fruit," Raegan said when he cut it in half. "What kind is it?"

"It's passion fruit," he replied.

"Passion fruit? What a strange name."

"Long ago, missionaries to South America gave the fruit this name because the flowers on the plant reminded them of Jesus. The parts of the flowers were shaped like Jesus' crown of thorns, the nails, and even His wounds."

"Then why did they call it passion fruit? I thought passion was when we really got excited about something we loved. Those don't sound like happy things to me."

"You're right," Dad said. "But passion also means suffering. When you think about it, wasn't His suffering caused by something He loved very much? That is us. In a sense, Jesus' willingness to suffer that we might be saved came out of His deep love for people."

#### Closer Look

Jesus was so passionate about us that He died for us. There was no greater love shown to humankind than when Jesus laid down His life for us (John 15:13).

#### Prayer

Jesus, thank You for dying for me. It makes me want to live for You all the days of my life.

# The Promise of the Father

## 3

### A Better Plan

#### Memorization

##### \*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 1:1-4

**Mixed:** None

Leonard stared out the car window with excitement as they passed by the huge snow drifts along the road. "Can we stop and build a snowman?" he asked.

Mom turned around from the front seat. "I keep forgetting you've never seen snow."

Dad peered at Leonard through the rear-view mirror. "I guess we can stop for a minute." He pulled the car to the side of the road. "Wait for me to get out first. I want to make sure it's safe."

Dad helped Leonard out of the car and walked him to the edge of the snow pile. He pointed toward the horizon. "You see all that white on those mountains over there? That's where we're heading. There will be tons of snow to play in there. I'm going to teach you how to ski."

"We're going there?" Before his father could answer, Leonard turned back toward the car. "Then why are we wasting our time here? There's more to do up there. Let's get going."

#### Closer Look

John set the stage for Jesus to come onto the scene. What Jesus offered was far better than what John, or even Moses through the Law, could offer. Jesus has something better in store for everyone who will obey the gospel.

#### Prayer

Jesus, I'm so thankful we can have the best gift You could give us. We can have your Spirit inside our hearts.

# The Promise of the Father

## 4

### Super Sin-Fighting Powers

#### 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.

#### Review

**In Order:** Acts 1:1-6

**Mixed:** None

Jaxon tied a sheet around his neck to make a superhero cape. He raced around the house, making swishing sounds.

His dad jumped out of Jaxon's way as he rounded the corner. "Whoa there, Superman. Not sure my bones can handle running into the man of steel."

Jaxon came to an abrupt halt. "Sorry, Dad. I wish I were Superman. I could fly around the world at super-fast speeds and carry giant boulders on my back. Don't you wish you had superpowers, Dad?"

"I already have superpowers," Dad replied.

"Huh? You do?"

"I have the Holy Ghost. That means I have the power to defeat sin," his dad explained. "I have the power to pray for people and see God work miracles in their lives. And, I have the power to fly out of the grave or off the ground into the sky when Jesus comes back."

Jaxon jabbed the air with his fists. "I have the Holy Ghost too which means I can beat back that ugly ole' sin when it comes looking for a fight."

His dad laughed. "Not sure your fists will work, but prayer sure will."

#### Closer Look

No superhero can defeat Jesus. With Him in your heart, nothing can defeat your faith either, if you won't let it.

#### Prayer

Jesus, You are more powerful than any superhero. I'm glad I'm on Your side.

# The Promise of the Father

## 5

### Up, Up, Up into the Air

#### Memorization

##### \*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.

##### Acts 1:10

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

#### Review

**In Order:** Acts 1:5-8

**Mixed:** Acts 1:1-4

The hot air balloons rose from a large open field. Brightly colored canvases filled the sky.

Abigail's dad pointed into the air. "Look at all these balloons. Aren't they amazing, Abby?"

"They're really cool," she replied. Flames shot up from inside the wicker baskets into the opening at the bottom of the balloons. "Why do they use blasts of fire? Aren't they afraid it's going to burn up?"

"No, sweetheart," he replied, chuckling. "There's a little science to it. By heating the air inside the balloon, it helps it to rise and stay afloat."

Abigail thought about the time when Jesus rose into the sky in front of His followers. "When Jesus went back up into heaven, did He need fire to do that?"

"He did that all by Himself. I guess when you make the air and all the world around you, you can do that."

"I wish I could go up into the air like that."

"One day, we will," Dad said. "The Bible says that in the rapture, the dead will rise from the grave and those who are alive will go up to meet the Lord in the air."

"And we'll go even higher than these balloons?"

"Much, much higher," her dad replied.

#### Closer Look

We may not have the power to float into the air without the help of a machine or hot air balloon, but one day we will rise to meet Jesus in the sky.

#### Prayer

Jesus, I want to meet You in the air one day when You come back to get Your church.

# The Promise of the Father

## 6

### Cloud Watchers

#### Memorization

##### \*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 1:7-10

**Mixed:** Acts 1:1-6

Aiden and Michael stared up into the sky as the clouds floated overhead. "That one looks like an elephant. See the trunk?"

"Looks more like the tail of an armadillo to me," Michael said.

Aiden laughed out loud. "I think you need to see an eye doctor."

Michael giggled in return.

"Say, you know what this reminds me of? Pastor Barnes talked about how when Jesus went back up into heaven, the people just gazed up into the sky."

"Well, I know why I'm gazing up into the sky," Michael said.

"You do? Why?"

"Mom said when I get back home, I have to clean my room. I'd rather stare up at the clouds."

"I know what you mean," Aiden said. "I guess a few more minutes won't hurt."

"By the way, I'm still pretty sure that cloud looked more like an armadillo than an elephant," Michael joked.

Aiden and Michael burst into laughter.

#### Closer Look

It must have been a sight to behold to watch Jesus rise into the air. One day, we'll see Jesus in the air, but this time we will join Him. Don't you want to be ready?

#### Prayer

Lord, help me to be ready when You come again.

# The Promise of the Father

## 7

### It's Unanimous

#### 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 1:9-12

**Mixed:** Acts 1:1-8

"It's unanimous," Principal Michaels announced. "Crystal is our new class president." The auditorium filled with applause as Crystal walked onto the stage.

Carter leaned next to Wyatt and whispered, "What does unanimous mean?"

"It means that everyone voted for her," Wyatt replied.

Carter tried to remember a time when everyone agreed on something. All he could think about was Sister Peters' lesson on the upper room. She said that everyone was in the same frame of mind and spirit. This unity caused them to pray and seek God together for the promise mentioned by Jesus. As he recalled, it didn't take long before the Holy Ghost fell.

Carter leaned back into Wyatt's ear. "What do you think would happen if everyone here made a unanimous choice to believe in God?"

Wyatt, who went to the same church as Carter, said, "You mean like we do?"

Carter nodded.

"There's one thing that would happen. Everyone would be a lot nicer to each other," Wyatt replied.

#### Closer Look

When God is allowed to work in our lives, He makes everything better. Also, there is something special that happens when everyone is praying and believing for the same thing. God loves when we are united in faith.

#### Prayer

Jesus, I believe that You can do anything we ask or think.

# Acts 2

## Happy Birthday, Church!



♪♪ "Happy birthday to you." ♪♪

♪♪ "Happy birthday to you." ♪♪

You've heard the Happy Birthday song, right? You probably have it memorized. Now, do you remember your actual birth day? Not your last birthday party, but the day you were actually born.

Probably not unless you have some kind of super genius memory skills. No doubt your mom and dad remember it very well. They

may even have photographs to remind them of that special day. Also, if you were born in a hospital, they have records of your birth.

We weren't there on the birthday of the church. Not to worry. We have an account of it in the Acts of the Apostles. Acts chapter 2 is especially important to us because this is our record of the birth of the church. What happened. How Peter described it. The instructions he gave on how we can be saved. How the message was first received by onlookers in Jerusalem who saw the outpouring of the Holy Ghost firsthand. It's all there in this chapter.

It's been more than two thousand years since the church was born. Even so, this new birth experience is just as fresh and available as it was on the very first day.

Happy birthday, church! We celebrate your birth every day.

# 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

*You've heard it before:*

**QUESTION:** How do you eat an elephant?

**ANSWER:** One bite at a time.

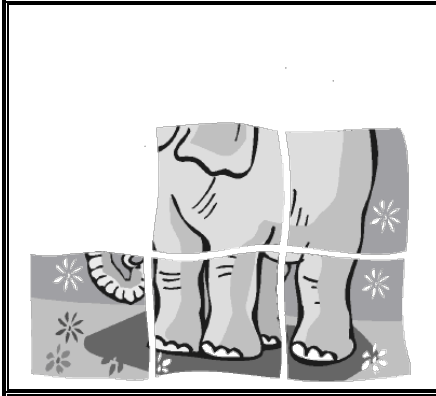
This expression rings true with memorization. By breaking the verse into “bite-size” pieces, the quizzer is better able to memorize. The most widely used approach for memorization in Bible Quizzing is the Phrase-15 Method. Here’s how it works:

	<p><b><u>STEP 1:</u></b> Read the verse in its entirety.</p> <p><b><u>Example:</u></b> <i>Read: Acts 1:1</i> <i>The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,</i></p>
	<p><b><u>STEP 2:</u></b> Break the verse into “bite-size” portions (or phrases).</p> <p><b><u>Example:</u></b> <i>Phrase 1: The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus</i> <i>Phrase 2: of all that Jesus began both to do and teach</i> <i>Add additional phrases, if needed.</i></p>
	<p><b><u>STEP 3:</u></b> Read the first phrase several times until it can be recited without reading.</p> <p><b><u>Example:</u></b> <i>Read several times: The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus</i></p>



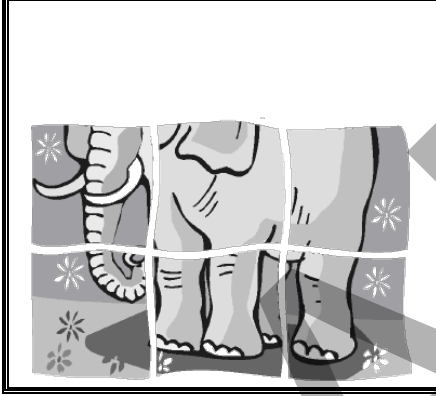
**STEP 4:**  
Recite the phrase 15 times.

**Example:**  
*Recite 15 times: The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus*



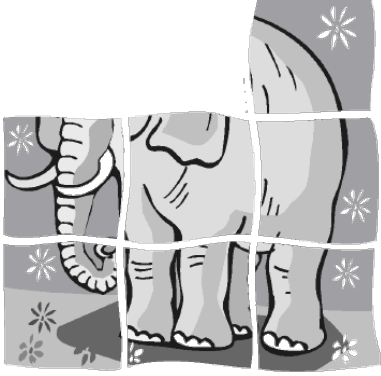
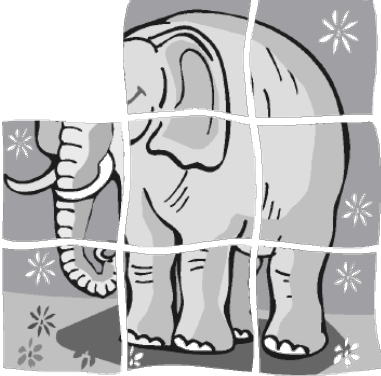
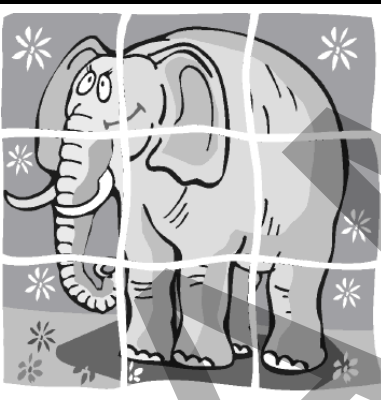
**STEP 5:**  
Re-read the phrase to make sure that it was memorized correctly.

**Example:**  
*Re-read: The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus*



**STEP 6:**  
Read the second phrase and repeat Steps 3-5.

**Example:**  
*Read, then recite 15 times, then re-read: of all that Jesus began both to do and teach*

	<p><b><u>STEP 7:</u></b> Recite the phrases together 15 times.</p> <p><b><u>Example:</u></b> <i>Recite 15 times: The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,</i></p> <p><i>NOTE: If there are no new phrases to learn, recite with verse reference (go to Step 9 for instructions).</i></p>
	<p><b><u>STEP 8:</u></b> Repeat steps 3-7 with each new phrase, if required</p> <p><b><u>Example:</u></b> <u><i>Read, recite 15 times then re-read the new phrase.</i></u></p> <p><u><i>Recite all learned phrases 15 times.</i></u></p>
	<p><b><u>STEP 9:</u></b> Once the verse has been completely memorized, recite 15 more times with verse reference.</p> <p><b><u>Example</u></b> <u><i>Recite 15 times: Acts 1:1... The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,</i></u></p>

**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 do 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.

## **What Does a Quizzer Review?**

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 at least three times 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 quizzers 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 quizzers 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!!!**