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How to Use this Guide

Congratulations! You're officially a Bible Quizzer. Now what? Sure, you're probably excited about traveling to the competitions, meeting new friends and maybe winning a trophy or two. But there's a whole lot more to quizzing than that. You're going learn God's Word and grow in Him. This is where Coach-in-a-Box can help.

The Coach-in-a-Box study system has all the study disciplines that experienced quizzers use to daily prepare for tournaments. Along with that, there are aspects of Coach-in-a-Box that will help you understand what the verses mean and how to pray God's Word. The scriptures will mean more to you than just words. They'll be something you can apply to your life.

Let's take a quick tour of the tool.

INTRODUCTION

Before you start your journey, the short Introduction will set the stage for what you will be studying for the year. The Introduction also presents the year's theme.

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Not long after I became king of Israel, after my father David died, I went to a place called Gibeon. There, I offered a thousand burnt sacrifices to God. That night, God came to me in a dream. He said, "Ask me for whatever you want."

What would you ask God for if He came to you one night in a dream and promised to give you whatever you wanted? Would you ask for lots of money, or superpowers, or maybe even world peace? The options you could come up with are too many to count.

There was only one thing I wanted the most. I wanted to know how to lead God's people, My father David was a man after God's own heart. How could I step into his shoes without God giving me wisdom? Well, God was so pleased that I asked for wisdom over wealth and power that He promised to not only make me the wisest person on earth, but He also granted me riches and honor.

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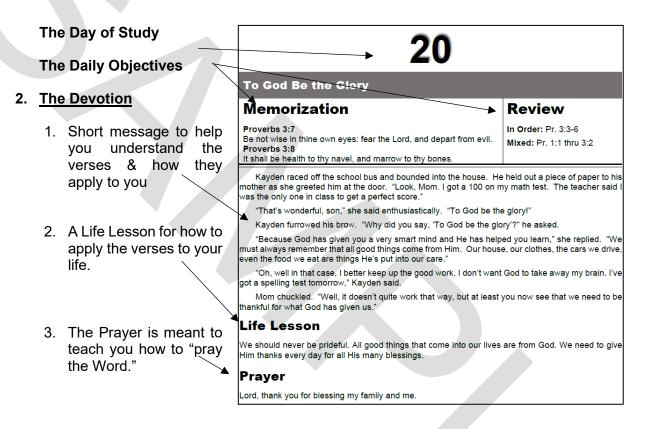
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STUDY MODULES

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 which will help you better understand the meaning of the verses and how they apply to you. There are 100 Study Modules in total.

Let's look at each element of the daily study module separately.

1. Daily Module



3. Daily Objectives

<u>Memorize</u> – The verses to be memorized for the day are given; on average, the Beginner quizzer will learn between 2-3 verses per day.

<u>Review Objectives</u> – You will quote the verses in order for 2 days following memorization then mixed using verse cards thereafter.

Memorization

Proverbs 3:7

Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil.

Proverbs 3:8

It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

Review

In Order: Pr. 3:3-6

Mixed: Pr. 1:1 thru 3:2

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

This section provides effective study tips in the areas of Memorization, Review and Planning the study time.

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CHAPTER 1

Class is in Session



Do you like to learn? It's not a lot of fun to get up early to go to school. There are probably other things you'd rather be doing, like playing and being with your friends. Yet, school is where you learn to read, write, and do math problems. We aren't born knowing these things. We must be taught.

We also must be trained what pleases the Lord. Left to ourselves, we would just do what we wanted. God has a better plan, though. This is the reason Solomon wrote Proverbs. He wanted to teach wisdom and discipline.

He wanted to let people know what is right, just, and fair (Prov. 1:2-3).

What's awesome is that you don't need to be a big-time preacher or Bible teacher to understand the truths found in Proverbs. These are simple values you can start using right away, even at a young age.

Are you ready to learn? Get ready. Class is about to begin.

School is Cool

Memorization

Proverbs 1:1

The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel;

Proverbs 1:2

To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding;

Review

In Order: None
Mixed: None

Tony was really sad that summer was almost over. He had spent most of his days doing fun things like riding his bike, swimming, fishing, and building a fort in the trees behind his house.

"Now, I will never finish that fort," Tony moaned to his mom. "And, I have to get up early again. Why can't summer be longer?"

"I'm sorry that you are unhappy, son," Mom said. "But school teaches you wonderful things. One day, when you're grown like your father, maybe you'll help others build even bigger buildings like he does." Tony's dad was an architect. An architect is an artist that draws pictures which help builders construct buildings.

"I would like to be smart like Dad," Tony said, smiling.

"Then you must be a good student and learn. So, then it's off to school you'll go," Mom responded.

Tony seemed pleased when his mother explained the importance of school. He still wasn't happy about getting up early, but he did like to learn. He especially liked to learn about Jesus. That may be why he liked Sunday school so much.

Life Lesson

You go to school to learn how to read and write. You also learn about history, science, and mathematics. We learn from the Bible, too. It teaches us important things about God and how to please Him.

Prayer

Lord, help me learn more about You through my study time.

Made-Up Stories

Memorization

Proverbs 1:3

To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;

Proverbs 1:4

To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion.

Review

In Order: Pr. 1:1-2

Mixed: None

Michael ran into the house from playing outside. He was very upset. His mother could tell he had been crying.

"What's wrong, sweetie?" she asked.

"Oh, Mom, I did something terrible. I'm so sorry," he said, wiping his eyes.

"What is it?" she asked, gently lifting his chin.

"On the sidewalk, I stepped on a crack. Marjorie said that if I stepped on a crack, I would break my mommy's back." Fresh tears flowed down his cheeks. "I don't want to break your back."

His mother gathered him in her arms. "Oh, honey. That's just an old made-up story. You would never break my back by stepping on a crack in the sidewalk. Not everything you hear is true."

Life Lesson

There are many beliefs about God in the world today. Not all of them are true. We learn what's true from His Word and His Spirit, which we call the Holy Ghost. God helps us know what is true and what is make-believe.

Prayer

Jesus, help me understand what Your Word means.

Lessons from the Master

Memorization

Proverbs 1:5

A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:

Review

In Order: Pr. 1:1-4

Mixed: None

Amanda loved to hear her grandfather play the guitar. One day, she got up the courage to ask him to let her play.

"Grandpa, will you teach me how to play the guitar?" she asked.

Grandpa smiled. "I thought you'd never ask." He patted the cushion on the couch beside him. "Come sit next to me and I will show you where to put your fingers on the strings."

Within just a few minutes, Amanda had learned a few chords. "Look, Grandpa," she said, excitedly. "I'm playing the guitar."

"Yes, you are. With a few more lessons, I bet you'll be playing better than me," he said.

Amanda giggled. "You never know. I just might."

"Tomorrow, I'll teach you a really easy song," Grandpa said.

Amanda handed the guitar back to her grandfather. "I hope it has words because I also love to hear you sing."

Life Lesson

Just like Amanda learned to play the guitar from her grandfather, we are taught by others. When it comes to God's Word we have pastors, teachers, and parents who teach us what the Bible means.

Prayer

Jesus, please help those in my life who teach me about You, like my pastor, Sunday school teacher and my parents.

Flight Jitters

Memorization

Proverbs 1:6

To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.

Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Review

In Order: Pr. 1:1-5

Mixed: None

Angela was frightened to travel by airplane. When she got on the plane, she scrunched down in her seat and refused to look out the window.

"I don't know about this, Mom," she said. "Is this safe? Does the pilot know how to fly this plane?"

Her mom took her by the hand. "There is nothing to be scared of. We're in a very safe plane with pilots that have been flying for some time now. We went through security at the airport to make sure no bad guys got onboard. Besides, we have Jesus. We will be safe."

Moments later, the flight took off. After a while, Angela felt courageous enough to open the blind over the window and peer outside the plane.

"Everything is so small," she said. "The ground looks like little green and brown blocks."

"I suppose they do," her mother agreed. "You seem to have gotten over your flight jitters."

Angela leaned against her mother. "I guess I felt better knowing you were with me, and that we have Jesus," she said.

Life Lesson

God is so big and powerful. Next to Him, we may seem so small. Yet, when we respect and trust Him enough to place our lives in His hands, He never fails to keep watch over us.

Prayer

Lord, You are so powerful. I'm glad that You love me.

Shattered Rules

Memorization

Proverbs 1:8

My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

Proverbs 1:9

For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

Review

In Order: Pr. 1:5-7 Mixed: Pr. 1:1-4

Andrew came in from the garage, bouncing a basketball on the kitchen floor.

"Stop bouncing that ball in the house," Mom scolded. "You might break something."

Andrew tucked the ball under his arm. "Sorry, Mom," he said. "I'm just bored. I went outside to play some basketball, but it started to rain."

"You can pick up the toys in your room or read a book," Mom suggested.

Andrew slinked into his room. He had no interest in cleaning or reading. He decided since his mom was not looking that he'd bounce the ball in his room. When he did, the ball got away from him and hit the lamp on his bedside table.

The lamp fell to the floor and shattered into several pieces. He instantly regretted that he disobeyed his mother. He was even more sorry when she came into his room, saw what had happened, and grounded him for a week.

Life Lesson

Parents give you rules to keep you safe and maintain order in the home. You should obey them.

Prayer

Lord, when I have an urge to disobey my parents, help me do the right thing instead.

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 areas of **memorization**, **review** and **planning**.

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