

Tips for Quizzers

What do you do between practices?

1. **Study at home**, your coach should provide you with a schedule about what material will be covered each week. You should study the scheduled material each week, memorizing the new material and reviewing the designated review material. Test yourself and fine tune at practice—***Did I say that quizzers should come to practice having studied the new and review material indicated on the schedule?***
2. There is usually a new chapter, and review chapters on the schedule every week. As the year proceeds, the review chapters become **more important** than the new material.
3. Quizzers need to set a goal like **15-30 minutes of study time a day**. Make sure it is quality time—turn off the TV. Many kids make this their personal devotions, at least for part of the year.
4. Study so that your answers are as exact as possible.
5. Get a parent to help you review memory work or ask you the questions.
www.youthquiz.com is a good website for study tools and questions in whatever mix of chapters or question types you want. \$15 per year subscription.
6. **Did I say? Do not memorize questions, memorize scripture!**

Studying Tips

1. Use NIV 2011 copyright. **Never use any other version!**
2. Every 20-question quiz has 11 general questions and nine specialty questions (4 “According to”, 1 quote, 1 “finish this verse”, and 1 “finish this verse and give the reference”, 1 “context”, and 1 situation question).
3. The memory verse list for the year can be found in the back of the spiral bound scripture portion, or on youthquiz.com, or in the Book 1: A Quizzer’s Study Guide. These are the only verses that will be asked for “word perfect” completion.
4. You can be a very good quizzers on the district if you study 15 minutes a day and 1-2 hours extra review prior to a competition.
5. You can be effective **by knowing a small amount of material better than anyone else (vs. knowing everything in a superficial or non-exact way)**
6. Studying 15 minutes a day for a week is more effective than 3 hours on one day.
7. No matter how much you are able to study (sometimes you won’t get to it the way you want to)--when you learn something, learn it well and review it often so that questions on that material will be “yours”. The best way to be effective is not always knowing everything, but knowing what you know.

The Importance of Review

Many quizzers start strong, and then fade as the season continues. This happens because they 1. Do not keep their study time up, and 2. They do not regularly review the material they memorized early in the year. ***Review is the secret to success.***

Different strategies for success

1. Memorize all the designated memory verses and be the fastest memory verse person (say you get 2 of 3 memory verses, 1 general question that is memory verse content, and 1 other question—that is four questions and a quiz out, which is the best you can do)
2. Don't memorize any verses, but content memorize everything (as much as you can). Still requires exactness, but not word perfect, little need for exact knowledge of references (focus on 11 general, 1 context question--need 4 of 12)
3. Focus on non-memory specialty questions. Everything you learn, learn by reference and concentrate on context and situation questions as well since it will focus on unique words and "special" verses. That is six questions, and you only need 4 to quiz out.
4. **I challenge every quizzier, no matter what style you are going to focus on, to memorize the first three chapters completely. This is the quickest way to really understand how it works and what you are trying to do. It sounds hard-but can easily be done. The last few years we have had quizzers on the district memorize the entire material.**

More on Memory Verses

All memory verse questions must be completed word perfect. There are three types of memory questions and every question set has one of each:

1. "Quote, Chapter X, Verse Y"
2. "Finish this vers..."
3. "Finish this verse and give the reference..."

Don't spend the time it takes to memorize verses without memorizing references.