

How To Write Good Quiz Questions

The Purpose

The purpose of any quiz should be to reinforce the learning objective of the meeting, and to have fun doing it. Children learn so much more if they are enjoying themselves. The questions asked should ideally be about the story's application and content, which means any quiz should come sometime after the story in your programme. **Avoid random questions that have no relevance to the story or application!**

Difficulty Level

The Infant's questions must be easier than the Junior's questions - here's the general rules for how to do it...

Infants:

- Need to be *closed* questions, ie. where the answer is "yes" or "no", **or** can be *multiple-choice* questions, ie. where two answers are given for them to choose from.
- If it's not a closed question, then it should have a one-word answer.
- Should never be "why?" or "how?" questions unless answers are provided in multiple-choice format.

Juniors:

- Should be *open* questions, ie. "Why?" & "How?", which require more thinking about.

Number of Questions

An ideal number of questions for either age group for a good quiz is a 12-16.

Order of Questions

- The first 4 questions should be about the application, ie. the lesson being taught that night, which should have come through in the story. This is so that if time is short and you can only do a few questions, it's the teaching point that gets reinforced.
- The remaining 8 questions should go through the detail of the story in chronological order, ie. following the order of the story.

Answers

Answers should be written clearly after each question.

Make sure the answers are correct!

Make sure you listen carefully to the story to ensure the information asked for in the quiz has actually been included in the story!

Typed or Handwritten

If possible, questions & answers should be word-processed as some handwriting can be hard to read, leading to a break in the flow of the quiz.

When Should Questions Be Written

Ideally written in conjunction with the story-teller during their preparation, or even better, by the story-teller themselves!!

Don't wait 'til the meeting itself! We've all made the mistake at some point of either forgetting to write questions, or deliberately leaving them 'til the last minute... and those questions are never as well thought out or as good as questions which were written when the story was being prepared.

Examples

Here is the same set of questions differentiated for Infants & Juniors. Look at how the same question can be asked in two different ways depending on the target age.

Quiz Questions for Infants

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| 1. Is our friendship with God broken when we are first born? | YES |
| 2. Is God the only one who can mend our friendship with Him? | YES |
| 3. Did Jesus die on the cross so we can have a friendship with God? | YES |
| 4. Will the Devil try to stop us having a friendship with God? | YES |
| 5. Should we listen to the Devil or ignore him? | IGNORE HIM |
| 6. Is having your life mended called "becoming a Christian"? | YES |
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| 7. Did today's story start in Antioch? | YES |
| 8. Was Paul's friend called Barny or Baby Bop? | BARNY |
| 9. Was the town they visited called Paphos or Leeds? | PAPHOS |
| 10. Was the man Paul & Barny visited called Sergi? | YES |
| 11. Was the wizard in the story called Elymas? | YES |
| 12. Who did Sergi want Paul to tell him about? | JESUS |
| 13. Did the wizard try to stop Sergi hearing about Jesus? | YES |
| 14. Did Paul make Elymas go blind or go deaf? | BLIND |
| 15. Did Sergi become a Christian in the end? | YES |
| 16. Was Sergi's life mended by God? | YES |

Quiz Questions for Juniors

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| 1. What's wrong with our friendship with God when we are first born? | IT'S BROKEN! |
| 2. Who is the only one who can mend our friendship with God? | GOD |
| 3. Why did Jesus die on the cross? | SO WE CAN HAVE A FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD |
| 4. Who will try to distract us from having a friendship with God? | THE DEVIL |
| 5. What should we do when the devil tries to distract us from having a friendship with God? | IGNORE HIM |
| 6. What do we call having your friendship with God mended? | BECOMING A CHRISTIAN |
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| 7. In which town did today's story start? | ANTIOCH |
| 8. What was Paul's friend called? | BARNY |
| 9. What was the name of the town they visited? | PAPHOS |
| 10. What was the man Paul & Barny visited called? | SERGI |
| 11. What was wizard in the story called? | ELYMAS |
| 12. Who did Sergi want Paul to tell him about? | JESUS |
| 13. Who tried to distract Sergi from hearing about Jesus? | WIZARD |
| 14. What did Paul do to Elymas? | MADE HIM GO BLIND |
| 15. What happened to Sergi in the end? | HE BECAME A CHRISTIAN |
| 16. Was Sergi's life mended by God? | YES |