



JBQ and the Holy Spirit

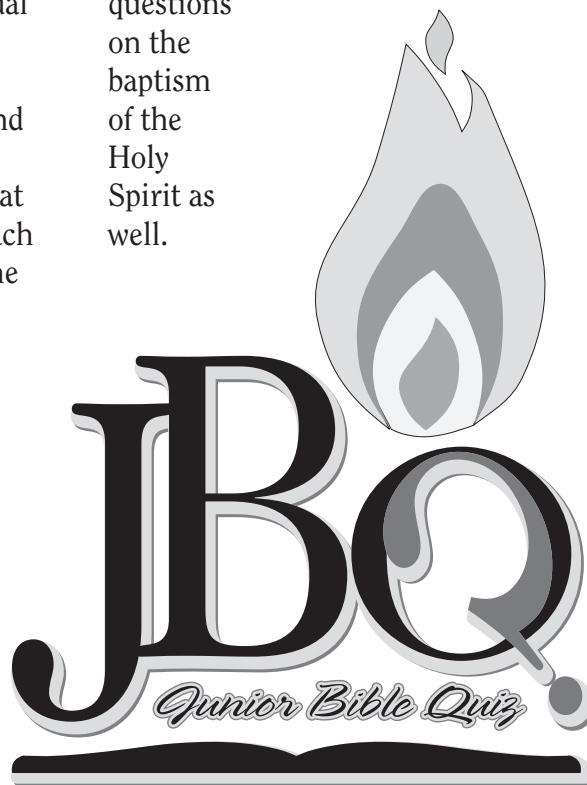
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George Barna's book *Transforming Children Into Spiritual Champions* states, "Given the trends indicating that your spiritual condition by the age of 13 is a strong predictor of your spiritual profile as an adult, it seems clear that a deep and robust spiritual life demands intentional and strategic spiritual nurturing during the early childhood and adolescent years." In view of this statement, we have a great responsibility: not only to teach but to model and pray that the children in our ministries learn about and experience the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

The *Bible Fact-Pak* teaches about the third Person of the Trinity. Twenty-five Fact-Pak questions address the subject on the Holy Spirit. (These questions are listed at the end of this article.) Children involved in Junior Bible Quiz need to know these questions and how they apply to their lives.

We often feel pressured for time to get one more round of practice in before the next meet, so we rush over the questions—

not taking time to ask the quizzers if they understand what they are learning. However, we as JBQ coaches or children's pastors have a great responsibility to ensure our children not only know the Word but can apply it to their lives. This goes for the questions on the baptism of the Holy Spirit as well.



Children need to experience the baptism of the Holy Spirit and understand who the Holy Spirit is. We need to emphasize how much God has for us to experience as His children. We need

to allow the Holy Spirit to flow through us in such a way that it creates a hunger in the hearts of our kids to want to experience more of God and the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Don't be afraid to let the Holy Spirit work in a JBQ practice. There may be a young boy who wants to give his heart to Jesus or a girl who needs a special healing in her body. Some children may be hungry for more of God. Their lives will be changed when you take time and put into practice what they have learned through JBQ.

Allow the Holy Spirit to use you in making a difference in the lives of the children. We are "ignited to serve" so we can build champions for Christ.

Bible Fact Pak questions on the Holy Spirit:

10-point questions: 229, 230, 231

20-point questions: 398, 399, 400, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415

30-point questions: 548, 549, 550, 551, 553, 554

Questions for Further Study—

1. Do your JBQ coaches take time to teach the quizzers about the truths and context behind every Bible Fact-Pak question? What improvements can be made in this area?
2. What needs are represented by the children on your JBQ quiz teams? As a coach or helper, do you take the time to address those needs? What improvement can be made in this area?
3. How can the time spent in JBQ practice be better utilized to facilitate the moving and working of the Holy Spirit?