

Dear Leader,

We live in an era with amazing resources at our fingertips. We now have tools like Faith Case and Mega Sports Camp that have changed how we minister to kids. Our message is still clear: Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life, but the methods we use to communicate that message have adjusted to meet the needs of our culture.

For years, we have looked for a tool that could connect all of these resources, and I am excited to finally announce its arrival. Next month at General Council, the NIV Fire Bible For Kids will be available for purchase. As a Spirit-filled study Bible for children, this Bible is the first of its kind. It has become the focus of the National Leadership and Resource Center to align our current resources with the NIV Fire Bible for Kids and to develop new resources that will strengthen its effectiveness.

In an effort to lead by example, the Junior Bible Quiz National Advisory Committee has decided to make JBQ the first of our foundational ministries to align itself with the Fire Bible For Kids. This means that new products and resources will be developed for JBQ around the NIV Fire Bible for Kids. Products like devotional materials, curriculums, and digital study tools are already in the planning phases, and many more resources will be available in the months to come.

This change will affect the current set of questions and answers and the Committee has already begun compiling a list of affected questions. Once complete, quizzers and coaches will be able to view the list of affected material at <http://nationaljbq.org>. Each district will be given the freedom to decide how they will begin implementing these changes; however, the Regional and National Quiz meets will begin quizzing solely on the NIV for the 2012-2013 quiz season.

For the 2011-2012 season, the Regional and National Festivals will allow quizzing on KJV, NIV 1984, and NIV. This will allow students who are competing now to choose whether they will make the transition this year or next, and it doesn't require students going into their final year of quizzing to relearn the new material. The committee felt it best to allow this year of transition.

These changes will allow JBQ to impact families in a more effective way and encourage even more children to develop a lifelong habit of studying God's Word.

With your help, we can impact our culture. If you have any questions concerning these changes, please feel free to contact my office.

For Kids,

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