

Sword Play Bible Quiz Competition Study Booklet (Ages 6–18)

Date: Saturday, July 25

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Registration: Begins at 10:00 a.m.

Location: Church of St. Peter and St. Simon, 525 Bloor Street East, Church Hall

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1. Introduction

This Study Booklet prepares youth participants for the Sword Play Bible Quiz Competition. It includes official rules, study guides, worksheets, memory verses, and practice questions for all four age groups.

2. Official Competition Rules

Age Groups & Assigned Scripture

- **Ages 6–8:** Daniel Chapter 1
- **Ages 9–12:** Book of Ruth
- **Ages 13–15:** Book of Daniel (entire book)
- **Ages 16–18:** Book of Esther

Competition Format

- Questions may be multiple choice, short answer, spelling, quotations, sequencing, or interpretation-based.
- Each participant answers individually during their turn.
- A visible or audible timer will be used.

Answering Rules

- Each participant **must answer before the time expires**.
- If a participant fails to answer, runs out of time, or answers incorrectly, the question becomes available for **one bonus attempt** by another contestant.
- Bonus attempts are offered in rotation.
- Bonus points are worth **half** of the original value.

Conduct & Fair Play

- Participants must remain quiet and attentive.
- No prompting, whispering, or signalling.
- Electronic devices must be turned off.

- Cheating results in immediate disqualification.
- Judges' decisions are final.

Judges & Roles

- **Quiz Master:** Reads questions and manages flow.
- **Timekeeper:** Manages the official timer.
- **Scorekeeper:** Records points.
- **Judges:** Oversee scoring and rule enforcement.

Materials Allowed

- No Bibles, notes, or study aids allowed during the competition.

Audience Guidelines

- Audience must remain silent during questions.
- Applause only at designated times.

Awards

- Certificates or medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each age group.
- Participation certificates for all contestants.

Scoring System

- Correct answer on first attempt: **Full points**
- Correct answer on bonus attempt: **Half points**
- No points deducted for incorrect answers.
- Ties will be broken using a **sudden-death round** of short-answer questions.

Safety & Welfare

- Participants must remain in the designated supervised area.
- Any medical or accessibility needs should be communicated in advance.
- Parents/guardians must sign the required **consent and media release forms**.

Participant Study Guide

3. Group A Study Guide (Ages 6–8)

Book of Daniel, Chapter 1

Learning Goals

- Know the main characters
- Understand why Daniel refused the king's food
- Remember key events
- Practice simple spelling and memory verses

Key Characters

Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, Azariah, King Nebuchadnezzar, Ashpenaz

Themes

Obedience, courage, healthy choices, God's favour

Important Details

- Daniel refused the king's food
- Requested vegetables and water

- Ten-day test
- God gave wisdom and knowledge

Memory Verses

Daniel 1:8; Daniel 1:17

4. Group A Worksheets

Worksheet A1: Fill in the Blanks

1. Daniel asked for __ **and** __ instead of the king's food.
2. The test lasted _____ days.
3. Daniel and his friends looked __ **and** __ after the test.
4. God gave them __ **and** __.

Worksheet A2: Match the Character

- Daniel → Obeyed God
- Nebuchadnezzar → King
- Ashpenaz → Chief official
- Hananiah → Friend of Daniel

Worksheet A3: Spelling Practice

Daniel, Babylon, King, Friends

Worksheet A4: Short Answer

1. Why didn't Daniel eat the king's food
 2. What did Daniel ask for instead
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5. Group B Study Guide (Ages 9–12)

Book of Ruth

Learning Goals

- Understand the full story

- Know the characters and relationships
- Learn themes of loyalty and redemption
- Recall events in order

Key Characters

Naomi, Ruth, Orpah, Boaz, Elimelech, Mahlon, Chilion, Kinsman-Redeemer

Themes

Loyalty, kindness, family responsibility, redemption

Important Details

- Naomi's move to Moab
- Ruth's decision to stay
- Gleaning in Boaz's field
- Boaz's kindness
- The redemption process
- Genealogy leading to David

Memory Verses

Ruth 1:16–17; Ruth 2:12; Ruth 3:11; Ruth 4:14

6. Group B Worksheets

Worksheet B1: Timeline

Put these events in order:

- Ruth meets Boaz
- Naomi returns to Bethlehem
- Ruth gleans in the field
- Boaz redeems Ruth

Worksheet B2: Character Chart

Character Who They Are Role in the Story

Ruth

Naomi

Boaz

Orpah

Worksheet B3: Spelling Challenge

Bethlehem, Redeemer, Naomi, Harvest

Worksheet B4: Memory Verse Completion

“Where you go, I will go...”

7. Group C Study Guide (Ages 13–15)

Book of Daniel (Entire Book)

Learning Goals

- Understand major stories and visions
- Know historical context
- Identify themes of faithfulness and prophecy
- Recall details from narrative and prophetic sections

Key Characters

Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, Darius

Major Themes

God’s sovereignty, faithfulness, prophecy, courage

Important Chapters

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7–12

Memory Verses

Daniel 2:20–22; 3:17–18; 6:10; 7:14

8. Group C Worksheets

Worksheet C1: Short Answer

1. What was the meaning of the writing on the wall
2. Why was Daniel thrown into the lions' den
3. Describe Nebuchadnezzar's dream

Worksheet C2: Prophecy Review

- Four beasts → Chapter 7
- Ram and goat → Chapter 8
- Seventy weeks → Chapter 9

Worksheet C3: Spelling Mastery

Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, Interpretation, Prophecy

Worksheet C4: Event Sequencing

- Fiery furnace
 - Lions' den
 - Writing on the wall
 - Nebuchadnezzar's dream
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9. Group D Study Guide (Ages 16–18)

Book of Esther

Learning Goals

- Understand the narrative and political context
- Know key characters and motivations
- Identify themes of courage and providence
- Recall decrees, turning points, and outcomes

Key Characters

Esther, Mordecai, Haman, King Xerxes, Vashti

Themes

Providence, courage, justice, identity, reversal

Important Details

- Vashti's removal
- Esther's rise
- Haman's plot
- Mordecai's loyalty
- Esther's intercession
- The king's decrees
- Purim

Memory Verses

Esther 4:14; 4:16; 7:3–4; 8:17

10. Group D Worksheets

Worksheet D1: Critical Thinking

1. Why was Esther afraid to approach the king
2. What motivated Haman's hatred
3. How did Esther's actions save her people

Worksheet D2: Decree Analysis

- First decree: _____
- Second decree: _____

Worksheet D3: Spelling & Vocabulary

Ahasuerus, Mordecai, Purim, Decree

Worksheet D4: Quote Identification

1. "Who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this"
2. "If I perish, I perish"

