



# ***Gospel Ministries to Children Bible Olympics 2013***

***What:*** ***Teams will compete for Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals in five exciting events***

***Who:*** ***Church Youth, grades 5-8***

***When:*** ***Saturday, October 19  
9:30am—2:30pm***

***Where:*** ***Calvary Bible Church,  
East Stroudsburg, PA***

Your church is invited to send a team to compete for gold, silver and bronze medals in our annual Bible Olympics. Anyone enrolled in grade 5-8 is eligible to participate in any or all of our five exciting events:

#### ***Bible Quiz Bowl***

Teams of four competing against each other using real buzzer systems go head-to-head in a contest of quick answers and knowledge of a preannounced Bible book (this year, **1 John** in the New King James Version).

#### ***Bible Counseling***

Teams of four try to help a fictitious peer solve a real-life dilemma, using principles from God's Word. Teams are judged on how well Biblical principles are applied to a real-life problem. Bring your own Bibles!

#### ***Bible Skit Contest***

Teams of two to four write and perform a three- to five-minute skit designed to teach the meaning of a scripture chosen by the team. Teams will be judged on creativity, interest, quality of performance, and how well the skit teaches the meaning of the Bible verse.

#### ***Bible Sword Drill Relay***

Teams of four compete in an exciting relay race, looking up verses one at a time using only one Bible. We'll supply the Bible!

#### ***Bible Art Contest***

Participants select their own Bible verse and create a work of art to bring to the Olympics, where it will be judged for artistic quality, cleverness of design, and how well it brings out the meaning of the Bible verse.

### ***Some of comments from past Bible Olympics:***

- It was really fun! *(Participant)*
- I think it was great and awesome! *(Participant)*
- It was really, really cool! *(Participant)*
- Well put together, with the greatest of motives—thanks for that! *(Church Pastor)*
- I liked the counseling event. I think it was great for the kids to think about what they would do in that situation, and to find Scripture to go with. *(Team Advisor)*
- It gave the kids a chance to realize it is important to study their Bible and it is easy to memorize. *(Parent)*
- [I liked] the opportunity for all kids to be involved, each in a specialized area. *(Team Advisor)*

### ***Plan Now on entering!***

There is a registration fee of **\$10.00 per participant** which includes the cost of lunch; this fee is the same regardless of the number of events in which the participant competes. Checks should be payable to Gospel Ministries to Children, with "Bible Olympics Registration" written on the memo line. Please return the registration sheet and registration fee **by October 8** to:

**GMTC Bible Olympics  
PO Box 478  
Millrift, PA 18340**

For more information visit our website at [www.gmtcpocono.org](http://www.gmtcpocono.org).

# GMTC Bible Olympics Rules

## Participation in Events

Your church may participate in any or all of the events. Participation in one event doesn't require that your church enters a team in other events. Also, you may choose to enter the same kids in all events, or have different kids for each event.

## Awards

Every participant will be honored with a certificate of participation, and first-, second- and third-place participants in each event will be awarded a Bible Olympic medal (in team events, each member of a winning team will receive a medal).

## Preparation

If you have any questions about an event or its rules, please contact us in advance of the competition. In the meantime, some samples are provided for three of the events to help you prepare your youth and help them understand the competition in advance. These samples are intended to give the adult advisor a feeling for the style and difficulty level of the material. Again, please contact us if you need any questions answered to help you prepare your church's participants.

## Bible Sword Drill Relay Race

The Sword Drill relay event is a new twist on an old favorite activity. Each team consists of four members. The team members will take position standing in line behind a line with a table about ten feet in front of them. On that table will be placed a Bible, 16 sealed verse sheets and an answer sheet.

At the whistle, the first player runs to the table and opens verse sheet #1. The verse sheet will say something like, "Find the 5th word of 1 Kings 1:11." The player looks up the verse, records the appropriate word on the answer blank, and returns to the line. Then the second player goes and opens verse sheet #2, and so on until the team has cycled through four times, recording 16 answers. When player #4 finishes writing answer #16 on the blank, he or she will hold the answer sheet up in the air, signalling that the team is done. The first team to finish and have all sixteen words correctly filled in is the winner. In the event that no team has all sixteen correct, then the winner will be the first one with fifteen correct answers.

The Bibles that will be provided for this competition will have no tabs in the pages and little or no appendix.

## Bible Art Contest

Participants will design a flat, unframed graphic that is hand-drawn, colored, or painted ahead of time and bring the completed work to the Olympics. Artists should work individually—no team effort is allowed on this event. The size should be 16" to 24", by 24" to 36", and it is suggested that the surface be white posterboard (department stores commonly sell inexpensive white posterboard 22" by 28"). The graphic must incorporate a Bible verse or passage printed as part of it, and the artwork should be designed by the artist to bring out the meaning or application of the chosen verse.

During the Olympics, all artwork will be displayed in one room. A panel of judges will choose winners based on creativity, artistic quality and on how well and cleverly the artwork brings out the meaning of the scripture on it. Your church may have up to eight submissions in this event, and each artist should be in attendance.

## Bible Skit Contest

In the Bible Skit Contest, teams of at least two and at most four participants will choose a Bible verse or passage as a theme, and write a skit designed to teach the meaning/application of that scripture. The skit may be any genre chosen by the team (comedy, serious, etc.). While adults are allowed to help in coaching or directing, the entire skit should be written by members of the team. The chosen scripture must be spoken at least once as a line in the skit.

At the Bible Olympics, the skit will be presented by the team and judged with respect to creativity, interest, acting quality, and how well the team has communicated the meaning of their chosen scripture. Costumes and props are permitted, but not required. The entire performance of the skit must be performed within the confines of a stage approximately 28 feet wide by 12 feet deep, and must be between 3 and 5 minutes long; points will be deducted for failing to adhere to the time requirement.

Your church may enter one or two teams, but no participant should be on more than one team.

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## **Bible Counseling**

This event is intended to cause participants to focus on the Bible's application to our daily lives. Each team of four members will be given a fictitious story about a person their age with a real-life problem or dilemma to solve (problems will be age-appropriate, dealing with subjects such as peer pressure, relationships, personal responsibility and integrity, respecting authority, etc.). Each team will have thirty minutes to read and discuss the problem and write how they would counsel this person to deal with their problem. Written solutions will be read and judged based on how well the team applied principles from God's Word to the problem, with extra merit being earned for being able to quote applicable scriptures. Note that the team members will be able to bring and use their own Bibles as a resource in solving the problem. Depending on the number of teams entered, we may have more than one scenario for teams to consider, but all teams will do the exact same problem(s).

## **Bible Quiz Bowl**

In the Bible Quiz Bowl competition, each year we focus on a single book of the Bible in the New King James Version. Some of the questions we ask will call for understanding, and many of them will require verbatim answers, so memorization is important. Each team will have four members all participating at once, so it would be appropriate to have each player memorize at least a chapter or two, so between your team members you've got the whole book covered.

Depending upon the number of teams entered, every team will play two matches against teams from different churches. After these two matches, the two teams with the highest total scores will advance to the championship match. Your church may enter one team, and if you have more than four people interested you may request to enter an extra team. Because of the structure of this event, churches' extra teams will be admitted on a first-registered, first-served basis as space allows, as we will need to regulate the total number of teams competing. We will want to have an even number of teams.

Each match has three rounds. The first round is called the "Buzzer Round," with each question worth five points. A question will be read, and if at any time a player thinks they know the answer, he or she may buzz in (even if the question is still being read). The person buzzing in will need to give their answer immediately upon being recognized. If the answer is correct, that team will earn 5 points; if the answer is incorrect, no points are deducted, but we'll finish reading the question if needed and offer a free guess to the members of the other team. Never may team members confer or communicate with each other on these buzz-in questions. This round will be 6 minutes long or 20 questions, whichever comes first.

The second round is the Category Round. We give a choice of two categories from which to choose. The team in second place will have an opportunity to select their category and will have to answer ten questions from that category, with each right answer worth ten points. Teams may confer on all of the questions, but we'll accept answers from the designated team captain only. After all questions have been read in a category, we'll give the other team the opportunity to steal any incorrectly answered or unanswered questions.

Round Three is the Stump the Experts Round. In this round, participants are asked a series of 15-point buzz-in questions. As in the first round, there will be no negative points for an incorrect answer, and no conferring on any buzz-in question. This round will be six minutes long or twenty questions, whichever comes first.

## **Bible Olympics Sample Questions**

*(These examples are provided to give you a sense for the style and difficulty level of the material involved in three of our events. These are actual questions that were used in a previous Bible Olympics. Contact us if you need any clarification..)*

### **Bible Quiz Bowl, “Buzzer Round” 5 Point Questions**

1. In what chapter do we read these words: “My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials?” (*James 1*)
2. Give the next word: “Abraham believed God and it was...” (*accounted*)
3. Who should we resist? (*the devil*)
4. What two metals belonging to the rich man are corroded? (*gold and silver*)

### **Bible Quiz Bowl, “Stump the Experts Round” 15 Point Questions**

1. According to Scripture, who yearns jealously? (*the Spirit who dwells in us*—exact words required)
2. In what way is the wise and understanding person told to do his works?  
(*in the meekness of wisdom*—exact words required)
3. In what chapter do we read these words: “...to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.”  
(*James 4*)
4. What two things are the elders to do for the sick man? (*pray over him, anoint him with oil*)

### **Bible Counseling**

*(Please write your answer in detail to the following problem. Remember that your answer will be judged on how thorough and correct your answer is, and also whether you can write scriptures that will support what you write.)*

Meagan was a seventh grader at Woodrow Wilson Middle School. One day when she went to her Science class, the teacher began staring at her books. As she looked down at them to see what was wrong, she realized the teacher was looking at the Bible verses she had written on her book covers. “Meagan,” said Mr. Dyson, “you are not allowed to have Bible verses on your book covers. Tomorrow when you come to class you must have changed those covers, or I will report you to the principal”.

Meagan thought about it all day long. She knew that other students had fought such orders in the courts and won, but had also made many enemies along the way. But if she simply removed the covers without saying anything, would she be dishonoring Christ, who was willing to die for her? Which action would hurt her testimony the most? What would you advise her to do and why?

### **Bible Sword Drill Relay Race**

*(Note that in this event, teams will be using a Bible provided for them; this Bible will be in the New King James Version, and will have no index tabs and little or no reference material throughout the text.)*

1. Find the 2nd word of 2 Timothy 2:15.
2. Find the 11th word of Joshua 6:10.
3. Find the 8th word of Obadiah 1.

# GMTC Bible Olympics Registration Form

(please print clearly)

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Chaperone: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Names of Participants:**

### **Bible Art Contest**

(up to eight entries)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_

### **Bible Sword Drill Relay Team One**

(four on a team)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_

### **Bible Sword Drill Relay Team Two\***

1. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_

### **Bible Counseling Team One**

(four on a team)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_

### **Bible Quiz Bowl**

(four on a team)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Bible Quiz Bowl Extra Team\****

1. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_

### **Bible Skit Contest Team One**

(two to four per team)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_

### **Bible Skit Contest Team Two\***

1. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_

### **Bible Counseling Team Two\***

(four on a team)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_

*\*-Your church may choose to enter two teams in some events; if you have enough interested youth, feel free to enter them. However, we cannot guarantee that all extra Quiz Bowl teams will be used, as we must regulate the number of teams used in this event. Extra teams will be entered on a first-come, first-served basis, and you will be notified a week in advance if your extra Quiz Bowl team will be playing.*

**Number of people participating or eating lunch (one adult chaperone free):** \_\_\_\_\_

**x \$10.00**

**Total Registration Fee:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please submit this form along with registration fee by October 5 to:*

**GMTC Bible Olympics  
PO Box 478  
Millrift, PA 18340**