

We've Never Done it This Way Before! World Quiz 2021

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In a season of "we've never done it done this way before," God reminded us that He already had a plan whether we did or not! In a very different fashion than ever before, the Church of the Nazarene gathered together for Children's World Bible Quiz on June 26, 2021. Over 1,000 quizzers and an estimated 4,000 total people—coaches, parents, friends and pastors—came together. From Trinidad to Alaska, Michigan to Texas, and many places in between, 26 WQ events took place.

Regional, district, and local quiz directors stepped out of their comfort zones and worked together to make that Saturday a great experience. Some started Friday night with activities; some went bowling following the quiz, and others met virtually to share from the Word of God. Our quizzers had a blast memorizing scriptures.

Praying, Planning, Following God's Guidance

Throughout the year, the Quizzing Advisory Council met through Zoom meetings, emailed, texted, prayed, and dreamed together, the strengths of each complimenting one another. A great team doesn't just happen, but again, we saw God's hand through the formation of this council, even before we realized what a sizeable project would lie ahead of us. As we dug into Exodus, it wasn't a stretch for us to imagine the pillar of cloud and the pillar of fire leading Moses. Certainly, through different means, we knew God was guiding and directing us with the same amount of love, compassion, and grace!

The reports that came in that Saturday and the days ahead were full of praise for the way God had blessed and anointed the events. To God be the glory.

What's Ahead in 2022 and 2023?

Joshua, Judges, and Ruth are the books of the Bible guiding our adventures for the 2021-2022 quizzing season. Districts will meet throughout the year, and in the summer of 2022, many regions will host events. In 2023, we will dig into the treasured stories and biblical truths of 1 and 2 Samuel, and in June, at General Assembly, we will meet in person for Children's World Quiz!

Well done church! It takes many different avenues, programs, people, and prayers to help our children navigate their spiritual development from infancy to adulthood. Thanks to a faithful quizzing program and an even greater God, who allows us to be a part of this glorious discipleship journey, even greater days are ahead!