
Preparation

Decide to participate

Participation in *The Pathfinder Bible Experience* should not be made lightly or at the last minute. For you to achieve the purpose of the event, the Pathfinders need to have made a serious commitment to Bible study. To be fair to them, this means an early start, and thorough preparations.

In September you need to be encouraging participation and promote the event. Study should begin soon thereafter.

Club staff are encouraged to use the selected scripture as a thematic focus for meeting worships, outreach events and other activities as this will help reinforce the content, as well as connect non-participating Pathfinders with those who are studying for *The Pathfinder Bible Experience*.

Practice questions

During the fall of the year, have various individuals prepare practice questions covering the sections of scripture for the year and the related book introductions from *The SDA Bible Commentary*. Ask your pastor, teachers, Sabbath School leaders, parents and regular church members. You might even arrange to share practice questions with other clubs in your area or conference.

Questions must stand alone and be able to be answered individually. Most should require single word or short phrase answers. *The Pathfinder Bible Experience* does not use multiple choice questions. There should be limited use of true and false questions.

Questions should always include the scriptural reference.

Reading and memorization

Each team member should read the full text multiple times.

Many find it helpful to break the text into several blocks and have participants focus on smaller sections, so that you have two specialists on each third of the material, but make sure that each one covers all of it as well.

The age of Pathfinders allows them to be masters of memorization. While it takes lots of work it is an extremely effective method of preparation for the challenge.

Scripture

Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

— 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31

Sample Question

Q: From Acts 8:9, what was the name of the sorcerer who boasted that he was someone great?

A: Simon.

Audio Bible Sources

Audio versions of the NJKV Bible are available at:

AdventSource.com

Check out these web sites for the latest deals on audio NKJV bibles. Go to the web site and in their search field type: audio NKJV.

adventistbookcenter.com

christianbook.com

amazon.com

biblebible.com

learnoutloud.com

Audio learning

The *NKJV* is available from several companies on tape, CD, and as digital downloads. Listening to the readings can dramatically improve a participants recall abilities later. They can be played in a vehicle while traveling to a campout, or as a worship, or even in head phones while doing chores at home or community service projects with the club.

The club could also make their own recordings of the book and share them amongst the team members.

Dramatized versions are also available. These make it even more interesting and the Pathfinders can then see the verses in their mind when the questions are asked.

Practice events

During December and January, provide several opportunities for the Pathfinders to practice against other teams from within the club or special practice teams made up of church members.

Have the Pathfinders take turns acting as scribe and writing out the answers. You may find that some have better skills at this than others.

You may wish to get other Pathfinder Clubs together to hold practice events to encourage everyone to reach the highest level. This way you can share practice test questions as well as get a feel for what the real event will be like.

Meeting frequency

If the team is to truly succeed they will need to meet together more often than for a few minutes during each weekly Pathfinder meeting. Most top teams will need to meet several hours a week in the fall to study together, and two or three times a week during January and early February. They will need to continue to meet a couple of times a week if they want to continue in first place at more advanced levels.

Other creative ideas

- Encourage the team, in fact the entire club, to read the assigned scriptures during private and family worship.
- Enlist the help of the Sabbath School departments to play games and have activities that will cover the assigned scriptures.
- Have a mock event with the entire church.

Team Selection

At some point in late fall, the COACH, in consultation with the club staff and the interested Pathfinders will need to establish specific team(s) that will participate.