

Club DJ

by Jerry Durston

Reports have begun coming in on what God has done through the **Club DJ** ministry in churches this year. The reports from the first 6 churches had a total of 239 children registered and these children brought another 112 children to **Club DJ** throughout the year. In these 6 churches alone there were 351 children reached who heard the gospel as it is shared each week throughout the year. It was reported that 9 children accepted Jesus as their Saviour in these churches and many more reports are yet to come.

Our desire has been to continue discipling the children that are reached through **Club DJ** up into their teens and so we are continuing to develop **Club DJ CONNEXION** where the **Club DJ** children are introduced to Bible Quizzing. In the churches who have continued on with **Club DJ CONNEXION** we have found that 90 - 95% of the children reached through **Club DJ** continue on in **Club DJ CONNEXION**. Why is this important? Well, read this stat we found from a Bible Quizzing group in the USA:

“Statistics reveal that, of those who spend at least three consecutive years in a quizzing program, 90% never leave the church, and 70% of the small minority who do leave eventually return.”

A Handbook for New Coaches produced by the Texas District Sunday School Committee, page 7

Already we have heard from many new churches across Canada and the USA interested in finding out more about **Club DJ**. Our desire is to raise up a generation that have 'Hearts That Desire to Please God', and I can think of no better way to do it than to help them get deeper into God's Word. That is why, this fall, we will be providing every **Club DJ** church with quizzing equipment for one year at no cost to help each church take the children they are reaching deeper into God's Word.

Testimony

“I must thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to all the people doing these mail-in lessons. They have been and will continue to be a valuable source of spiritual knowledge and guidance to me. Even when I let the demands of life push my lessons to the back burner your reminder notices did indeed remind me that you care and notice whether I continue my lessons or not. Thank you so much for your faithfulness!” (young adult student)

Ten Terrific Traits

Part 6: FEARLESS

by Brian Cummins

As we continue our snapshot looks at the remarkable men who followed David we now come to the 6th characteristic: **fearless**. In 1 Chronicles 12:25 the sons of Simeon are called “*mighty men of valor*” and in verse 30 the same thing is said of the sons of Ephraim. The word “valor” means power, might, or strength. In other words, these were men of strong faith & courage.

Verse 8 of this same chapter adds an additional interesting description of the Gadites: their faces were “*like the faces of lions*.” Proverbs 28:1 expands the scope of this description beyond the Gadites when it says that “*the righteous are bold as a lion*.”

One person out of all the 340,000 listed in David's army is specifically said to be a “**young** man.” His name was Zadok and he is also said to have the same characteristic of “valor” – he was a “valiant warrior” (verse 28). Yes, young Christians can especially have this quality: a fearless boldness for God.

But it's a quality we ALL need, whether young or old. You don't have to be from the tribe of Simeon, Ephraim or Gad. If you are among the “righteous” then you too can be “bold as a lion.”

The great North Africa early church father, Augustine, said, “Without God, we *cannot*; without us, God *will* not.”

The Christian life involves a wonderful balance between dependence on God and a courage from God. May God grant us this balance!



Encouraging Yourself in the Lord

- Vaughan V. Durston

David was living in a time of great stress and in 1 Samuel 30:6 we read that "David encouraged himself in the Lord his God." How did he do this? He remembered God's undertaking in days gone by.

Often when we are under stress we look at the things that are not happening the way we would like and become discouraged. David looked back at God's past faithfulness and became encouraged. Do you remember the battle with Goliath and how he referred to the past victory over the mountain lion and the bear? He realized that God had not changed, or was any less capable in solving the present problem.

We have stopped and counted our blessings and have found that there are probably around 20,000 lessons being completed each month. Thank you Lord! This is encouraging.

Another blessing is reading what God is doing through the lessons. We have hundreds of encouraging comments from our modern-day Davids. "I want to thank everybody who participated in making the D&J study. I enjoy it very much." "Thank you very much for making that lesson because I have just taken Jesus as my Saviour !!!" "This lesson reminds me of the grace of God, the fact that he allowed His son Jesus to take on the sins of the world and die for us all, that we would be able to live for God." "I like the way you have broken every detail down in describing I AM, and what all God is like!" "I have learned from this lesson that if you are faithful to God and walk with the Lord, He is there for you in every way."



ONTARIO

We praise God for His faithfulness to this ministry. Recently a teenager working through the Timely Topics for Teens lessons made this comment: *"If you wish to have a clear conscience, say NO to satan. I want to obey God. I am really enjoying the lessons, they have taught me so much. Thank you for sharing them with us sinners. It is not how smart you are or how you look, it is what you think and believe that is important."*

Many comments and questions come from youth doing the "Teen" lessons. This morning in reading we noticed Prov. 9:10, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."

The new camping season is here. Many camps have ordered Bible lessons and hundreds of children and youth will be receiving their first Bible lesson in the next two months. Please pray for them as they begin their journey with us. Pray that we may remain faithful in the work.

TEXAS

Recently we read a story about a little girl who attended a Bible Club and was led to the Lord by her teacher. Although her unsaved parents didn't encourage her she grew in her spiritual walk, was baptized and became a missionary. Along with her husband

Our Mission
"developing young people
after God's own heart"

she worked for many years translating the New Testament into a primitive tribal language.

Many years ago, a young boy in Brooklyn, New York, was invited to attend a Summer Vacation Bible School. His parents sent him so that he wouldn't be running around on the streets. That little boy heard for the first time about the salvation that the Lord Jesus offers and believed. He was not allowed to return to church, but in high school he met a Christian friend and joined him in Bible study and prayer. This friend encouraged him to go to Bible School where he was grounded in the word. That boy from Brooklyn grew up to be a pastor, a missionary to Colombia and now along with his wife directs the work of *"UB David and I'll B Jonathan"* in El Paso, Texas.

Why are we telling you these things? Because these children came to know the Lord through summer ministries and the Lord has used them in ways that their teachers could never have imagined when they first gave them the Gospel.

We have 15,000 Bible lessons ready to be distributed to the children who attend GMTC summer clubs. Please pray with us that many of these children will believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior during the clubs and that they will grow through the lessons they receive and that God will use these young lives for His glory.

Perhaps someone you pray for will become a Bible translator or a pastor, a missionary or a faithful servant of

Christ in their home church. After doing an online lesson called, "How can I be a Child of God?" Eli wrote, *"Thank you very much for making that lesson because I have just took Jesus as my Saviour."* Daisy who attended a summer club last year in El Paso says that she believed in the Lord Jesus as her Savior by *"reading about Him in the lessons."*

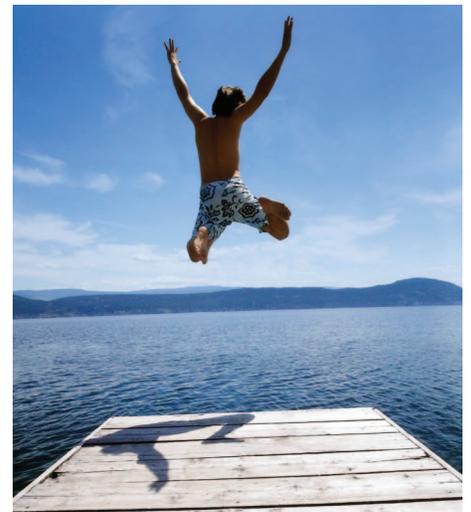
You who give pray and encourage are the "Jonathans". Let's believe the Lord to see many "Davids" raised up during the next few months who will go on to be powerful servants of the Lord around the world.

SASKATCHEWAN

It's planting season once again and the excitement of watching new life and fresh growth in what you planted never gets old. How awesome to know that here at *David and Jonathan* we are planting seeds that can last for eternity. The word of God is Living and active and penetrates the soul for eternity when it takes root in the hearts and minds of anyone who hears it. Our office is in heavy preparation mode for another spiritual planting season. Each week brings new encouragement when we receive completed lessons and added letters from people like Lacey who wrote, *"These past few months I have been learning about our Lord. I thank you for sending me all of these questionnaires about Jesus. I have become closer to him and let Him into my heart."* Thank you for sharing in the effort to plant spiritual seeds for eternity through your prayers and support in this ministry. Letters like Lacey's confirm we are experiencing a valuable harvest.

ALBERTA/BC

We are in the middle of preparing and sending out camp lessons to camps who have chosen to use our material as part of their follow up. We are praying that many camps will see



the need for consistent followup in the lives of their campers. In a recent lesson was a note from a student who expressed to us the importance of these lessons in her life. She commented that her parents are atheists and they have finally allowed her to do lessons and attend youth group which has brought her closer to the Lord. This morning in the mail was a book report from a student who expressed that he thought everyone should read this book—in his words *"it was a thumping good read."* It is comments like this that brings a smile to our face and heart. Thanks for your part in helping these students and others like them grow in Christ.

Testimony

"I want to thank you all so much for being a part of my life. Bible lessons are one of the first things that entered my life and helped me to take Jesus as my Savior. Bible lessons have taught me a lot and have helped me to see things in a deeper way. Once again thanks to all of you at *David & Jonathan*. You have been a blessing to me and my family and may God bless your ministry." (age 15)

Our Vision

"to see Jesus seated on the throne of every 'David' and ruling over all the aspects of their life."

Our Method

Jonathans building up Davids
“And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking with Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.”

(1 Samuel 18:1)

TESTIMONIES...

“I really enjoy Timely Topics for Teens. There’s lots of good stuff in there!” (13 year old)

“I came on as a result of a summer camp. I am a good Christian and an active member in my community and was chosen to carry the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch in my area.” (16 year old)

“I really like these lessons that you’re sending. I find a lot of these things apply to me.” (14 year old)

“Thank you so much for all the time and effort you put into encouraging children to study and learn God’s Word. It’s of eternal benefit and therefore invaluable. May God bless you and this ministry greatly!” (a parent)

“I asked Jesus into my heart as I was doing this lesson.” (8 year old)

“The best thing I have learned from this course is that you should go to God for everything. I have learned to love one another and to even try to love my enemies. Life is more full and alive with God by my side.” (14 year old)

PRAYER REQUESTS

- * Pray that the camps and 5 day clubs will have the staff that they need for their summer programs.
- * Please continue to pray that camps will see the benefits of using these lessons for their followup material.
- * Please continue to pray for our need for an **executive director** for the **Alberta/BC** ministry.
- * Pray that many more children, teens and adults will find our **online lessons** and that God will use this resource for their spiritual growth.
- * Pray for our **expanding outreach** through the Internet to **Spanish-speaking** students.
- * Please pray for our financial needs.



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