



CAMPS - Camp Little Red/ Alberta

God is amazing in His grace and love. He is not willing that any should perish. We have seen God do some amazing things in the lives of kids over the last couple of years and for this we give God praise.

One boy at camp this summer wanted to be sure of where he went after he died. The boy said that he pretended to be saved at one time and wanted to be saved for sure. He became a new Christian and is concerned that his family are not Christians.

A new Counselor was at camp this summer. She was at a Navigator's retreat in January at the camp and committed herself to Jesus there for the first time. She wanted to work at the camp for the summer and was truly a new believer. We had a session on how to lead a person to Christ and she shared that she needed someone to help her know how to do this sort of thing. Through training and discipleship this girl was not only able to share about Jesus but help some become Christians! It is our prayer that this will continue into her university year.

Another girl that received Christ for the first time was asked if she was 100% sure she was going to heaven. She responded that she was 3,000% sure and that she knew that Jesus died for her sins and that Jesus is sitting on the throne of her heart.

Many commitments made to Christ. We had over 50 staff working for the camp between the ages of 14 and 27. We thought it might be good to give some Bible School training on some weekends to some of these kids as we know that many will probably not end up in a Bible School. We just finished a course that saw 23 show up (our max was 20) to learn many doctrines of the Bible like *Authority and Inspiration* and *Inerrancy of the Scriptures*. We gave them some books to start their own library. Good books.

God put it on the heart of a man to subsidize the cost of the camp so we could do it. This man will keep doing this 'til God says stop.

Someone has it on their heart to buy Bibles for kids that don't have any and gives money in a revolving-type fund so that when it is low he fills it up again! Lots of kids got new Bibles this year and some staff got their Bibles upgraded to some good Study Bibles.

We try to do more than evangelize as we desire to do discipleship as well. We send home *UB David* lessons among other things to help kids grow in the faith. I didn't get to tell you about the Muslim and Buddhist kid or ...another day. **Praise the Lord and pray for us!**

Gord Russell, Camp Director



ALBERTA

"So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers..."
(I Corinthians 3:7-9a)

Here at the D&J office in Calgary it has been a busy fall. Once again we have had an overwhelming response with the Backyard Bible Clubs across Alberta. The office is busy with marking, data input, and mailing all these lessons. Sometimes with such a large influx of lessons I lose sight of the individual child that has been impacted by the love of Jesus. I am truly thankful for our Area Secretaries who take the time and pray on a regular basis for the individual child as their lessons come across their desks. It is such a vital role to play. Come and join us as we pray and look for ways to encourage the next generation *"to become people after God's own heart."*

TEXAS

We feel that the *UB David* lessons are meeting needs and are dealing with today's issues. Here are a few examples:

- A pastor writes to check out our beliefs on Biblical marriage as they would like to use our materials in their teen Sunday School class.
- We received a letter from a teen asking about God's plan for marriage.

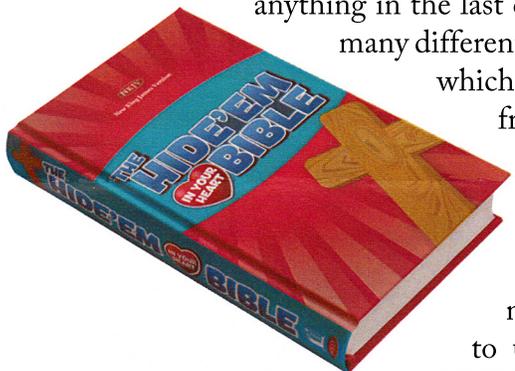


Scripture Memorization

- Jerry Durston

Psalm 119:11 says, "Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You." (NKJV) As a young boy this is one of the first verses I memorized. It seems like over the years we have come to memorize less and less and yet this verse seems to tell us how important it is.

I think one of the things that has hindered Bible memorization more than anything in the last couple of decades is the arrival of many different versions and people not knowing



which is the right version to memorize from. It also seems like the older we get, the less we memorize; yet I think it is very clear how important Bible memorization is. In our ministries, *Club DJ* and now *Quiz Meet*, we have chosen to use the *New King James Version* (NKJV).

There were a number of reasons for this as we looked at all the versions. One was the reading level of the NKJV. As we work with so many children in our clubs we thought it was important to use a version that they could more easily understand. We found that the NKJV had a reading level of grade 7. Secondly, the NKJV is one of the few versions which capitalizes the pronouns for God. This may be a small thing, but with all the unchurched children being reached, we felt this was a positive factor rather than a negative one.

All that being said I would encourage you to choose a version that you would love to memorize from and start spending time memorizing God's Word once again. You might be surprised how much you enjoy it and the impact it will have in your life.

Testimonial from Liberia

"Thank you and the entire UB David & I'll B Jonathan team! [My daughter] just concluded her high school as a homeschooler and your lessons played a key role in her studies... I'm a Ugandan missionary in Monrovia, working with children ages 3-18 years... your lessons are a God-send resource for all our children."

Texas News cont.

- Another teen asks if the Bible says anything about homosexuality.
- A 12 year old boy wrote asking, "What is a man supposed to be like?"
- A Sunday School teacher says, "Our church is helping children from needy families. They don't know anything about the Bible. It is awesome to be able to show these children through the lessons that God loves them."
- A mother writes, "I'm so glad I found your website. I wanted to be able to answer my children's questions but I did not know if I was answering them correctly. We were very happy when we saw that your lessons are free."

—Marion & John Tibberts

CLUB DJ

Club DJ has started up again and Bible memorization continues to be an important part of the program. In **Club DJ** we have 12 verses we have called the 'Hide'em in Your Heart Verses'. The first ones are John 3:16, Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:8,9 and I Corinthians 15:3,4. The 12 *Hide'em in Your Heart* verses are in the **Club DJ** book every year and the children are encouraged to recite them year after year. We believe if they recite these verses every year for 5 or 6 years they will remember them the rest of their lives.

There are other verses throughout the year the children memorize which coincide with their Bible Time in **Club DJ** which are found in the 'Write'em in Your Heart' section of their student books.

Our Mission

"developing young people after God's own heart"

We are thrilled to partner with local churches through **Club DJ** and again this year many new churches have started up. If your church would like more information on **Club DJ** go to www.clubdj.org. Remember it is never too late to start memorizing and it is also never too late to start up **Club DJ** to reach the boys and girls in your community for Him.

ONTARIO

Over the last number of years Clarence & Eva Martin have worked and guided the Ontario office. They have faithfully sent out D&J lessons and encouraged students in their walk with Jesus. The time has come for them to step down. Thank you to Clarence and Eva for your many years of faithful service. May God continue to bless you and may you continue to be a blessing to all those around you.

SOMETHING NEW at D & J :

Quiz Meet

This fall *David and Jonathan* launched a brand new program called *Quiz Meet* for young people grades 6-12. We believe that the older the children get, the more they should memorize, not less. We came across a very interesting stat that says:

“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.” (Texas District Sunday School Committee)

Our children have always had to be a part of a Bible Quizzing program

and I would strongly encourage you to do the same. I believe that Bible memorization is so important and the power of God’s Word I believe will keep our children and young people strong. If you would like more information about Quiz Meet go to www.quizmeet.org.



Internet Report



Our *UBDavid.org* website continues to grow. We recently added a new course of 16 lessons for children called *“Let’s Talk About”* which address common negative behaviors like complaining, disobeying, being selfish, etc. Clear examples are given followed by very practical ideas on how to avoid such behavior, all illustrated in a modern cartoon style. This brings the

total number of lessons online up to 781 with another 58 lessons on Bible characters currently in preparation.

And God continues to use the site for the salvation and spiritual growth of many children, youth and adults around the world. This year we had 1.7 million unique visitors who viewed over 8 million pages. Fully half our visitors now come to the site using mobile devices and the new version of our website, which was put up in early



September, enables them to view all the lessons easily with any device.

TESTIMONIAL

“I just want to say thank you for the free Bible lessons. I was asking the Lord what it means to be the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. And I thought of browsing the internet and I happen to see your website. Thank you because you have help bring clarity to my mind. Your teachings are direct to the point easy to understand and not too complicated, and the verses in correlation to what you are pointing out are very clear. Your website has a wealth of teaching. I’m overwhelmed.” (Mary R.)

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.”

(I Samuel 18:1)

TESTIMONIES...

“Your website was an absolute blessing to me from God for me to become a Christian. I didn't know what repentance was or what it meant to be born again...You guys have helped me completely fall in love with Jesus, He is so amazing, He has given me a purpose in life. He really is Life... He really is the greatest gift you could ever receive.” (a donor left this note on our email.)

“I accepted Christ on Aug. 4, 2014. You take Jesus as your Savior by believing that he died for our sins and asking Him to come in your heart.” (Grade 4 Filipino child doing our lessons in his class at school in the Philippines)

“Thank you for helping me grow my faith in God and learn about Him in fun ways! I'm always waiting to get my next lesson in the mail.” (young girl who began doing lessons at camp)



PRAYER & PRAISE

- * Praise for the many clubs that ran in backyards over the summer, where the Gospel was shared
- * Pray for the many followup lessons that are now being sent out from our offices to encourage children to follow Jesus
- * Praise for the faithful volunteers who serve each week
- * Continue to pray for God's protecting hand on the technical aspects of our global Internet outreach. And thank God for special permissions to use some new materials for additional English and French lessons.



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