

Frequently Asked Questions

How much time per week does Bible Blast take? This will depend upon the family as well as the age of the children. However, less than 15 minutes a day is average if The Picture Bible is read 5 days a week and the corresponding quizzing questions are covered at that time. If a child is participating in the memory program, this will take longer and will depend upon how quickly the child memorizes.

What if we can't be there every week? That is ok. Obviously, your child will get more out of the program the more often he/she can attend.

We would like to join, but the program has been going for some time. Can we join now? Will my child need to catch up? A child can join any time during the year. They do not need to go back and do the reading or the quizzing to be able to join. They just start with the Blast that is scheduled for that week.

I don't think our children should be rewarded for memorizing Scripture. They should do it because it is the right thing to do. Bible Blast is a rewards-based program. Much the same way as the Israelites put honey on the pages of the Torah and let their sons lick it to teach them to love the Scripture, so Bible Blast rewards children to teach them to love learning about God. If this is in opposition to your personal beliefs, then Bible Blast is not the program for your child.

I don't understand why I am supposed to read to my 4th grader. Can't they do it themselves? Of course they are capable of doing it themselves, but Bible Blast is based upon the parents being the "head coach". By reading the Bible to your child, regardless of their age, you open the door to conversations about God's Word and its application in our lives. This is a great opportunity to share your faith with your child and allow them to enjoy the time with you.

What is a parent's responsibility with Bible Blast? Parents are crucial to the success of Bible Blast. A parent should read The Picture Bible to their child each week as well as review the quizzing questions and answers. In addition, parents support the program by sending back an offering to cover the cost of the prizes their children earn. Lastly, Bible Blast can't function without parent volunteers. This program depends upon the parents for their involvement with their children, their time in volunteering and their finances in supporting the rewards their children earn.

What about my 4 year old? Too young? Bible Blast curriculum is designed for ages 4-4th grade. However, there are four year olds that are ready to learn in a group setting and others that just enjoy livin' and breathin'. A parent of a four year old can tell if Blast is for their child. Being the brightest, smartest, sharpest four year old on the planet does not guarantee a great Blast experience. Blast has built into it an element of competition. Using the analogy of playing t-ball, if the child is more interested in the grass near 3rd base rather than playing ball, he is too young. If a four year old T-ball player is CRUSHED when a strike out happens, maybe one more season would be good for him to find another activity to participate in. To have a child read through from cover to cover through the Bible is priceless.

What are the costs? There is a one-time cost of \$45 per family. \$45 provides you with a hardcover of The Picture Bible and the manual. The same materials are used each year. The Bible Blast program is maintained by the weekly offering. The offering purchases the incentives and other treats.

Is there childcare? Yes! Childcare is provided at the church, free of charge, for all children too young to participate in Bible Blast.