

**GENERAL CONFERENCE OF
WEST-CENTRAL AFRICA DIVISION
YOUTH DEPARTMENT**

BIBLE GEM CONTEST 2023

CONTEST SCHEDULE

Level	Date	Phase	Time
Senior Youth	March 4, 2023	Local Church	
Adventurer	April 29, 2023	Local Church	
Pathfinders	July 15, 2023	Local Church	
Senior Youth	March 11, 2023	District	
Adventurers	May 6, 2023	District	
Pathfinders	July 22, 2023	District	
Senior Youth	March 19, 2023	Conference/Mission	
Adventurers	May 13, 2023	Conference/Mission	
Pathfinders	July 29, 2023	Conference/Mission	
Senior Youths	March 25, 2023	Union	
Adventurers	May 20, 2023	Union	
Pathfinders	August 5, 2023	Union	
Senior Youths	August 13-19, 2023	Division	PF Camporee 2023
Adventurers	August 13-19, 2023	Division	PF Camporee 2023
Pathfinders	August 13-19, 2023	Division	PF Camporee 2023

BIBLE GEM STUDY GUIDE

NOTE- THIS IS JUST A STUDY GUIDE TO FACILITATE YOUR PREPARATION, THEY ARE ACTUAL QUESTIONS. THEREFORE, TAKE YOUR TIME AND READ THE BIBLE AND OTHER RELEVANT RESOURCES. ENJOY YOUR STUDY

#BG 1 SENIOR YOUTH DEBATE CONTEST

DEBATE STUDY GUIDE

- 1. CONTESTANTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO QUOTE A TEXT IN THE BIBLE TO SUPPORT THEIR ARGUMENT**
- 2. CONTESTANTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO RECITE/PARAPHRASE THE TEXT THEY QUOTED**
- 3. CONTESTANTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN THEIR POINT WITH THE QUOTATION**
- 4. MAXIMUM POINT FOR EVERY ARGUMENT IS 3**
- 5. CONTESTANTS CAN CITE QUOTATIONS ON THE TOPIC OF THE DEBATE, BUT MUST BE ABLE TO ELABORATE THE TEXT TO BUTTRESS THEIR ARGUMENT**

THE FOLLOWING TEXTS ARE A GUIDE FOR THIS DEBATES.

DEBATE TOPIC: STATE OF THE DEAD (Local Church level)

DEBATE MOTION: “THE DEAD KNOW NOTHING AND THEY DO NOT GO TO HEAVEN OR HELL AFTER DEATH TILL CHRIST COMES, DEBATE FOR THIS MOTION GIVING RELEVANT PASSAGES FROM SCRIPTURE.”

JOHN 11:11-14
1THESS. 4:15, 16
JOHN 5:28, 29
GEN. 2:7
ECCL. 12:7
JOB 27:3
PS. 146:3, 4
1TIM. 6:16
ROM. 2:7
1COR. 15:51-54
PS. 115:17
ACTS 2:34

PS. 6:5
ECCL. 9:5
JOB 19:25, 26
EZEK. 18:4
ROM. 6:23
2 TIM. 4:7, 8
REV. 22:12
AND OTHERS

DEBATE TOPIC: THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST (District Level)

DEBATE MOTION: “CONTRARY TO SCOFFERS POSITION THAT CHRIST WILL NOT COME AGAIN, DEBATE FOR THE MOTION THAT HE WILL COME AGAIN WITH RELEVANT PASSAGES FROM SCRIPTURE.”

1. THE FOLLOWING TEXTS ARE A GUIDE FOR THIS DEBATE.

MATT. 24:4, 5, 11, 24
MATT. 6, 7
MATT. 24:7,
MATT. 24:12
2TIM. 3:1-4
MATT. 24:37-39
MATT. 24:14
JOHN 14:1-3
1THESS. 4:16-17
1COR. 15:51-55
2PETER 3:9-13
ACTS 1:9-11
REV. 1:7
PS. 50:3
MATT 16:27
AND OTHERS

DEBATE TOPIC: THE LAW OF GOD (Conference Level)

DEBATE MOTION: “HOW WOULD YOU DEBATE AGAINST THE POPULAR VIEW THAT GOD’S LAW IS ABOLISHED? SUPPORT YOUR AGUMENTS WITH SCRIPTURAL PASSAGES.”

1. THE FOLLOWING TEXTS ARE A GUIDE FOR THIS DEBATE.

PS. 111:7, 8
ROM. 3:20
PS. 19:7
PS. 19:11
ROM. 6:15
1JOHN 3:4

ISAIAH 59:1, 2
ROM. 3:28-31
JOHN 14:15
1JOHN 2:4, 5
1JOHN 2:4, 5
HEB. 8:10
PSALM 40:8
REV. 14:12
REV. 12:17
AND OTHERS

DEBATE TOPIC: THE SABBATH (Union Level)

DEBATE MOTION: “HOW WOULD YOU DEBATE AGAINST THE POPULAR VIEW THAT SEVENTH DAY SABBATH IS ABOLISHED? SUPPORT YOUR AGUMENTS WITH SCRIPTURAL PASSAGES.”

1. THE FOLLOWING TEXTS ARE A GUIDE FOR THIS DEBATE.

REV. 14:6, 7
GEN. 2:1-3
EX. 20:8-11
EX. 31:13
ISAIAH 56:2
ISAIAH 58:13
ISAIAH 66:22, 23
EZEK. 20:12, 20
MATT. 12:8
MATT. 24:20
MARK 2:27-28
LUKE 4:16
LUKE 23:54-56
LUKE 24:1
ACTS 13:42-44
ACTS 16:13
ACTS 17:2
AND OTHERS

DEBATE TOPIC: HEAVEN (Division Level)

DEBATE MOTION: “DEBATE ON THE MOTION THAT HEAVEN IS REAL AND SUPPORT YOUR AGUMENTS WITH SCRIPTURAL PASSAGES.”

1. THE FOLLOWING TEXTS ARE A GUIDE FOR THIS DEBATE.

JOHN 14:1-3
2PETER 3:10-13

MATT. 5:5
REV. 21:1-5
MICAHAH 4:8
ISAIAH 65:17
MATT. 8:11
REV. 21:3
REV. 22:3, 4
REV. 21:16, 17
REV. 21:18-21
REV. 21:7, 8
REV. 22:17

STUDY GUIDE FOR #BG 1 CONTEST ADVENTURER CLUB

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JOSHUA

1. Know about Joshua's work and family
2. Know about the Gibeonites
3. Know the facts about the family of Joseph in the book of Joshua
4. Know about Joshua statements in the book
5. Know about the Amorite kings
6. Know about certain rivers in book of Joshua
7. Know about God's message of encouragement to Joshua
8. Know about the crossing of the Jordan River
9. Know about the spies Joshua sent to Jericho
10. Know about the recounting of the experiences of the children of Israel in the wilderness in the book of Joshua
11. Know about Israel's entrance to the Promised Land and the celebration of the first Passover
12. Know about the conquest of Jericho)
13. Know about the sin of Achan
14. Know about the Gibeonites
15. Know about the Amorite kings
16. Know about the command of Joshua to the sun when he fought the Amorite kings
17. Know about Joshua's conquest of the kings and their cities
18. Know about Jabin king of Hazor
19. Know about what the Lord did to the inhabitants of the land concerning their battle with Israel
20. Know about the distribution of the Land
21. Know about Caleb and his group of spies recounted in Joshua
22. Memorize the following texts in Joshua: **Joshua 10:12**
23. Know the facts about Joshua, his family and certain statements he made
24. Know about the Transjordan tribes (The two and half tribes beyond the Jordan)
25. Know the facts about Achan
26. Know about the facts of Joseph's family in the book of Joshua
27. Know about Zelophehad
28. Memorize the following texts in Joshua:

Joshua 24:15

1. Know about God's promises to Joshua
2. Know about the conquest of Jericho
3. Know about the Gibeonites
4. Know about the kings of the Amorites
5. Know about Caleb

6. Know about the children of Joseph and what they did in the book of Joshua
7. Know the land of the Benjaminites
8. Know about the cities of refuge
9. Know about the proposed war between Israel and the two and half tribes
10. Know about the last days of Joshua
11. Memorize the following quotations:

Joshua 1:5

Joshua 24:15

Joshua 1:16

1. Know about the conquest of Jericho
 2. Know about Achan
 3. Know about the conquest of Ai
 4. Know about Jerusalem before Israel settle there
 5. Memorize the following texts in the book of Joshua: **Joshua 7:19**
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MARK

1. Know about the preaching of John the Baptist
2. Know about the baptism of Jesus
3. Know about the temptation of Jesus
4. Know about the preaching of Jesus
5. Know about the disciples of Jesus in Mark
6. Know about the disciples of Jesus in Mark
7. Know about people's reactions to Jesus' teaching
8. Know about Jesus' casting of demons in Mark 1,3 and 5
9. Know about Jesus' healing of Peter's Mother in-law
10. Know about the healing of the sick in Mark 1
11. Know about Jesus' healing of the sick in Mark 1 and 5
12. Know about Jesus' trip across the Lake
13. Know about Herod in Mark
14. Know about the interaction between Jesus, the Pharisees, and the Scribes
15. Memorize the following texts in Mark: **Mark 7:6**
16. Know about Jesus and his disciples' journey to Caesarea Philippi
17. Know about the questions the Pharisees asked Jesus in Mark 8
18. Know about Jesus and the little children in Mark
19. Know about Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem in Mark
20. Know about Jesus and prayer in Mark
21. Memorize the following texts in Mark: **Mark 10:44**
22. Know about Jesus' transfiguration in Mark
23. Know about the healing of Blind Bartimaeus
24. Know about the withering of the fig tree in Mark.
25. Know about the death and resurrection of Jesus in Mark and events surrounding them.

26. Memorize the following texts in the book of Mark: **Mark 15:2**

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2. Know about certain rivers in the book of Joshua
3. Know about God's message of encouragement to Joshua
4. Know about the crossing of the Jordan River
5. Know about the spies Joshua sent to Jericho
6. Know about the camping of the Israelites
7. Know about Israel's entrance into the promise land and the celebration of the first Passover.
8. Know about the conquest of Jericho
9. Know about the sin of Achan
10. Memorize the following texts in the book of Joshua: **Joshua 5:9**
11. Know about the conquest of Ai
12. Know about the Gibeonites
13. Know about Adonizedek
14. Know about the kings of the Amorites
15. Know about the command of Joshua concerning the sun when he fought the kings of the Amorites
16. Know about Joshua' conquest of the kings and their cities
17. Know about Jabin king of Hazor
18. Know about what the Lord did to the inhabitants of the land concerning their battle with Israel
19. Know about the inhabitant of the Mountain in the promised land
20. Know about the distribution of the land
21. Know about Caleb and those he was sent as spy with recounted in the book of Joshua.
22. Know the facts about Joshua, his family and certain statements he made.
23. Know about the divisions of the land to Israel
24. Know the facts about the family of Joseph in the book of Joshua
25. Know about the cities of refuge
26. Know about the kings of the Amorites beyond the Jordan
27. Know about the defeat of Ai
28. Know about the treaty with the Gibeonites
29. Memorize the following texts in Joshua:

Joshua 20

Joshua 17:2

Joshua 20:7-8

30. Know about Rahab the prostitute

31. Know about the crossing of the Jordan
32. Know about the memorial of the 12 stones
33. Know about the reaction of the Amorite kings upon hearing that Israel had crossed the Jordan
34. Know about the circumcision of the children of Israel in Joshua
35. Know about the Man with the sword who met Joshua before Jericho was conquered
36. Know about the conquest of Jericho
37. Memorize the following texts in Joshua:

Joshua 2:18-19

Joshua 4:7, 21-22

Joshua 4:24

Joshua 5:13-14

Joshua 6:2

1. Know about Caleb's background and family
2. Know about the lot casting and the distribution of the land
3. Know about the land of Benjamin and its borders
4. Know about the cities of refuge
5. Memorize the following texts in Joshua:

Joshua 10:8

Joshua 19

Joshua 20:7-8

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MARK

6. Know about the interaction between Jesus, the Pharisee, and the Scribes in Mark 6
 7. Know about the tradition of the Jews in Mark 6
 8. Know about Jesus' healing of certain people in Mark 7
- Know about Jesus and the Multitude in the wilderness in Mark 8
9. Know about the parable of the vineyard
 10. Know notable statements by Jesus to the Pharisees and leaders of the Jews recorded in Mark 12
 11. Know about the beliefs of the Sadducees
 12. Know about the signs of the end in Mark 13
 13. Know about Jesus's statements on the greatest commandment in Mark
 14. Know about the Alabaster box of ointment poured on Jesus' head
 15. Know about Jesus 'Betrayal, the Lord's Supper and prayer in Gethsemane
 16. Memorize the following texts in Mark:

Mark 12:1-12

Mark 13:11

Mark 12:17

17. Know about Jesus' trial and other events surrounding it
18. Know about Jesus' crucifixion and events surrounding it in Mark

19. Know about the resurrection of Jesus and events surrounding it
20. Know about the Great Commission in Mark
21. Memorize the following texts in Mark

Mark 16:16

Mark 16:17-18

22. Know about the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan
23. Know about Jesus' disciples
24. Know about the healing of the paralytic
25. Know about the parable of the mustard seed in Mark
26. Know about Jesus' healing in Mark 5 and 7
27. Know about the parable of the Sower.
28. Know about Jesus' feeding of the four thousand in the wilderness
29. Know about the healing of the blind man
30. Know about the feast of Passover before Jesus was crucified
31. Know what happened in the Garden Gethsemane before Jesus was crucified
32. Know about the signs of the end in Mark
33. Know about the question of paying tax to Caesar
34. Know about Jesus and the cleansing of the temple
35. Know about Jesus blessing of the little children
36. Know about Jesus healing in Mark 5
37. Know about the sending of the disciples
38. Memorize the following texts in Mark:

Mark 17:40

Mark 13:33

Mark 11:33

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