Pathfinder



Bible Achievement Manual

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Permission is granted to photocopy any form that is needed to conduct all levels of the Pathfinder Bible Achievement program.

Introduction

The **Pathfinder Bible Achievement** program is an annual event open to all Pathfinder Clubs in which Pathfinders (grades 5-10) strive team-wise (one team per club) to demonstrate their Bible knowledge, getting to know Jesus and the Bible better. This event is confined each year to a specific portion of Scripture (generally a book of the Bible) as listed in this program material.

The ultimate purpose of the Pathfinder Bible Achievement, as with all Bible study, is to bring the participants closer to Jesus. While the competitive element may be there, competition is not the objective. In fact, a competitive atmosphere will have a negative effect on this excellent program. There are no losers in the Pathfinder Bible Achievement. Each participant is given an award in accordance with their knowledge on the book of the Bible selected. These awards are only tokens of the far greater prize obtained by all who make His Word their study.

There are **four levels** in the Pathfinder Bible Achievement program which would accrue over a three - four month period of time. **Area level** (two to six clubs) would be held in February, **Conference level** in March, **Union level** in March/April, and **Invitational/Division level** the third weekend of April (*unless it is Easter weekend then it would be the second weekend*), for any team that has received a first place in the previous three levels.

The Pathfinder Bible Achievement should not be confused with the Regional Conference Bible Bowl program that has been in operation for many years, that includes several books of the Bible, participants are from young people to adults, and the program is conducted over several months with the final being held in the fall of the year. The Regional Conferences are to be commended for their outstanding program.

The following information will help prepare the Pathfinders for this wonderful experience in Bible study. Use this opportunity to involve your Pathfinders in learning their Bibles. Once you have read this material you will be able to conduct the Pathfinder Bible Achievement program.

Thank you for participating in the Pathfinder Bible Achievement program, formerly known at the NAD Pathfinder Bible Bowl, and may the Lord bless you and your Pathfinders.

Special Note About Awards/Pins & Bars

All Pathfinder team members plus alternate and coach are to receive a special Pathfinder Bible Achievement pin at the end of the Area level. Little bars indicating the place and level would be given to the team following the event. The conference is responsible to purchase these for their teams. See information in this manual regarding the placement of pin on uniform/sash along with bars.

Pathfinder Bible Achievement History

The Pathfinder Bible Bowl name (used for many years) and program was developed in 1987 by Elder Terry Dodge, who at the time was pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist church in Sheridan, Wyoming. The purpose of this program is to enhance the knowledge of Pathfinders by studying a certain book of the Bible each year. Every Pathfinder club is allowed one team of up to six (6) but no less than (2) members plus an alternate.

The first Pathfinder Bible Bowl was held in the spring of 1988 with four (4) clubs (Casper, Graybull, Newcastle, and Sheridan, Wyoming) participating. The book chosen for that year was Revelation, including the Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary on this book. The event was attended by a large number of individuals from the four churches. Each team appointed a captain to serve as their spokesperson. As each team was given a question, they had 10 seconds to decide their answer, and then the captain gave the answer verbally. If the answer was correct, they earned the point. If they did not know the answer, the question was given to the next team who was given a chance to answer it. (Note: There were some who felt it was not fair for a club to have more time to answer a question than another club because the one club didn't know the answer. Therefore the next year we changed the method to writing the answer on a piece of paper.)

A first-, second-, or third-place pin was given to each participant according to the number of points earned. The club with the highest points received first place, the next highest received second, and the rest of the clubs received third place. The winning clubs were given generic "Lamp of Knowledge" type pins that had a special meaning for the program — the lamp symbolized the Holy Spirit, and the books symbolized the Bible.

Each year Pathfinder Bible Bowl teams would come together and answer questions on a preselected book of the Bible. To encourage a spiritual atmosphere for this program, different from other activities, the church sanctuary was selected in which to hold the new Pathfinder Bible Bowl, and a special trophy was presented to the top clubs in those early days.

The Pathfinder Bible Bowl program was so well received by the clubs in Wyoming that first year, that by the next summer, Elder Dodge, Executive Conference Pathfinder Coordinator, presented the program to the entire Rocky Mountain Conference Pathfinder leaders. As a result, the conference was divided into four areas: Western Slope, Eastern Slope South, Eastern Slope North, and Wyoming. Each area was required to have at least two (2) participating clubs and no more than seven (7) teams in an area.

The next two years more Pathfinder clubs participated, and many individuals were excited about studying the Bible. Another level (conference) was added to the Pathfinder Bible Bowl, which now made two levels.

In the summer of 1990, Elder Dodge moved to Michigan and became the Conference Pathfinder director. A lot of interest in the Pathfinder Bible Bowl program was soon generated in Michigan, and so the program continued to grow. During the next months a special pin was developed, which everyone who participated in the program would receive. Different colored bars were attached to the pins, which indicated the level the Pathfinder achieved. In order to be more fair, it was decided to use a percentage of the highest score to arrive at the first, second, and third places, the same as is used in the overall Pathfinder program.

By 1993, the North American Division (NAD) Pathfinder Committee voted to adopt the Pathfinder Bible Bowl program divisionwide, and all conferences and unions received materials and were invited to participate. With the percentage scoring system being used, more conferences began to participate because it made it more rewarding for the Pathfinders. They could progressively now participate in their area, conference, and union levels by reaching first place in each one. By 1996, the third level (union) was being conducted in the Lake Union with other conferences participating from

North America.

With more and more unions participating, it became evident that it was time to have an NAD Pathfinder Bible Bowl level. Therefore, in April of 2000, the first NAD Pathfinder Bible Bowl was held at the Pioneer Memorial Church on the campus of Andrews University with eight (8) teams representing four (4) unions. Four (4) of the eight (8) teams won first place. Praise be to God!

In February 2002, a request was made to the North American Division Pathfinder Committee to add an additional Bible Bowl program in the North American Division. The committee decided not to add another program as well as discontinue the two present programs at a division level. The two existing programs were the Pathfinder Bible Bowl (voted in 1993) and the BATA Bible Bowl(voted in 1999). Therefore, the various conferences could participate in the program of their choice. Instead of a division level it would be called an invitational level. The new guidelines would become effective beginning in 2003.

Therefore, a new name was chosen for this program which was "Pathfinder Bible Achievement." A new manual was written with additional guidelines and in more detail, which you hold in your hands.

The Pathfinder Bible Achievement program has been shared worldwide. Therefore, let us pray that many Pathfinders will come to know Jesus better from the study of His word and be ready for His glorious return. Maranatha!

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Director of Pathfinder Bible Achievement

Four (4) Levels in the Pathfinder Bible Achievement

The Pathfinder Bible Achievement was designed to have four different levels (Area, Conference, Union, and Invitational/Division — there are other divisions in the world that are conducting this same program and they would be invited to participate). From each level the first place teams would advance to the next level which means a club could participate in up to four different levels and locations. Any club that discusses and/or receives the questions (because all areas, conferences, or unions do not use the same dates) that are used in the official program will be disqualified. All clubs will be asked to sign a statement at each level supporting their honesty and upholding the Pathfinder standards.

Area Level

A conference would divide the Pathfinder clubs into groups of (2 - 7 clubs) which would participate in a given area of the conference. Within the conference, there could be as few as two (2) areas or up to several areas. Each club would register with the Conference Pathfinder Director their desire to participate in the Pathfinder Bible Achievement program. Location for this Area level could rotate to the various churches represented by the participating clubs. See enclosed forms for registration.

Conference Level

The Conference level Pathfinder Bible Achievement would be represented by all the first place teams that participated in the various Area levels within the Conference. A large enough facility (a church) would be chosen that is centrally located to host the number of first place teams that would be participating in this level. Once the club has registered for the Area level, they do not need to register for the Conference level if they reach first place.

Union Level

The Union level Pathfinder Bible Achievement would be represented by all the first place teams that participated in the various conferences within that Union. A large enough facility (a church) would be chosen that is centrally located within the Union to host the number of first place teams that would be participating in this level. At this level each conference will need to register their first place teams from their conference with the Pathfinder Bible Achievement Union Coordinator so proper arrangements could be made. This confirmation could be done by phone, fax, or e-mail. Note: There may be anywhere from one to several conferences participating. If there is no Union youth director to lead out in the program, then one of the conference directors may coordinate this level so the various conferences would be able to participate at this level and all first place teams would be able to move to the Invitational/Division level.

Invitational/Division Level

The Invitational/Division level Pathfinder Bible Achievement would be attended by all the first place teams that participated in the three (Area, Conference, Union) previous levels. The Pathfinder Bible Achievement program would be held at Andrews University on the third weekend of April (unless it is Easter Weekend, then it would be the second weekend). This facility is large enough to accommodate all participating teams and enough seating for the

audience. All first place teams from the various unions and world divisions must register with the Pathfinder Bible Achievement director Terry Dodge Sr. so proper arrangements can be made for their participation. This confirmation could be done by phone, fax, or e-mail. Detailed information will be noted on the registration forms.

Club Representation in the Pathfinder Bible Achievement

The Pathfinder Bible Achievement Area level would be represented by one team per club whose members are in grades 5-10. Following this level all clubs represented at the Conference, Union or Invitational/Division level would have had to reach a first place in the previous level before going to the next.

Example:

1. Area Level - Teams would represent their home club.

2. Conference Level - Teams would have reached a first place in their Area.

3. Union Level - Teams would have reached a first place in their Conference.

4. Invitational/Division Level - Teams would have reached a first place in their Union.

NOTE: Not all clubs that reach a first place may choose to go to the next level (due to travel or other expenses) but it is hoped there will be some representation from each Area at the Conference, Union, and Invitational/Division levels.

Club Preparation and Registration

The Pathfinder Bible Achievement is for all clubs that would like to be a part of this great experience while learning more about the Bible and their friend Jesus. The following suggestions will help the Pathfinders prepare for the Pathfinder Bible Achievement experience:

During the fall of the year, have various individuals (pastor, teacher, Sabbath School leader or teacher, and church members) prepare questions from the **New Kings James Version** (Pathfinder Edition preferred) of the Bible along with the Introduction of the Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary. When books of prophecy (Daniel, Revelation, etc.) are used there will be additional portions selected and provided to the clubs. The commentary provides an excellent source for questions relating to the background of the book. All questions must stand alone and answered individually. Most answers are from 1-4 words. Sometimes questions are asked that will be worth several points but generally there are not a lot of this type.

Example - "From Acts 8:9, What was the name of the sorcerer who boasted that he was someone great?" Answer: Simon.

- A club may provide tape recordings of the book selected from the **New Kings James Version** of the Bible for the Pathfinders to listen. As they listen to them over and over it will help their recall when asked questions. New Kings James Bible tapes are available from the Adventist Book Center or local Christian book store. **Special Note**: Bible On Cassette New King James Version complete Bible narrated by Stephen Johnston and produced by the Hendrickson Publishers. The (ISBN 1-56563-556-6) number should help you to locate these tapes. I received mine through the Adventist Book Center.
- Dramatizing the Bible chapters makes it even more interesting and the Pathfinders can then see the verses in their mind when the questions are asked.
- Reading the particular Bible book is another way and even some will concentrate on certain chapters more than the others.
- During the month of January, provide several opportunities for the Pathfinders to be challenged by: a) other club members (teams of 6), or b) church members, Pastors, and retired Pastors (teams of 6), answering questions on the book selected. You may wish to get other Pathfinder Clubs together to encourage everyone to reach the highest level.
- Some clubs will meet twice a week in the fall and early January. Then 2-3 weeks before the Area levels they will meet three times a week and continue these meetings through the first two levels. Then the team may only need to meet a couple of times a week before the other levels if they remain in first place at the preceding levels.

- Team selection All Pathfinders (grades 5-10) are invited to participate in the preparation to be a part of the one team that will represent their club. As you get closer to the Area level date, you will need to select the six (6) best qualified Pathfinders plus one (1) alternate, in case of illness.
- Home School Pathfinder Home School Pathfinders are welcome as part of the Pathfinder Club team. The grade of a home school Pathfinder is determined by whichever grade level the Pathfinder is taking 75% of their subjects in. *Example*: If one is taking 75% of their subjects in the 5th grade and one or two subjects in the 6th grade, that Pathfinder would be classified as a 5th grader. Also, if a student is taking 75% of the subjects in the 10th grade and one or two subjects in the 11th grade, that Pathfinder would be classified as a 10th grader. I hope this will help to clarify who can be included as a home school Pathfinder in the Pathfinder Bible Achievement program.
- Mini Run-Offs When having your trial runs, have the selected Pathfinders write the answers on a piece of paper so they will get familiar with writing for the event.

 Registration Once the club has decided to take part in the Pathfinder Bible Achievement program, the club director is to send in the "Pathfinder Bible Achievement Application" so the conference will know who is participating. Applications are due four weeks in advance of the Area level. See "Pathfinder Bible Achievement Application" enclosed.
- Disqualified Club members A club team member would be disqualified for not wearing the complete dress uniform including scarf with slide, sash, belt, dark shoes and also if not in grades 5-10. Coaches are to see that each Pathfinder Bible Achievement team member has the proper uniform items.
- Disqualified Clubs Because the same questions are used in all areas, conferences, and unions, clubs are to hold the high standard of not contacting clubs from other areas, conferences or unions to find out about any official question being used in the official Pathfinder Bible Achievement program that year. Any club would be disqualified if any of the members discussed or studied any official questions that were used in another area, conference, or union level that is used in the official Pathfinder Bible Achievement program. All Clubs will be asked to sign the "Supporting Standards Statement" at each level stating that they have had no contact with other clubs from either areas, conferences or unions to get and/or study any question/s used in the official Pathfinder Bible Achievement program ahead of their event.
- Disqualified Team Points or member Coaching, comments, or answers given or spoken, by any method, from the audience to any Pathfinder Bible Achievement team member, will result in that team automatically losing that point or points. If this type of activity continues the Pathfinder would be ask to leave the team.

Pathfinder Bible Achievement Study Books

Arranged by Terry Dodge Sr.

Based on the Pathfinder Year

List of Books Used beginning in 1987 at the time of the original program.

1987 - 88	Revelation
1988 - 89	Daniel
1989 - 90	Acts
1990 - 91	I Samuel
1991 - 92	St. John
1992 - 93	II Samuel
1993 - 94	Genesis 1-36
1994 - 95	Matthew
1995 - 96	Judges & Ruth
1996 - 97	Genesis 37 - Exodus 20
1997 - 98	I Kings
1998 - 99	Luke
1999 - 2000	Ezra, Nehemiah & Esther
2000 - 01	Deuteronomy 1-29
2001 - 02	Revelation
2002 - 03	II Kings
2003 - 04	Proverbs
2004 - 05	Acts
2005 - 06	I Chronicles 10 - II Chronicles 9
2006 - 07	Deut. 30 - Joshua 24
2007 - 08	Matthew
2008 - 09	II Chronicles 10-36
2009 - 10	Jeremiah
2010 - 11	I & II Corinthians
2011 - 12	Isaiah
2012 - 13	Ezekiel
2013 - 14	Mark
2014 - 15	Leviticus
2015 - 16	Numbers

The latest edition of the SDA Bible Commentary Introduction is used along with the **New King James Version of the Bible** (*Pathfinder Edition*). These two sources will be used in preparing the questions for each level. At the time of studying the prophetic books, the introduction to the commentary and selected pages will be used in keeping with the understanding of the Seventh-day Adventist church.

Pathfinder Bible Achievement Organization

The following information would apply to <u>all four levels</u> of the Pathfinder Bible Achievement Organizational structure.

Coordination

The Area and Conference levels are under the direction of the Conference Pathfinder Director. The Union would be under the direction of the person responsible for Pathfinders at the union level. The Invitational/Division will be under the direction of Terry Dodge Sr..

1. **Number of teams** - Conferences with more than six participating clubs should be divided into two or more geographic areas with two to seven clubs in each area and one team per club. The Conference level would be made up of first place team/s from each area. The Union level would be made up of first place team/s from each Conference and the Invitational/Division would have first place team/s from each Union and/or other Divisions.

Questions

The questions for each level of the Pathfinder Bible Achievement will be distributed by the author and director to the appropriate individuals. All questions are prepared from the Pathfinder Edition of the **New King James Version** and the latest edition of the SDA Bible Commentary Introduction. Those participating conferences will receive a copy of the questions in time for their Area and Conference levels. **Each level will have a new set of questions** that would vary in the degree of difficulty according to the level. Each level would become more difficult. All questions will be in harmony with the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It is important to treat each club equally.

Translation & Commentary

The Pathfinder Edition of the **New King James Version** of the Bible and the latest edition of the SDA Bible Commentary Introduction, would be the textbooks. The Introduction of the SDA Bible Commentary would be the only part used except when it comes to the prophetic books like Daniel, Revelation or other books when selected chapters will be noted. Normally a small number (up to 10%) of questions would be taken from the SDA Bible Commentary. In the case of the prophetic books, up to 20% of the questions could come from the Commentary. The Commentary provides an excellent source for questions relating to the background of the book.

Club Requirements

- 1. Each Pathfinder Club would have <u>one team of up to six (6) but no less than two (2)</u> Pathfinders and one alternate (in case of sickness). Each participant must be in grades 5-10 and is to wear the official, full dress Pathfinder uniform, complete with scarf, sash and dark shoes. <u>Note:</u> For details on Home School grade level, see the pages entitled "Club Preparation and Registration."
- 2. Each team would appoint a Captain to be the spokesperson and a Scribe to write each answer on an $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11" sheet of paper while the question is projected on the screen. All answers are to be displayed at one time.

- 3. A 10 second time limit is given for the team to discuss the question and agree on an answer. Answers are to be written at the end of that time period or any time during the 10 seconds. Reasonable additional time will be given to record the answer/s.
- 4. Because the same questions are used in all areas, conferences, and unions, clubs are to hold the high standard of not contacting clubs from other areas, conferences or unions to find out about the questions being used that year. Clubs will be asked to sign a paper at each level stating that they have had no contact with other clubs from either areas, conferences or unions to get and study any question/s used in the official Pathfinder Bible Achievement program ahead of their event.

Judging & Scoring

Each team would be under the direction of an appointed judge(s) and scorekeeper. One or more points would be given for each correct answer/s.

Answering

Each team will write their answer during or at the end of the 10 seconds. Then the Quiz Master will give the official answer and reference both verbally and visually on the screen. Direct quotes from the bible and fill in the blanks must be exact words in the exact order.

Equipment Needed

Each location hosting the Pathfinder Bible Achievement program will need to have a screen available that can be used with a computer and projector that will project the power point questions and answers. All the questions will be coming ready to show from the power point program. The following three items are necessary to do the program using a computer: computer, computer projector, and a screen along with some type of stand to put the computer and projector on. Remember technology is the way of the future and we have arrived.

Pathfinder Bible Achievement

Items to Remember

Preparing Time

Some clubs will spend several weeks studying for this experience. Clubs that begin only a few weeks before the Area level have usually not done very well. Therefore, I would recommend that Pathfinder team members begin reading the selected book and commentary portion by October and continue to re-read this material several times before the holidays. One will want to increase the time working together as a team/club in January to two or three times a week. As the old saying goes, the more time you spend in studying and working together as a team the better the outcome will be.

Dress

The dress for this program is the Pathfinder full dress uniform, including the scarf/with slide, sash, belt and dark shoes. When there are belt loops on the pants or skirt that means a belt is to be worn. The Pathfinder Bible Achievement pin and attached level bars would be *worn just below the flap of the pocket on the left side of the shirt or blouse*. The most recent year of participation would be the only one worn on the uniform and all previous Pathfinder Bible Achievement pins with bars would be placed on the sash, if they wish to wear them. Remember the way you look represents the way your club looks and reflects on leadership. I'm sure all will want to look their best.

Travel

Travel to and from the location hosting the various levels (Area, Conference, Union, Invitational/Division) is the responsibility of the club unless other arrangements are made. Talk to your conference leadership if you have any questions.

Food

Food for the team members is the responsibility of the club. Sometimes the host club will arrange a fellowship meal following the Pathfinder Bible Achievement program on that given Sabbath evening. When more traveling is required, such at the union and the Invitational/Division level, it is always a nice gesture for the leadership to prepare for at least the evening meal if not the noon lunch. At the Invitational/Division level a complete weekend is planned that includes both the Sabbath lunch and supper for those participating team members.

Church Board Approval

A reminder that all offsite activities (date and location) for your Pathfinder club are to be approved by your local church board. This is very important for the safety of your Pathfinders. Always plan in advance and get early support and approval.

Drivers & Insurance

All drivers are to be approved by your local church board also and each vehicle used to transport Pathfinders is to be insured according to your local conference guidelines.

Making It Fun

As you lead your Pathfinders into the Pathfinder Bible Achievement program make it fun and enjoyable. Especially as we study the Bible books and commentary in preparation for this experience.

Personnel Needed

The person responsible for the Pathfinder Bible Achievement program at each level is the one responsible to see that all personnel are contacted in sufficient time to conduct the program as follows:

Timekeeper

The Timekeeper, with the use of a stopwatch, would allow the teams the proper time (ten seconds) to determine the answer that would be recorded. The timer begins after the question is read the second time. A stopwatch would be used so everyone may hear the buzzer at the end of the time and the quiz master should indicate to the teams the 10 seconds have ended and the team scribe is to record their answer. A few additional seconds may need to be given to write the answer if it has not already been completed.

Scorekeeper

A scorekeeper would keep track of each team's score on the score sheet provided. See score sheet in this manual. A scorekeeper could be used for each club or one could keep the scores of more than one club. All scores need to be added by more than one person to make sure there are no mistakes.

Quiz Master

The Quiz Master can be the Conference Pathfinder/Youth Director, Pastor, Pathfinder Director, or someone selected. All questions are read two times.

Team Judge

A team judge would be selected to approve the answer of each team and would set with the scorekeeper. The team judge could be one of the Pathfinder Area Coordinators or a selected person not from that club's team.

Judging Panel

A panel of three (3) would be selected to serve as a judging panel on any answer that was in question. This panel would meet one hour before the event to review the questions to see that the questions are as clear as possible.

Carriers

Any team that questions their answer may have it sent up to the judging panel by a preselected young person. This is a good time to use the younger boys and girls in the audience. Select these young people before the program begins and instruct them to only walk when carrying the answer to the panel. These young people are usually more than willing to help.

Pathfinder Bible Achievement Judging Guidelines

There are two types of judges needed for the Pathfinder Bible Achievement. One type of judge is called the first level and the second type of judge serves on the judging panel.

It is important to keep in mind that incorrect spelling doesn't make the answer right or wrong. The word/s must be understandable by the scorekeeper and the judges.

First type (level) of Judge:

- 1. The first level judge will sit with the scorekeeper and state whether the answer is correct or not (according to the answer given by the quiz master) and the number of points earned by each question. If the answer is challenged it would be taken to the judging panel. Use younger boys and girls to do this as they enjoy it. Adventurers work well for this task. They would quietly walk up to the judging panel with the answer sheet to receive the final answer.
- 2. Individual's selected as first level judges may be pastors, teachers, or those who support Pathfinder ministries. They would not be from the club, church or school that is represented by the team they are judging.
- 3. Multiple Answers The answer sheet for any question that has five (5) or more points should be given to the first level Judge while the answers are given by the quiz master so they can be checked off one by one. This will make it easier for the judge and scorekeeper.
- 4. Answers Accepted The Pathfinder Bible Achievement is not a multiple choice type of program. Therefore, additional answers given beyond the number requested will not be accepted. That way all teams are treated equal. Answers will be accepted from the top of their list. These are not multiple choice answers. The team must cross off any answer they do not want in the list or that is more than the number asked for. <u>Direct quotes from the Bible and fill in the blanks must be exact words in the exact order.</u>
- 5. Disqualified Team Points or member Coaching, comments, or answers given or spoken, by any method, from the audience to any Pathfinder Bible Achievement team member, will result in that team automatically losing that point or points. If this type of activity continues the Pathfinder would be ask to leave the team.

Second type of Judge: Judging Panel

- 1. A panel of three individuals will serve as final judges and may be selected from pastors, teachers, or others who support Pathfinder ministries. It is preferable to have individuals who are not part of the clubs, churches or schools participating. In any case, they must be unbiased and treat all answers equally.
- 2. The judging panel is to meet one hour before the Pathfinder Bible Achievement program begins to review the questions to make sure they are clear and understandable. If there is any change made in any question, it must be made on both the sheets that the judges use and computer (power point program) the quiz master uses.
- 3. The judging panel is to uphold the answers given by the quiz master for each question. They do not have the liberty to take various meanings of ideas as the answers. Direct quotes from the Bible and fill in the blanks must be exact words in the exact order. If the answer is different than the one given by the quiz master, it can only be accepted if it comes from the New King James version of the Bible, from the Introduction of the SDA Bible Commentary or selected pages from the SDA Bible Commentary on the given book/s. One must realize that there are two locations where the New King James was printed and there are a few words that vary between the two printings. In any case, the club must show the answer from the New King James version of the Bible.

Example:

For the past several years I have had the opportunity to use individuals from Andrews University, including the seminary, to serve on the judging panel for both the Lake Union level and the Division level. A number of the individuals have served for several years and do an excellent job and all teams are treated equal.

Scoring & Awards

Scoring Method

Each question has a certain number of points, therefore of the ninety (90) questions asked, a club may receive 110 points (the highest score). All clubs that received 90% would be in first place, those receiving 80% - 89% would receive a second place, and those receiving 79% and below would receive a third place. **NOTE Visiting Club/s**: Pathfinder Bible Achievement scores and awards would be based on the highest number of earned points for the club/s in that level (area, conference, union, invitational/division). <u>Visiting clubs</u> from other areas, conferences, unions, or divisions who earn more points than the home clubs would not effect that level's points. Example - a club visiting from another area, conference, union, or division and earned more points than the home club/s would receive a first place but the points would begin with the top home club. That way there will always be first place team/s from the home: area, conference, union or division.

POINT INFORMATION: To lessen the competitive spirit in the Pathfinder Bible Achievement program, points are not given or stated publicly during the program. Only the percentages (90%, 80% and 79% and below) are used and the clubs should be presented their certificates in alphabetical order. In a private conversation, the club could be given their <u>own</u> point score but not others. Remember every team can be a first place if they prepare for it.

Certificates

<u>Certificates</u> are to be prepared ahead of time and would be presented to each club, indicating the level (area, conference, union, or invitational /division) and the place (first, second, or third) in the event. **See sample enclosed**.

<u>Seal</u> - the seal located on the certificate indicates the place the club finished in this event. **See** samples below.

<u>Signature</u> - the one signing the certificate at the conference level would be the Pathfinder director (for Area and Conference), at the Union it could be either the one in charge of Pathfinders or the Union President, at the Invitational/Division it would be the one responsible for the Pathfinder Bible Achievement program.

Pins & Bars

Medal pins are awarded to each team member, one alternate, and one coach on the basis of the highest score from the questions answered: 90% and above would equal a First place, 89%-80% would equal Second place, and 79% and below would equal Third place.

Gold, Silver, and Bronze medal bars (must be engraved) would be presented for each level of the Bible Achievement. It would be necessary to inscribe the level (Area, Conf., Union, & Inv/Div.) and year on each bar.

These medals and pins are available by contacting Terry Dodge at tdodge@misda.org.

The 1st bar is for the Area level

The 2nd bar is for the Conference level

The 3rd bar is for the Union level

The 4th bar would be for the Invitational/Division level



Location of Pins & Bars

The Pathfinder Bible Achievement pin and attached level bars would be *worn just below the flap of the pocket on the left side of the shirt or blouse*. The most recent year of participation would be the only one worn on the uniform and all previous Pathfinder Bible Achievement pins with bars would be placed on the sash, if they wish to wear them.

Seal Samples

The seals below can be put on the prepared certificates the day of the Pathfinder Bible Achievement and presented to the clubs at the end of the program. The seals can be purchased from "Publishing House, Inc. P.O. Box 350, Norwalk, OH 44857 Ph: 800-824-3247.







The seals are in color as follows: 1st place - Blue/Gold, 2nd place - Red/Gold, 3rd place - Gold/Blue

Pathfinder Bible Achievement Program Outline

Song Service	
Welcome & Introductions of Clubs, Personnel Helping and Instructions	
Opening Prayer	
Questions for the first half (45)	
Short Stretch Break (5-7 mins.)	
Questions for the second half (45)	
Offering	
Presentation of Awards	
Closing Prayer	

One set of questions is included therefore 45 can be used in the first half and another 45 would be used during the second half. The power point program will have the questions already mixed and ready to present on the screen.

Pathfinder Bible Achievement Details

These items need to be covered with Pathfinder Bible Achievement teams, coaches and directors during the Organizational meeting (starting between 2:00 - 2:15 p.m.) These items are to be reviewed with the audience at the beginning of the meeting so everyone know the guidelines.

The items are as follows:

- 1. Subject Bible book being used
- 2. Study version accept only the New King James version and SDA Bible Commentary Introduction
- 3. Participants Name of the clubs/teams
- 4. Captain & Scribe each teams is to appoint one of each

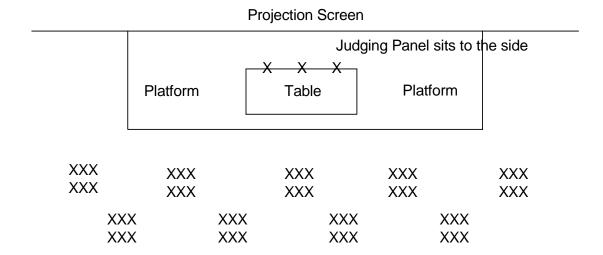
Captain – the spokesperson for the team and also holds up their hand when additional time is needed to record the answer

Scribe – the person who writes the answers on the papers

- 5. Number the answer sheets the same as numbered on the screen
- 6. Points per question (1 or more)
- 7. Time limit 10 seconds to determine the answer and start writing. Additional time will be given for recording answers worth more points
- 8. Score keeper & first level judge duties
- 9. Judging panel and their duties
- 10. Carrier a young person one per team to carry answer sheets to judging panel
- 11. Disqualifying and/or losing points
- 12. All papers are to be returned at the end of the program to the one in charge
- 13. Awards How 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place is determined by percentage of highest earned points
- 14. Offering when it will be taken using Pathfinders
- 15. Certificates presented in alphabetical order

Note: POINT INFORMATION: To lessen the competitive spirit in the Pathfinder Bible Achievement program, points are not given or stated publicly during the program. Only the percentages (90%, 80% and 79% and below) are used and the clubs should be presented their certificates in alphabetical order. In a private conversation, the club could be given their <u>own</u> point score but not others. Remember every team can be a first place if they prepare for it.

Club Arrangement For Meeting Place:



Note:

Depending on the number of clubs participating, the scorekeeper and club judge could sit on the first pew.

The audience would be seated two rows behind the scorekeeper and the first level judge.

Projection screen - some locations may use more than one projection screen when using the power point program. You will need to make your arrangement as to what best works for your location.

Information Reminder Letter

This is a sample letter given to the Area Coordinators along with the materials they will use in conducting the local Area Level.

To:	Area Coordinators
From:	Conference Pathfinder Director
Re:	Pathfinder Bible Achievement Program
The follow	ving items will help you to run a successful Bible Achievement program.
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- 2. **Study Versions** The **New King James version** is the **only** acceptable version, Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary Introduction and any selected pages required from the books of prophecy.
- 3. **Participants** Each club may have one team of up to 6 Pathfinders and one alternate in grades 5-10. Each participant is to wear the official, <u>full dress Pathfinder uniform</u>, complete with scarf, sash and dark shoes. This was printed in earlier publications. If the team chooses, the alternate may enter at the break time or if needed (as a fill in) for the complete time. <u>Note:</u> For details on Home School grade level, see the pages entitled "Club Preparation and Registration."
- 4. **Captain & Scribe** Each club is to appoint a **Captain** to be the spokesperson and a **Scribe** to write each of the answers. (Each club uses a different color of paper.) All answers are to be displayed at one time for the Judges.
- 5. **Numbering the Team Answer Sheets** The number for that question is to be given to the team so they can write it on their answer sheet. If the answer sheet is taken to the judging panel the points will be put to the correct question.
- 6. **Time Limit** The time limit is 10 sec. per question. Remember, the answer may be written at the end of or during the 10 sec. time. Therefore, the time will vary according to the number of points. A question worth several points, the teams will need a few additional seconds to complete writing their answer.
- 7. **Judging** Each team is to be under the direction of an appointed judge. No judge is to be a member of the club or church for which they are judging.
- 8. **Judging Panel** Select three (3) individuals who will serve as a Judging Panel to determine any answers that may be questioned. This takes the pressure off the quiz master. The Judging Panel is to meet one hour before the event to review the questions to make sure they are as clear as possible. Remember we are using the **New King James Version ONLY** and SDA Bible Commentary Introduction. On books of prophecy <u>See Judging Panel sheet</u>.
- 9. **Disqualified Team Points or member** Coaching or comments, given or spoken (by any method) from the audience to any Pathfinder Bible Achievement team member, will result in that team automatically losing that point or points. If this type of activity continues the Pathfinder would be ask to leave the team.

- 10. **Papers** The following papers (**score sheet** and **club enrollment form**) are enclosed for your use and they are to be **RETURNED** to me at the same time you send the questions back.
- 11. **Pictures** Take a few pictures from each Bible Achievement area, therefore, please take your camera or have a club director have duplicate pictures made.
- 12. **Items Needed** Table, Timer, Scorekeeper, Question Reader, Stopwatch (egg timer perhaps), Unscented felt marking pens (medium or wide to write answers), and 8 ½ x 11 sheets of paper to write answers on. Best to use a different color for each team.
- 13. **Awards** The awards are based on the percentage of correct answers. The method being followed is explained in the example. **Example:** 90 questions are asked and the top club has 80 points, therefore 90% and above (80 72 points) would receive first place, 89% to 80% (71 64 points) would receive second place, 79% and below (63 points and below) would receive third place.
- 14. **Club Certificate and Seal** Each club that registered has a prepared certificate that only needs the First, Second, or Third place seal put on in the proper space. I have enclosed what I hope to be the correct number of each seal. Please let me know if you are short. The Pathfinder Club is to fill in the name of each participating team member, including the alternate.
- 15. **Bible Achievement Pins** The Pathfinder Bible Achievement Pins are to be given to each participating member, including the alternate and coach <u>each year</u>. The level bars will be sent to each club as soon as they are engraved. The most recent year of participation would be the <u>only one</u> worn on the uniform and all previous Pathfinder Bible Achievement pins with bars would be placed on the sash, if they wish to wear them.
- 16. **Offering** It is necessary to take an offering to help cover our Pathfinder Bible Achievement expenses. Please send the offering to the conference Pathfinder director at the time you send the questions, score sheets and enrollment sheet.
- 17. **Rounds** It would be good to divide the question period into two parts, giving a break in the middle. *See program outline*.
- 18. **Next Level Conference Level -** March ______, 20____, **All Clubs** receiving first place are invited to participate in the Conference level to be held in ______. *Conference Bible Achievement will need to include the correct information for this item.*
- 19. **Final Questions** There will be a new set of questions that will be used in the Conference level on March _____. You may want to announce this at the close of the program as a reminder.
- 20. **Points** Just as a reminder, some questions are worth more than one point. If there is more than one point, it will be indicated on the hard copy and the CD Power Point program before the question.

After reading this outline, if you have any questions please call the conference Pathfinder director to clear up any area that isn't clear. Thank you for working with the Pathfinder Bible Achievement program.

Pathfinder Bible Achievement

Items to be Returned to the Local Pathfinder Department

by the Area Coordinator

from the Area Levels

The conference Pathfinder director is only one person, therefore it is necessary for the Pathfinder Area Coordinators to be in charge of their local area for the first level. At the end of the program the materials that were sent to them to conduct the program would be returned to the Pathfinder Department.

CD Power Point program and hard copies.

Score Sheets

Club Enrollment Form

Leftover Seals

Pathfinder Bible Achievement offering

Any pictures taken of the event that could be used in reporting the program.

<u>Return to</u>: Conference Pathfinder Department

Local address

Note:

At the time of the Conference, Union, or Invitational/Division levels the individual coordinating the program would collect all of the above materials for their records.

Pathfinder Bible Achievement

Sample Layout

Area	Conference	Union	Invitational/Division
			

Clubs would move to the next level by reaching 90% of the highest points earned from the 90 questions asked.

Suggested Dates for the various Pathfinder Bible Achievement levels

February	Area Level, date is set by the Conference Pathfinder Director. Example: first or second Sabbath of the month.
March	Conference Level , date is set by the Conference Pathfinder Director. Example: first Sabbath of the month.
March/April	Union Level , date is set by the Union Pathfinder Director/Coordinator. Example: last Sabbath of March or the first Sabbath of April.
April	Invitational/Division Level , date is set by Terry Dodge Sr., Author & Director. Example: second or third Sabbath of the month depending on Easter.

Pathfinder Bible Achievement Forms Section

The following forms are included for your use:

- 1. Supporting Standards Statement to be signed day of each event
- 2. Participation Form

Area Level - *Due 4 weeks prior to event*Union Level - *Due 2 weeks prior to event*Invitational/Division Level - *Due 2 weeks prior to event*

3. Club Enrollment Forms - *Use day of event*

Sample

Area Level

Conference Level

Union Level

Invitational/Division Level

4. Score Sheets - *Use day of event*

Sample

Area Level

Conference Level

Union Level

Invitational/Division Level

5. Certificates - Prepared prior to and given on day of event

Sample

Area Level

Conference Level

Union Level

Invitational/Division Level

6. Pin & Bar Order Form

Pins should be ordered before Area level.

Bars should be ordered following Conference and Union levels.

Pathfinder Bible Achievement Supporting Standards Statement

To be used at all four levels

This form is to be filled out by each Pathfinder Club participating in each of the four levels of the Pathfinder Bible Achievement at the time they sign in on Sabbath afternoon of each level.

Club Name
Club Director/Coach Name Please circle one of the names
Because the same questions are used in all areas, conferences, and unions, clubs are to hold the high standard maintained by Pathfinders (grades 5-10) which would include not contacting clubs from other areas, conferences or unions to find out about the questions being used this year. By signing this form, I certify that all Pathfinders participating from our club have had no contact with or been given any questions that are used in the official Pathfinder Bible Achievement program from those outside of our area, conference, or union. We count it a privilege to have our Pathfinders participating in this program.
Date
Signed by

Pathfinder **Bible Achievement Application** for Clubs

Area Level Participation Form

Clubs Send to their Local Conference Pathfinder Department

Γhe		Pathfinder Club will be participating in the Pathfinder Bible
Achievem	ent this year.	
	Club Director:	
	Address:	
	Phone:	

Return to: Pathfinder Department

Local Conference Address, Fax, and E-mail

This registration form will give the conference leadership the information to prepare the pins (assuming there are six team members plus the alternate and the coach), certificate, and a random supply of seals (for each place — 1^{st} - 3^{rd}).

Pathfinder **Bible Achievement Application**for Clubs <u>Conference Level Participation Form</u>

No form needed to enter this level, only a first place finish in the Area level.

Conference Leadership will know who is to be in this level by the reports turned in from the Area Coordinators.

Pathfinder **Bible Achievement Application**for Clubs

Union Level Participation Form

Date		
The		Pathfinder Club of the
Conference	participated in the Pathf	inder Bible Achievement this year on the following dates:
		Area Level Date
		Conference Level Date
	Club Director:	
	Address:	
	Phone:	
	E-mail	
-		ng the Union level to receive this information two weeks to prepare the proper certificates.
Return to:	Union Pathfinder Bible Achievement Coordinator Include address. Fax, and E-mail	

P.S. Because there are several conferences participating in the union level, this form needs to be sent to the Union Pathfinder Bible Achievement Coordinator by each first place team in the conference.

Pathfinder Bible Achievement Application for Clubs

Invitational/Division Level Participation Form

The		Pathfinder Club of the	Conference
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E-mail: tdodge@misda.org

Pathfinder Bible Achievement

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Pathfinder Bible Achievement Area Level

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Pathfinder Bible Achievement Conference Level

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Union Level Pathfinder Bible Achievement

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Club Name:	Club Name:
Members:	Members:
Alternate:	Alternate:
Coach/Director (Circle one):	Coach/Director (Circle one):
Address:	Address:
Phone:	Phone:
Email:	Email:

Invitational/Division Level Pathfinder Bible Achievement

Club Enrollment Form

Location:	Date:
Club Name:	Club Name:
Members:	Members:
Alternate:	Alternate:
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(Conference/Union) Pathfinder Bible Achievement Certificate The (name of) Pathfinder Club

participated in the (*area/conf./union*) Bible Achievement with special recognition for their knowledge on the book(s) of (*Bible book(s)*) on (*mo day*, *yr*) and received (*seal location*) place.

Participating Members:

Conference Pathfinder Director

Pathfinder Bible Achievement Certificate The _____ Pathfinder Club participated in the Area Level Bible Achievement with special recognition for their knowledge on the book of _____ place. on _____ and received Participating Members: Conference Pathfinder Director

Pathfinder Bible Achievement Certificate The _____ Pathfinder Club participated in the Conference Level Bible Achievement with special recognition for their knowledge on the book of _____ place. on _____ and received Participating Members: Conference Pathfinder Director

Pathfinder Bible Achievement Certificate The ____ Pathfinder Club participated in the Union Level Bible Achievement with special recognition for their knowledge on the book of _____ place. on _____ and received Participating Members: Union Pathfinder Bible Achievement Coordinator

Pathfinder Bible Achievement Certificate The ____ Pathfinder Club participated in the Invitational/Division Level Bible Achievement with special recognition for their knowledge on the book of _____ on _____ and received place. Participating Members: Pathfinder Bible Achievement Director

Pathfinder Bible Achievement Order Form

Name Conference Address				
City, State, Zip				
Phone				_
	Prices	subject to change witho	out notice	
	Quantity	Price	Order	Total
Pins	1 - 99	1.20 ea.		
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	200 - 299	.70 ea.		
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Engraving	Gold	.25 ea.		
	Silver	.25 ea.		
	Bronze	.25 ea.		
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Send Order to: Pathfinder Department

Michigan Conference PO Box 19009 Lansing, MI 48901

Phone: 517-316-1572 Fax: 517-316-1574