

# DIG COORDINATORS GUIDE

## WELCOME!

Thanks for considering co-ordination of the DIG Program. This guide will help you get prepared to be a coordinator of the program.

In order to be best prepared for the job of Coordinator you should.

1. Read the rest of this guide.
2. Read the entry pages of a DIG Journal
3. Begin doing the DIG program yourself



## THE ROLE OF COORDINATOR

Great Coordinators are essential for the DIG program to work well with a group of young people. Their role is firstly to provide materials needed to partake in the DIG program, secondly for them to be a contact point for any questions about the program and thirdly to provide regular encouragement to the diggers when they get through one of the verse level cards and are given a new one.

## THE PROCESS IN ADMINISTERING A DIG PROGRAM

1. The coordinator distributes the Journal and Level 1 verse card to the young people joining in on the program.
2. The coordinator works through the first 5 pages of the journal with the young person, which explain the program and how to get started.
3. As the young people DIG the passage on the level card they have, they come back to the coordinator for the next level. The coordinator encourages them at each point they give them the next level card. (Note: although it is "easier" to give a young person multiple levels at once, it creates less encouragement points along the way and as such is not recommended.)
4. When the final card is handed in, the coordinator could print of a certificate or find another way to celebrate the achievement (perhaps a day out with other diggers or a public congratulations during a service).

There really isn't that much too it! But there are some wonderful rewards for the young people if a coordinator can have enough patience to see it through.

## IN CASE OF "CONK-OUT"

One common question is (what do I do if a young person seems to "conk-out" part way through). Some things that may help a "kickstart" eventuate are:

- Have a chat with the young person and talk with them about the difficulties and suggest possible ways to overcome or work around the difficulties.
- Commit to asking them more regularly how they are going if they would like you to do that.
- Pray hard for the young person, that God may grant them a desire to get stuff out of his word.
- Be patient. Young People are some of the toughest out there to help them along a new path. Stick at it.

May God bless you richly in this task. There is scarcely a better thing to do with your time than help young people become readers, lovers and doers of God's word.

In Christ,

Team DIG!