

# Bible Drill Leaders'/Judges' Guide

## Resources Available through SCBO

Children's Bible Drills  
Youth Bible Drills,  
High School Bible Drills

(Children's, Youth and High School verse cards can be downloaded off of the SCBO website:  
[www.scbo.org](http://www.scbo.org))

## Why Bible Drills?

The purpose of the Bible Drill program is to help children, youth and high school students:

- Increase their knowledge and love of the Bible as well as learn to study and trust the Word of God
- Develop the skills of handling the Bible properly
- Develop skills in locating books of the Bible and key passages
- Memorize the names of the books of the Bible in order and the verses and key passages
- Youth and High School students will also memorize verses dealing with doctrinal and ethical concerns
- High School students will memorize three plans for the steps to salvation: the Romans Road, the Faith Cycle and the Path to Heaven

## Who can participate?

Children in grades 3-6, youth in grades 7-9 and high school students in grades 10-12 for the current church year are eligible to participate. A method of participation can be worked out for children with disabilities to fit the individual's needs. Contact the Bible Teaching/Leadership group at the State Convention office for more information.

## Which Translation of the Bible?

The Bible Drill curriculum is provided in the King James Version (KJV) and English Standard Version (ESV) translations. Each church must make a choice as to which translation to use. The choice needs to be made before Bible Drill training begins so that everyone is using the correct version. The KJV and ESV Bible Drill Bibles are available for purchase through LifeWay. Specific ISBN numbers for ordering can be obtained from the Bible Teaching/Leadership group at the State Convention office.

## What is learned?

Bible Drills are made up of three cycles, which rotate over a three-year period. The participants should use the current cycle as printed on the front of the current Verse Cards. For each cycle, participants will learn:

- The names of the 66 books of the Bible in their proper order. They will also be able to locate each book of the Bible within ten seconds (eight seconds for Youth and High School).
- Memorize the verses and their references printed on the current verse card
- Learn the names, references and locations of key passages in the Bible

#### How are the drills administered?

The Children's Discipleship Training Director, a director or leader in the Children's Discipleship training department or another worker may be asked to coordinate and lead the drill. The following leaders are needed for the drill: a Caller, Timekeeper and three Judges. An additional "Bonus Judge" will be needed for Youth and High School drills. The Caller serves as the chairperson. He will call the drills and average the scores given by each of the three (sometimes four) Judges.

Each child receives a recognition card indicating whether he has advanced to the next drill level. It is recommended not to announce to the audience, at the final church drill, who has moved to the next level, so that students will not feel left out.

No more than 12 students should participate in one drill at a time. If there are more than 12 in the program, provide multiple drills. In the associational and state drills, multiple drills will be necessary, depending on the translation used by churches as well as the number of participants.

#### What are the levels of participation?

Bible drillers will pass through three levels of participation:

- **Church Drill-** Schedule a church drill one or two weeks before the associational drill. A church drill should be conducted at the church before an audience. Children who participate in a church drill and give 12 or more correct responses; youth who score at least 180 points in the church drill and high school students who score at least 200 points, will be eligible for participation in the associational drill.
- **Associational Drill-** The associational drill is held at the time and place to be set by the association where the church is located. Contact your associational office to find out more information. The associational drill should be held at least 10 days before the state drill to allow time to notify the state office of participants coming to compete in the state drill. If your association does not have enough participating churches, your church may attend another associational drill. Please contact your associational office a month before this drill should take place in order to find out details of the drill. Children who give at least 16 correct answers at the associational drill can participate in the state drill. Youth who have a score of at least 210 and high school students with a score of at least 235 are eligible for the state competition.
- **State Drill-** The state drill is held at a time and place designated by the Bible Teaching/Leadership resource group at the State Convention. Please have your

registration for the state drill in a week before. Children who give 20 or more correct responses are considered state winners. Youth and high school students will receive 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place rankings as determined by the scores. An award will be given to the youth and high school 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners. This award varies from year to year. A state winner in the youth and high school drills are those students whose scores are between 270 and 299. A student who achieves state perfect must have a score of 300, not counting bonus points.

- **National Drill-** The national drill is held after the state drill at a time and place determined by a group of leaders at the national level. Only the first place Youth and High School winners are eligible to participate at the national drill. Any one winner may only participate at the national level once in a category. If for some reason the first place winner is unable to attend the national drill, the second place winner may go in the other's place. However, the second place winner may not participate at the national drill again in that age category. If you would like more details about the national drill, please contact Kimberly at [kimberly@kubikbooks.com](mailto:kimberly@kubikbooks.com). Traditionally the third Friday in June in either GA or TX the NIT is held.

## Types of Drills

### **Children:**

*Quotation Drill:* Six calls (Quoted from memory, Bibles are not used)

The caller gives the reference. If the child knows the verse, he steps forward after the call "start." When called upon, the child gives the reference, quotes the verse, and then states the verse reference again. After a response, the caller says "thank you".

*Completion Drill:* Six calls (Quoted from memory, Bibles are not used)

The caller reads the part of the verse which is underlined on the Children's verse card. If the child can complete the verse, he steps forward after the call, "start," is given. The child then states the reference, says the entire verse, and quotes the reference again. After the response, the caller says "thank you."

*Book Drill:* Six calls (Bible is used)

The caller will name a book of the Bible. On the command "start," participants will look for the book called. After locating the book called, the participant must place his/her index finger on any verse before stepping forward. When called upon, the participant must name the book that immediately precedes the book called, the book called and the book that immediately follows the book called. After the response, the caller says "thank you."

*Key Passage Drill:* Six calls (Bible is used)

After "start" is called, the child finds the passage, places his/her finger on any portion of the passage, looks up and steps forward. When called on, the child states the title of the key passage and the reference. The caller asks the child to read a verse from the key passage. After the response, the caller says "thank you."

*\*The four types of drills are to be called in this order. Complete one type of drill before proceeding to the next.*

### **Youth:**

*Book Drill:* Five calls, three points per call (Bible is used)

The caller will name a book of the Bible. On the command “start,” participants will look for the book called. After locating the book called, the participant must place his/her index finger on any verse before stepping forward. When called upon, the participant must name the book that immediately precedes the book called, the book called and the book that immediately follows the book called.

*Scripture Searching Drill:* Five calls, three points per call (Bible is used)

Verses are taken from any part of the Bible. The caller announces a scripture to be found. A participant must locate the scripture, place a finger on it, look up and step forward. When called upon, the participant must be able to read the verse and state the correct scripture reference.

*Identifying Verses Drill:* Five calls, four points per call (Bible is used)

The caller quotes a part of the verse taken from the list of verses of the Identifying Verses section of the current verse card. It could be any part of the verse (first, middle, last). A participant, however, must correctly locate the verse in the Bible, place a finger on it, look up and step forward. If called upon, the participant must be able to read the entire verse and state the scripture reference.

*Doctrinal Drill:* Five calls, five points per call (Bible is used)

The caller announces a doctrinal statement taken from the verse card. A participant must correctly locate the verse listed with that doctrine and place a finger on the verse, look up and step forward. When called upon, the participant must be able to state the doctrine, give the scripture, give the scripture reference and read the verse/s.

*Bible Answers Drill:* Five calls, five points per call (Bible is used for the first part)

The caller announces a question taken from the Bible Answers section on the current verse card. Before stepping forward, a participant must correctly locate the verse listed that answers the question. The caller will then instruct the participants to close their Bibles. If called upon, the participant must be able to quote the question, state the scripture reference and recite the correct verse.

### **High School:**

*Book Drill:* Five calls, four points per call (Bible is used)

The caller will name a book of the Bible. On the command “start,” participants will look for the book called. After locating the book called, the participant must place his/her index finger on

any verse before stepping forward. When called upon, the participant must name the book that immediately precedes the book called, the book called and the book that immediately follows the book called.

*Scripture Searching Drill:* Five calls, four points per call (Bible is used)

Scripture searching drills are taken from any book in the Bible. The caller will announce a scripture reference to be found. On the command “start,” participants must locate the scripture reference and place their index finger on the verse before stepping forward. When called upon, the participant must read the verse and state the scripture reference.

*Steps to Salvation:* Six calls, four points per call (Bible is used in the first part)

The purpose of this drill is to help youth recall verses in order to share the plan of salvation with someone. All six verses will be called out in the order listed. The caller will quote the scripture reference of a verse in the order listed. On the command “start,” the participant must locate the verse and place his/her index finger on the verse before stepping forward. When “time” is called, the caller will instruct all participants to “Close Bibles.” When called upon, the participant must recite the verse and state the scripture reference.

*What We Believe Drill:* Five calls, five points per call (Bible is used in the first part)

In this drill there are ten questions with biblical references for response. The caller will ask a question taken from the list. On the command “start,” participants must locate the verse that answers the question, place their index finger on the verse and step forward. When “time” is called, the caller will instruct all participants to “Close Bibles.” When called upon, the participant must state the question, recite the verse or verses and state the scripture reference.

*Key Biblical Passage Drill:* Three calls, seven points per call (Bible is used in the first part)

The purpose of this drill is for students to hide longer key passages of scripture in their hearts. The caller will call a title of a key biblical passage. On the command “start,” participants will locate the verses listed for the passage called and place their index finger on any verse in the passage before stepping forward. When “time” is called, the caller will instruct all participants to “Close Bibles.” When called upon, the participant must be able to state the key biblical passage and reference. After stating the passage and reference, the caller will ask the same participant to either recite specific verses in the passage or the entire passage.

### Scoring

Judging is based on the verses in each category of participants (Children, Youth and High School). Mistakes are marked on the score sheet. Only one mistake may be scored for a participant on any one call. While mistakes are scored, only the number of correct responses is reported to the children. Mistakes are the basis for scoring because the drill is against a standard, rather than other individuals. All judge’s decisions are final.

Mistakes include: *Any one mistake may be marked only once per drill*

- Failure to step forward during the time allowed

- Giving an incorrect response. Quoting the wrong verse or misquoting the right verse.
- In the event of a mistake, the participant must raise his hand in the air until the caller gives acknowledgement that he saw the participant's hand.
- Stepping forward before the index finger is on the correct item
- Stepping forward before the "start" command is given
- Searching the Bible before the "start" command is given
- To step out, then step back and then step out again even if it is in the allotted time. (the "two-step")
  - Participants may only step forward once. If a participant steps forward, then realizes he has the wrong answer, he may not step back to find the correct answer and step forward again. Even if this is done in the allotted time it is still a mistake. If a participant steps forward and realizes he has made a mistake, he must remain where he is and indicate the mistake with a raised hand.
- Failure to stand straight or keep eyes on the drill leader until the command "start" is given
- Stepping forward in a disruptive or loud manner (i.e.: stomping, hopping, etc.)
- Failure to hold the Bible correctly. The correct way to hold the Bible is with one hand flat on the top and one hand flat on the bottom with no fingers/thumbs extending over the edges. The Bible should be held parallel with the floor. The following are things that would be considered holding/handling the Bible incorrectly:
  - Holding the Bible with the spine up while at attention
  - Carelessly dropping the Bible
  - Slamming the Bible shut
  - Opening or holding the Bible in a way that breaks the spine
  - Excessive noise while turning pages
  - Flipping or slapping pages
  - Open handed flipping of pages
  - Fanning pages

***Bonus points for Youth/High School***

On each call, the bonus judge or judges awards one bonus point to the first person to step out. If two or more step out at the same time, the bonus judge/s will score a bonus point for both. If a participant steps out first, but then answers incorrectly, he will lose the bonus point.

What are the Drill Commands?

**Attention-** Stand straight; eyes focused on the caller until the command, "start," is given; Bible held at the side with the spine down, hand under the spine. Hold the Bible during the entire drill.

**Present Bibles-** This call is used in the calls that require a Bible. When the caller gives the call, Bibles are brought to waistline in front, parallel to the floor. One hand is placed on top and one hand is placed on the bottom, resting flat.

**Start-** This is the signal to step forward or begin searching their Bibles (if applicable) until the allotted time is up.

**Time-** The timekeeper makes this call at the end of the allotted time. The caller will then call on one child by number\* to give the response. Everyone remains where they are until the call, "attention," is given.

**Attention-** Close the Bible, return it to its original position and take one step back.

\*Each participant is given a number (1-12) so that the caller can call his or her number.

### How to Judge and Call a Drill

#### **Before the Drill**

- Study the drill prepared by the Bible Teaching/Leadership Resource Group
- Put a strip of masking tape on the floor to serve as the line behind which the participants should stand
- Judges should sit in the front of the auditorium in front of the participants
- Make a set of numbers to affix to each participant's shirt (1-12)

#### **During the Drill**

- A drill should be preceded by instructions to the participants and a practice call to acquaint participants with the voice and timing of calls by the caller.
- All judges will watch and score the participants
- Judges should watch for the mistakes listed in the "Scoring" section of this guide
- Only one mistake may be scored against a participant in any one call
- The caller of the drill should go slowly enough for the judges to record the scores
- Every participant should be called on at some point during the drill
- Judges should give the participant the benefit of the doubt
- The caller should not always call on the participant who steps out first

#### **After the Drill**

- Following the drill, the judges go to a private room to add up the mistakes made by each participant
- Judges should not discuss the scores with participants directly or with their parents. The decision of the judges are final

- The Tally Judges add the three scores from the judges to get the final score. Note: If there is a discrepancy in the Children's Drill, use the scores of the two agreeing judges
- Three judges will judge one section of students in a drill, while another three judges will judge the remaining section of students. This will allow for fair judging for all participants.
- An announcement of the number, name, church of each participant as well as their achievement at the State level will be made group by group
- Questions or concerns from parents, leaders or participants should be addressed to the caller, locally. At the State Level, questions of concerns should be addressed to the State Representative present at the drill.
- Encouragement should be given to children who qualify for the associational drill to continue their training for the state drill.
- Announce the date, time and location for the state drill
- Report which students met the required point value to move on to participate in the state drill. This can be done by turning in the appropriate report form for each age category to the State Convention Office
- If there are any questions or concerns, please call Kimberly Jackson Kubik at 937-602-6108, or email at [kimberly@kubikbooks.com](mailto:kimberly@kubikbooks.com).

#### Materials Needed

- Drill Bibles
- Score Sheets
- Copy of Rules for each judge
- Numbers for the participants
- Registration cards
- Pencils
- Stop watch
- A copy of the drill for the Caller
- Recognition cards
- Certificates
- Six regular scoring judges
- One bonus judge for Youth and High School
- Timekeeper
- Caller
- Two Tally Judges
- Signs

#### For your reference:

Red cycle: 2015, 2018, 2021, 2024    Cycle 1 for youth and high school.

Blue cycle: 2016, 2019, 2022, 2025    Cycle 2 for youth and high school

Green cycle: 2017, 2020, 2023, 2026    Cycle 3 for youth and high school.