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# BIBLE DRILL

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Youth

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2019 Leader Handbook



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## 2019 Calendar

March 17– Suggested Church Drill Date

March 24 – Suggested Associational Drill Date

### **March 24-26 – Deadline for State/Regional Online Registrations**

April 5-6 – State (CH)/Regional (YT/HS) Texas Baptists Drills/Speakers’ Tournament (FBC Midland, 2104 W Louisiana, Midland)

April 12-13 – State (CH) Regional (YT/HS) Texas Baptists Drills/Speakers’ Tournament (Tallowood Baptist Church, 555 Tallowood Rd, Houston)

April 21 - Easter

April 26-27 – State (CH)/Regional (YT/HS) Texas Baptists Drills/Speakers’ Tournament (FBC Irving, 401 S Main St, Irving)

May 4 – State Youth/High School Drills/Speakers’ Tournament (FBC Allen, 201 E McDermott Dr, Allen)

Registration for Regionals/State will open on Sunday afternoon, March 24, at 6:00 pm. It will close on Tuesday, March 26 at 11:59 p.m.

### **GENERAL SCHEDULE - State (CH)/Regional (YT/HS) BGCT Drills /Speakers’ Tournament**

#### **Friday**

**5:00 pm – Registration opens**

**6:00 pm – Competition begins**

**9:00 pm – Friday evening awards session**

#### **Saturday**

**7:30 am – Registration opens**

**8:00 am – Competition begins**

**11:30 am – Saturday awards session**

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## Bible Translations and Purchasing

The same version must be used for all sections of the drill. (e.g., driller may not use KJV for quotation drill and NIV for other sections). The following translations and item numbers will be used:

### To order the New International Version (NIV)

ChurchSource is a HarperCollins Christian Publishing site that sells the NIV Bible used for Bible Drill. You may order online at <https://www.churchsource.com/niv-pew-and-worship-bible-hardcover-black> or call ChurchSource at 800-727-3480 for assistance.

**NIV Pew and Worship Bible, Comfort Print** translation – request ISBN-13: 9-780-31044-626-2, Black hard cover.

### To order the Christian Standard Bible (CSB) or King James Version (KJV)

**CSB** translation – request ISBN # **9-781-43364-433-7**, Gray hard cover.

**KJV** translation - request ISBN # **9-781-5864-0945-6**, Blue hard cover.

Your local LifeWay Store may stock carton quantities, but if not then store managers can place special orders for churches for the carton quantities at a discounted price. Smaller quantities may be ordered at the regular price in stores or online.

### Translation Change for 2019

Beginning with the drills in 2019, the Holman Christian Standard Bible will no longer be used. Instead, the Christian Standard Bible (CSB) will be used. This Bible may be ordered from LifeWay (<http://www.lifeway.com/Product/csb-drill-bible-gray-leathertouch-over-board-P005787337>) or purchased by the carton at a 30% discount in LifeWay stores. ISBN #9-781-43364-433-7

NIV and KJV will continue to be used for drills.

### NIV Bible Edition Change for 2021

We have recently been made aware that the NIV Bible we have used in competition for the past several years is no longer being printed. For this reason, we are transitioning to a new edition of the NIV Bible (ISBN-13: 9-780-31044-626-2, black). For regional and state competition in 2019 & 2020, both editions of the NIV will be acceptable. Beginning with regional and state competition in 2021, only the new edition will be allowed. *Please note that the new NIV Bibles which we will be using are still the 2011 NIV, so no wording has been changed.*

## Youth Bible Drill Verses (Blue Cycle)

Verse cards with full verses for each translation (KJV, NIV, & HCSB) are available for download on the Texas Baptists website at [www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill). Downloads are two pages--one front and one back--to make two verse cards per sheet after printing and cutting.

### *Identifying Verses*

Job 19:25	Isaiah 40:31	Acts 20:32	Philippians 1:27	Hebrews 11:6
Psalms 139:14	Luke 9:23	Romans 6:23	Colossians 2:8	Revelation 1:8

### *Doctrinal Verses*

The Christian and Social Concerns – Deuteronomy 10:12  
 Education – Psalm 25:4-5  
 Last Things – Matthew 24:36  
 The Kingdom – Mark 1:15  
 Cooperation – John 17:21  
 Stewardship – Acts 20:35  
 The Lord’s Supper – 1 Corinthians 11:26  
 Grace – Ephesians 1:7  
 The Lord’s Day – Colossians 3:16  
 God – 1 Timothy 2:5

### *Bible Answers Verses*

What does God say about holiness? – Leviticus 20:26  
 What happens when God’s people pray? - 2 Chronicles 7:14  
 What does God say about alcohol? – Proverbs 20:1  
 How should I treat others? – Matthew 25:40  
 How can I be saved? – Romans 10:13  
 What can I learn from difficulties? – 2 Corinthians 12:9  
 How can I fight the devil? – Ephesians 6:10-11  
 What things should I think about? – Philippians 4:8  
 What is faith? – Hebrews 11:1  
 How long does God’s Word last? – 1 Peter 1:25

## Eligibility Guidelines

To encourage as many children and youth as possible to be involved in the Bible Drill/Youth Speakers’ Tournament program, there are four options for participation:

1. Children’s Bible Drillers, Youth and High School Bible Drillers and Youth Speakers’ Tournament participants who are members of Texas Baptists churches **are eligible** to participate in all Texas Baptists competitions and receive appropriate recognition. The Youth Bible Drill Winner, High School Bible Drill Winner, and Youth Speaker Winner **will be eligible** to represent the Texas Baptists at the National Invitational Tournament. Eligibility

for Bible Drill/Speakers' Tournament scholarships from participating Texas Baptist universities is subject to the guidelines of each university.

2. Participants who are members of Baptist churches that are dually aligned with Texas Baptists and another convention may participate in all Texas Baptists competitions and **will be eligible** to receive appropriate recognition. If a regional youth participant earns the right to advance to the state finals, they **will be eligible** to represent the Texas Baptists at the National Invitational Tournament. Eligibility for Bible Drill/Speakers' Tournament scholarships from participating Texas Baptists universities is subject to the guidelines of each university.
3. Participants who are members of churches not aligned with Texas Baptists may choose to participate in Texas Baptists competitions **under the sponsorship** of a cooperative giving Texas Baptists church. However, if a regional youth participant earns the right to advance to the state finals, they **will not be eligible** to represent the Texas Baptists at the National Invitational Tournament. Eligibility for Bible Drill/Speakers' Tournament scholarships from participating Texas Baptist universities is subject to the guidelines of each university.
4. A school (private or Christian) or Home School Association is welcome to participate in Texas Baptists Bible Drill/Speakers' Tournament program. There are two different ways for their students to participate:
  - a. The school or association may participate under the sponsorship of a cooperative giving Texas Baptists church. Their children may participate at all levels of competition and will be eligible for appropriate recognition. The youth, however, may participate in all levels of competition, but **will not be eligible** to represent Texas Baptists at the National Invitational Tournament. Eligibility for Bible Drill/Speakers' Tournament scholarships from participating Texas Baptists universities is subject to the guidelines of each university.
  - b. The school or association may participate on their own, but will be required to pay a \$500 participation fee. Their children may participate at all levels of competition and **will be eligible** for appropriate recognition. The youth, however, may participate in all levels of competition, but **will not be eligible** to represent Texas Baptists at the National Invitational Tournament. Eligibility for Bible Drill/Speakers' Tournament scholarships from participating Texas Baptists universities is subject to the guidelines of each university.

## Bible Drill Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** *What is the purpose of Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament?*

**A:** The purpose of Children's, Youth, and High School Bible Drill (Grades 4-12) is to increase knowledge of the Bible, develop skills in effectively handling God's Word, learn how to apply the Bible to life, and develop memory skill by memorizing the books of the Bible and key passages.

The purpose of Speakers' Tournament (Grades 10-12) is to develop essential skills in selecting and researching a specific topic, write and develop a speech on that topic, and deliver the speech effectively to a group.

**Q:** *What are the age guidelines for Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament?*

**A:** Grades of participants are as follows:

- Children's Bible Drill – Grades 4-6
- Youth Bible Drill – Grades 7-9
- High School Bible Drill – Grades 10-12

- Youth Speakers' Tournament – Grades 10-12

*Q: How do participants qualify for an associational Bible Drill/Speakers' Tournament?*

**A:** Your association may add additional qualifications, but here are the basics:

- Children's Bible Drill – Score of 36 or more in church drill (total from all 3 judges)
- Youth and High School Bible Drill – Score of 180 or more in church drill (total from all 4 judges)
- Youth Speakers' Tournament – Score of 65 or more in church tournament (average of 3 judges)

*Q: How do participants qualify for a Texas Baptists Bible Drill/Speakers' Tournament event?*

**A:** Two requirements qualify a participant for one of the Texas Baptists regional/state events:

1. Achieve a score at the association competition as indicated below
  - a. Children's Bible Drill - Score of 48 or more at associational drill
  - b. Youth and High School Bible Drill - Score of 200 or more at associational drill
  - c. Youth Speakers' Tournament - Score of 70 or more at associational tournament
2. Register online from March 24-26, 2019

*Q: What if there is no associational drill?*

**A:** A qualifying score is still required to participate in one of the Texas Baptists regional/state events. If there is no associational drill, the participant's church drill score must meet the Texas Baptists event criteria above to register. **If there is an associational drill, participants must compete and qualify at the associational level to qualify for a Texas Baptists State/Regional event.**

*Q: How do I register for Texas Baptists Bible Drill/Speakers' Tournament events?*

**A:** After the associational drill, and from March 24-26, the church leader should go online to register those who qualified for the Texas Baptists event. A link will be provided at <http://texasbaptists.org/bibledrill>. Please email immediately if you have questions or problems with online registration: [bibledrill@texasbaptists.org](mailto:bibledrill@texasbaptists.org)

*Q: What is the difference between a state and regional drill?*

**A:** The first three drills/tournaments listed in the Calendar section above are state finals for children. However, they serve as regional drills for all 7-12th grade competitions.

*Q: How do participants qualify for the Youth/High School state event in Dallas?*

**A: The top ten in each region for Youth Bible Drill, High School Bible Drill, and Youth Speakers Tournament (w/score of 75 or higher) will qualify for their state finals on May 4, 2019 at First Baptist Church, Allen. If a qualifier is a previous state first place winner, an eleventh participant will also qualify from that region.**

*Q: Who is eligible to receive the Ellen Battles Lighthouse Award?*

**A:** The Ellen Battles Lighthouse Award is given to a student who has participated for **9 consecutive years at the regional level** in Texas Baptists Bible Drill/Speaker's Tournament events. These awards will be distributed during our regional/state events based on qualifying students who have registered and who are present to receive them. To register online to receive your Ellen Battles Lighthouse Award in the year you qualify, go to [www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill) and mark the 9 consecutive years field on the regional registration form. Registration deadlines are provided on the registration form, and must be followed to provide time for the awards to be ordered and produced before recognition.

*Q: What recognition is given at Texas Baptists regional/state events?*

**A:** We encourage all churches to give a recognition of choice to the children and youth. All churches will be emailed a certificate template and seals will be presented as follows:

**Children’s Bible Drill Scores**

- 71-72 – State Winner Perfect
- 66-70 – State Winner Superior
- 60-65 – State Winner Excellent
- 48-59 – State Winner Good
- 47 or less – State Winner Honorable Mention

**Youth & High School Bible Drill Semi-Finals** (regional)

- 300 or above – Outstanding
- 289-299 – Superior
- 250-288 – Excellent
- 200-249 – Good
- Below 200 – Honorable Mention

**Youth & High School Bible Drill State Finals**

- 300 or above – State Perfect

**Youth Speakers’ Tournament Scores**

- 90-100 – Outstanding
- 85-89 – Superior
- 80-84 – Excellent
- 70-79 – Good
- 70 or below – Honorable Mention

**Q:** *What Bibles are used for Texas Baptists Drills?*

**A:** The King James Version (KJV), New International Version (NIV), and the Christian Standard (CSB) Bibles may be used in BGCT drills. See the **Bible Translations and Purchasing** section of this handbook for details to make sure you order the correct item number from BiblicaDirect (NIV) or LifeWay (CSB or KJV).

**Q:** *What materials are used in Youth Bible Drill?*

**A:** The following materials will help you lead Bible Drill:

- **Bible Drill Verse Cards** (free downloads on the Texas Baptists Bible Drill web pages.)
- **Leader handbooks** and forms downloadable from Texas Baptists Bible Drill web pages.

**Q:** *What are the color cycles?*

**A:** Bible Drill consists of 3 cycles. The cycles rotate over a three-year period. The current cycle should be used. For the next three years the cycles to be used are as follows:

- 2019 – Blue Cycle
- 2020 – Green Cycle
- 2021 – Red Cycle

**Q:** *What are the five kinds of youth drills in a competition?*

**A:** A Youth Bible Drill consists of five calls in each of five types of drills. The Bible is used in each of these drills. You will also notice that there are five calls made in each of these drills and that some drills are worth more points than other types.

**Locating Books of the Bible – Book Drill** – Five calls, three points per call

Your drill leader will call the name of a book in the Bible. When “Start” is called, you will begin searching for the book that was called. Locate the book called, **place your index finger on any page in that book, and then step forward**. When called upon, you should be able to name the book which immediately precedes the book called, the book called, and the book which immediately follows the book called.

**Scripture Searching Drill** – Five calls, three points per call

Your drill leader will announce a Scripture reference to be found. Scripture-searching drills are taken from any part of the Bible. You must correctly locate the scripture reference and **place your index finger on the verse before you step forward**. When called upon, you must be able to read the verse and state the scripture reference.

**Identifying Verses Drill** – Five calls, four points per call

Your drill leader will quote a part of a verse taken from the list of verses. It may be any part of the verse. Your drill leader will quote enough of the verse to provide you with a reasonable clue. You must locate the scripture reference and **place your index finger on the verse before you step forward**. When called upon, you must be able to read the verse and state the scripture reference.

**Doctrinal Drill** – Five calls, five points per call

Your drill leader will announce a doctrinal statement from the doctrinal drill list. You must correctly locate the verse listed with that doctrinal statement and **place your index finger on the verse before stepping forward**. When called upon, you must be able to state the doctrine, read the verse, and state the scripture reference.

**Bible Answers Drill** – Five calls, five points per call

Your drill leader will announce a question taken from the Bible Answers Drill. **Before you step forward**, you must correctly locate the verse listed that answers the question and **place your index finger on the verse**. When time is called, your drill leader will instruct you to close your Bible (stand in place at Attention). When called upon, you must be able to quote the question, recite the correct verse, and state the reference.

**Q:** *What are the Youth Bible Drill Commands?*

**A:** During a Youth Bible Drill, the caller will use the following commands.

**Attention**

Stand straight; feet together; minimal movement; eyes focused on the leader until the command “Start”; Bible held at side (in either hand), with Bible spine down.

**Present Bible**

Bring Bible to waistline. A driller who searches with his right hand should hold the Bible on his left hand with Genesis down and his right hand resting flat on top of the Bible. A driller who searches with his left hand should hold the Bible on his right hand, Genesis up, with left hand resting flat on the front cover of the Bible. The driller’s thumb and fingers should not extend around the sides of the Bible. Following “Present Bible,” the leader announces the call. The call is stated only once, unless a driller requests that it be repeated.

**Start**

This command is the signal for participants to begin searching. In the Book Drill, the index finger must be placed upon any verse in that book. In other drills, the driller finds the verse, places his index finger on the verse and steps forward. PLEASE NOTE: The index finger must be in the proper place on the page BEFORE stepping out.

**Time**

A timekeeper calls out the word “Time” at the end of eight seconds. All drillers stop searching. (when time is called in the Bible Answers Drill, the leader will instruct the drillers to close their Bibles.) The leader will call upon one driller to respond. Any drillers moving forward when time is called will not be penalized.

**Close Bibles**

(Bible Answers Drill Only). Drillers close Bibles and stand in place at attention.

**Attention**

The leader gives the command “Attention.” The drillers return to their original positions; stand straight; feet together; minimal movement; eyes focused on the leader until the command “Start”; Bible held at side (in either hand), with Bible spine down.

*Q: How is Youth Bible Drill judged?*

*A:* There are four judges plus a timekeeper. Three judges will score regular points, and one judge will score bonus points (points earned for stepping out first). In judging, the judges should try to give participants the benefit of any doubt. There is an 8 second time limit to locate the verse/passage and step out.

**Scoring Regular Points**

Judges will score each participant as an individual. Judges scoring regular points will mark only mistakes. When a participant makes a mistake, write a number based on mistakes made (1-5) in the corresponding box on the score sheet. If two mistakes in one call are made, points for only one mistake will be deducted.

**Scoring Bonus Points**

On each call, the participant who steps out first scores one bonus point. The bonus judge will place a slash mark in the box under the participant’s number on the score sheet for the call in which a bonus point has been earned. If two or more step out at the same time, the bonus judge scores a bonus point for each one. The bonus judge will watch for mistakes on the ones earning bonus points. If a mistake is made on a call where a bonus point is earned, the bonus judge will nullify the point by making an X out of the slash. When a participant makes a mistake, write a number based on mistakes made (1-5) in the corresponding box on the score sheet.

**Computing a Final Score**

To determine regular points, on each score sheet deduct the participant’s total points missed from 100. In the first two sections, the point value is 3. In the third section, the point value is 4. In the fourth and fifth sections, the point value is 5. Total the regular points from each score sheet for each participant, adding any bonus points to obtain a final score. Each judge could potentially score 100 points per participant; therefore, a participant with a perfect score could have 300 points plus a possible 25 bonus points (325).

## Mistakes

A participant receives no points (regular or bonus) if:

1. Participant fails to step out within 8 seconds. (May only step forward once per call.)
2. Participant gives incorrect response. This includes any participant who raises his hand indicating an incorrect reference.
3. Participant fails to stand straight and still or keep his eyes on the drill leader until start command is given.
4. Participant steps forward before the index finger is on the correct response.
5. Participant fails to handle the Bible according to instructions or obviously misuses the Bible. The Bible should be handled with respect.

*Q: Can a participant who previously won state compete again in the same age group event?*

**A: Yes, however they will not be eligible for bonus points at the state drill if they advance to that level again in the same age group event.** (They may receive bonus points at other levels.) Once a participant moves from Youth to High School Bible Drill, they are once again eligible for bonus points (unless/until they win state at that level). No participant may compete more than once in the same age group event at the National Invitational Tournament. Previous state winners will be required to note this when they register for state.

*Q: What is the NIT?*

**A:** The NIT is the National Invitational Tournament. The Youth Bible Drill, High School Bible Drill, and Youth Speakers' Tournament winners at the state level become eligible to compete at the national level. The Texas Baptists will provide a stipend to help with travel expenses.

*Q: How do I prepare and write a Church Drill?*

**A:** Each drill should be written out completely for or by the caller/leader. Every word to be spoken by the drill caller/leader and all the correct answers should be written, including some reminders for the caller. A sample drill may be downloaded from the Texas Baptists Bible Drill web pages at [www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill). Also see Conducting Your Church Drill in this handbook.

*Q: Is there training for Bible Drill?*

**A:** There is a brief training video on the Bible Drill website ([texasbaptists.org/bibledrill](http://texasbaptists.org/bibledrill)). This video covers the basic commands used in Bible Drill, as well as the mistakes. Bible Drill training is also offered each August at the Childhood & Family Ministry Summit. This training includes basics for how to start Bible Drill at a church, as well as tools for teaching Bible Drill.

## Special Needs

Accommodations can be made for special needs participants in Bible Drill. Please contact your associational Bible Drill leader and the Texas Baptists Discipleship Office well before associational and state drills to discuss the best way to help your drillers.

## Beginning Bible Drill in My Church

These suggestions will help you get started. Please feel free to contact your Texas Baptists Discipleship Office, your associational Director of Missions, and a nearby church who has already been involved in Bible Drill. We would love to help you!

1. Enlist someone to lead the Bible Drill program who will organize and lead this strategic ministry and is passionate about discipling children and youth.
2. Enlist your pastor's support and ask him to encourage participation from the pulpit.
3. Create a team effort with all leaders of children/youth in your church to involve members and prospects in their Sunday School classes, music, and missions programs. Include these leaders and the pastor in the orientation meeting.
4. Work through the existing outreach ministry of your church to involve unchurched children/youth in Bible Drill.
5. Make note of the dates for BGCT State competition and registration deadline in the Calendar section of this handbook.
6. Contact your associational office for the associational competition date and registration procedures.
7. Set the date for the church drill. (The church drill should be held 1-2 weeks before the associational drill.)
8. Set a schedule for your Bible Drill training. Many churches begin at about the time schools begin for the fall semester. Others begin in January.
9. Decide when and where you will meet for training. Meet with church staff and reserve these times and places on the church calendar. Be sure to set a time that will allow for the most children to participate. This could be Sunday afternoon, Wednesday evening, Saturday morning, or any day of the week.
10. Advertise when Bible Drill will begin.
11. Promote Bible Drill in your church's newsletter, Sunday worship guide, Sunday School/small groups, and website.
12. Send letters to parents of fourth, fifth, and sixth graders, explaining Bible Drill and inviting them to participate.
13. Visit with your pastor and children/youth ministry leadership to determine the version your Bible Drill participants will use (KJV, NIV, or CSB). Order a Bible for each participant, plus a few extras for newcomers. See the Bible Translations and Purchasing section of this handbook for details to make sure you order the correct item number from ChurchSource (NIV) or LifeWay (KJV and CSB).
14. Schedule and conduct an orientation meeting with interested children/youth and their parents.
  - Invite your pastor, staff and other children's ministry leaders to attend.

- Provide refreshments.
- Explain the purpose of Bible Drill.
- Give attendees a copy of the appropriate Verse Card for the cycle and translation you will be using. (Scripture Memorization Cards are available for download on the Bible Drill page of the website.)
- Explain the different types of drills in a Bible Drill for the age category(ies) you are starting, and the activity-oriented format of your training meetings. Give parents ideas for working with their driller at home. The keys to success are parent involvement and regular work at home.
- Discuss any anticipated costs with parents. These may include purchasing Bibles, T-shirts, and travel expenses for associational and state events.
- Provide a handout including your training date/time/place, church/associational/ state competition dates and locations.

15. Hold a special kick-off for Bible Drill.

16. Meet weekly for at least an hour to help Bible Drill participants learn required material and practice drilling.

17. Hold the church competition.

18. Attend the associational competition.

19. Attend the state/regional competition.

20. Recognize all who participated in Bible Drill in your church newsletter, your church service, and hometown newspaper.

## Conducting Your Church Bible Drill

Each church is responsible for planning and implementing their church drill. The following suggestions will help the Bible Drill Coordinator plan for the church drill. The coordinator should also be familiar with information available for download from [www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill).

### *Preparation for All Drills*

- Drills and verses are different for Children (grades 4-6), Youth (grades 7-9) and High School (10-12), so these age groupings may not drill together.
- The recommended maximum number of participants in a drill is twelve. If you have more than twelve drillers in any one age group, you will need to conduct multiple drills for that group. Equal numbers in drills will balance the number of responses required from each participant.
- As you enlist judges and callers for your drill, consider lay leaders and church staff who work with children or youth. This will help create and maintain interest within those ministries.
- Enlist all volunteer callers and judges at least one week prior to your drill, and provide them a copy of the job description for the job they will perform. Detailed **job descriptions** are included in this handbook, and may be downloaded separately from [www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill) for:
  - Registration secretary
  - Ready room assistant
  - Caller
  - Three judges (four for Youth and High School drills)
  - Timekeeper
  - Two tally room assistants

### *Materials Needed*

- Score sheets (download from [www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill))
- Tally sheets (download from [www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill))
- Drill to be used with each age group (A sample church drill may be downloaded from [www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill).)
- Bible Drill Bible for each participant (Some churches allow participants to use their personal Bible for competition.)
- 3x3 inch numbered squares of paper, one for each participant, with spaces on the back for Name, Church, City and Grade (These are to be worn on the clothing of the participants, who should be referred to by number and not name during the drill.)
- Pins or tape to attach numbers
- Pencils for judges and tally room assistants
- Stopwatch for timekeeper
- Masking tape for line on floor

*Training Session for All Volunteers (Led by Church Coordinator)*

- Schedule approximately 1 hour for the training session prior to your drill.
- Joint session with all volunteers (5-10 minutes):
  - Prayer
  - Personal introductions
  - Review schedule
  - Dismiss to age group sessions (if multiple sets of judges are used)

*Training Session for Age Group Volunteers (Led by Caller)*

- Emphasize these important purposes of Bible Drill:
  - Develop skills in Bible usage
  - Locate books of the Bible
  - Locate Scripture references
  - Identify Scriptures
  - Memorize Scriptures regarding ethical decisions
  - Document Baptist beliefs
  - Provide biblical knowledge, enabling children and youth to see the Bible in today's world
  - Develop poise and confidence
- Explain and demonstrate the following commands to be given during the drill. Prior to this time, ask one of the judges to be a demonstrator.

**ATTENTION** - Ask the demonstrator to stand at attention. Point out to the other judges that when this call is given a participant should stand straight with minimal movement and one foot not extended in front of the other. Eyes should be focused on the Caller until the command "Start" is given. The Bible should be held at the side in either hand with Bible spine down.

**PRESENT BIBLES** - As you give the command "Present Bibles," your demonstrator should bring the Bible to the waistline. It is suggested that a driller who searches with his right hand should hold the Bible in his left hand with Genesis down and the right hand resting flat on top of the Bible. A driller who searches with his left hand should hold the Bible in his right hand, Genesis up, with left hand resting flat on the front cover of the Bible. The driller's thumb and fingers should not extend around the sides of the Bible.

**START** - Explain that the command "Start" is the signal for drillers to begin searching. In the Book Drill, the index finger may be placed upon any verse in that book. In other drills the driller finds the verse, places his index finger on the verse, and steps forward across the line, ready to respond when called upon. In the Children's Quotation Drill and Completion Drill, Bibles are not used, but at the command "Start" the participant should step forward if he can quote the verse called.

**TIME** - Instruct the group that “Time” is called by the timekeeper at the end of **ten seconds** for Children’s drills and **eight seconds** for Youth and High School drills. The caller will call upon one driller to respond. Note that the participant called on does not necessarily have to be the one who stepped out first. The caller should call on different drillers so that all will have a chance to recite. The bonus judge (Youth & High School drills only) will watch for the first one to step out, awarding them the bonus point for that call.

**ATTENTION** - Explain that the command “Attention” is given for the drillers to return to attention behind the taped line in preparation for the next call. After the explanations have been made, go through one or more calls using your demonstrator. Perhaps a Scripture searching drill would be best for this purpose.

- Explain each of the different types of drills. In the Youth and High School Bible Drill training be sure to point out the differing point values for Youth and High School drills.
- Assign responsibilities to judges and give them another copy of their job description. Detailed **job descriptions** are included in this handbook and may be downloaded separately from [www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill).
  - **Ready Room Assistant** will prepare drillers for each drill by getting required information, pinning on numbers, and answering any questions drillers may have.
  - **Judges** will watch for mistakes. No mark should be made on a regular judge’s score sheet unless a mistake is made. The mistake should be indicated in the appropriate square by the writing number corresponding to the type of mistake as shown on the score sheet.
  - **Bonus Judge** (Youth and High School drills only) will watch for the first person to step out on each call and mark a slash in the appropriate square. In case of a tie, both drillers will receive a bonus point for that call. The bonus judge will also watch for mistakes by drillers earning bonus points. If a mistake is made on a call a bonus point is earned, the bonus judge will nullify the point by making an X out of the slash. The mistake should be indicated in the appropriate square by the writing number corresponding to the type of mistake as shown on the score sheet.
  - **Timekeeper** will start the stop watch when the command “Start” is given and call “Time” at the time limit (10 seconds for Children, 8 seconds for Youth and High School).
  - **Tally Room Assistants** will receive score sheets from the drill room and tally scores for each participant. These judges determine what level of recognition each participant achieved, and provides this information to whoever will recognize drillers publicly.
- Interpret mistakes for judges:
  - A participant receives no points (regular or bonus) if:
    1. Participant fails to step out within the time limit (10 seconds for Children; 8 seconds for Youth and High School).
    2. Participant gives incorrect response. This includes any participant who raises his hand indicating an incorrect reference.
    3. Participant fails to stand erect or keep his eyes on the drill leader until start command is given.
    4. Participant steps forward before the index finger is on the correct response.
    5. Participant fails to handle the Bible according to instructions or obviously misuses the Bible. The Bible should be handled with respect.
- A Bible Drill demonstration video is available on the website which can be used during the training time.

### *Drill Procedure*

- **In the Ready Room**
  - Ask participants to take one of the 3x3 numbered squares and fill in the requested information on the back: (name and grade). Pin or tape the number to each driller's left shoulder. Refer to driller by number only.
  - Invite questions. Have prayer. Allow drillers to warm up on their own until the Caller arrives to take them into the drill room.
  - Caller may give a practice call in the ready room to help drillers have a feel for voice and rhythm of the calls, as well as to relax them before leading the drillers to the Drill Room.
  
- **In the Drill Room**
  - Prior to the arrival of drillers and caller from the Ready Room, one of the judges may share expectations for spectators to help drillers do their best (quiet during drill, no timekeeping other than designated timekeeper, no entry or exit during the drill, no photos or video during drill, etc.).
  - Caller and drillers enter, line up, and conduct drill.
  - After drill, judges collect number tags from each driller and deliver them to the Tally Room Assistants along with all score sheets.
  - Caller may allow parents to take photos of drillers prior to dismissing them for the next drill, if multiple drills are conducted.
  
- **In the Tally Room**
  - Tally Room Assistants tabulate scores for each driller on score sheets by adding the number of blank squares (Children), or multiplying the number of blank squares by the point value of each drill (Youth and High School).
  - (Youth and High School only) To tally the Bonus Judge score sheet, add all slashes for each participant and list the total at the bottom of the score sheet.
  - Add together all totals from all judges for each participant to obtain the total score. Enter this score in the appropriate box on the tally sheet.
  - Post or announce names of participants advancing to the next level of competition.

### *After the Church Drill*

- The church coordinator or sponsor with drillers advancing to an associational drill must contact their Associational Office to register for the Associational Drill.
- After the Associational Drill, drillers advancing from the Associational level for the state drill (Children) or regional semi-final drill (Youth and High School) must be registered with the Texas Baptists Discipleship Office. Registration will be online at [www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill).
- **Online Registration for all Texas Baptists State/Regional drills is from Sunday, March 24 to Tuesday, March 26, 2019.**

# APPENDIX A

## YOUTH BIBLE DRILL JOB DESCRIPTIONS

# Youth and High School Bible Drill

## Job Descriptions

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PLEASE NOTE: Although job descriptions are the same for both youth (grades 7-9) and high school (grades 10-12) events, youth and high school participants do not drill in the same drill. **Different scripture passages and different score sheets** are used in youth and high school drills.

**These job descriptions are written for Texas Baptists State/Regional events. Churches/Associations may adapt as needed for their event.**

### Caller Responsibilities

#### Set up the drill room (prior to the judges' training session)

- Place masking tape on floor to accommodate at least 12 participants at the front of the drill room.
- Arrange 4 judges' tables and chairs at the front of the drill room. These should be placed so judges can see the participants clearly. Place score sheets and pencils on tables. The timekeeper judge can sit in a chair with no table. The timekeeper only needs to have a stopwatch.
- Place podium at the center of the masking tape and at least 3 feet in front of the participants. Arrange chairs in the room to accommodate parents, sponsors and spectators.
- If windows are in the door, use paper to block the view of outside spectators.

#### Lead Judges' Training Session (prior to arrival of participants)

- Open with prayer
- Introduce judges
- Review the schedule for the event:
  - **Friday**
    - 5:00 – 5:45 pm – Judges' training session (at the church)
    - 5:00 pm – Registration opens
    - 6:00 pm – Competition begins
    - 9:00 pm – Friday evening awards session
  - **Saturday**
    - 7:30 am – Registration
    - 8:00 am – Competition begins
    - 11:30 am – Saturday awards session
- Hand out personnel information cards.  
Remind personnel to put their home address on the information card. Give these forms to the coordinator during the competition.
- Explain the purposes of Bible Drill
  - Develop skills in Bible usage
  - Locate books of the Bible
  - Locate Scripture references
  - Identify Scriptures

- Memorize Scripture regarding ethical decision
- Document Baptist beliefs
- Provide Biblical knowledge enabling youth to see the Bible in today's world
- Develop poise and confidence
- Explain the five types of drills
  - **Youth Bible Drill (grades 7-9)**
    - Locating Books of the Bible (5 calls)
    - Scripture Searching (5 calls)
    - Identifying Verses (5 calls)
    - Doctrinal Drill (5 calls)
    - Bible Answers Drill (5 calls)
  - **High School Bible Drill (grades 10-12)**
    - Locating Book Drill (5 calls)
    - Scripture Searching Drill (5 calls)
    - Steps to Salvation Drill (6 calls)
    - What We Believe Drill (5 calls)
    - Key Biblical Passage Drill (3 calls)
- Explain the commands to be given
  - Attention
  - Present Bible
  - Start
  - Time (emphasize the need to have this called consistently and “on the mark”)
  - Attention
- Make assignments to appropriate judges
  - Hand out a copy of the score sheet the judges will be using during the competition. There will be 3 regular judges, 1 bonus judge, and 1 timekeeper.
  - Regular judges will watch for any mistake and will indicate in the appropriate box on the score sheet the number of the mistake made as indicated at the top of the score sheet. If no mistake is made, no mark should be placed in the box.
  - The bonus judge will watch for the first participant to step out on each call and mark a slash (/) in the appropriate box. If two or more participants step out first together, a bonus point should be given to each participant. The bonus judge will watch for mistakes on the participants earning bonus points. If a mistake is made on a call that a bonus point is earned, the bonus judge will nullify the point by making an X out of the slash. The number corresponding to the mistake made should be written in the box.
  - The timekeeper should start the stop watch at the command “Start” and call time in 8 seconds.
  - Assign judges to collect score sheets and numbers at the end of each drill and take these items to the tally room.
- Interpret mistakes
  1. Fails to step forward within 8 seconds.
  2. Gives incorrect response. This includes any participant who raises his hand, indicating an error.
  3. Fails to stand straight or keep eyes on the drill caller until the command “Start” is given.

4. Steps forward before the index finger is on the correct reference.
5. Fails to handle the Bible according to instructions or abuses the Bible.

### **Prior to each drill**

- Assign one judge to prepare the audience in the drill room while the caller is in the Ready Room with the next group of participants. (See *Judge Responsibilities*.)
- Prior to the time for the drill to begin, go to the Ready Room. Spend a few minutes putting the participants at ease. The caller may want to give one or two demonstration calls to help the participants get used to your voice and cadence.
- Lead a prayer with the participants before taking them to the drill room.

### **In the Drill Room**

- Make brief opening comment, and be sure one of the judges has prepared the audience for the drill. If not, remind the audience that:
  - No one may leave or enter the drill room while the drill is in progress.
  - Cell phones should be off or set to silent mode.
  - No pictures and/or videos are taken during the drill. Pictures can be taken at the end of each drill.
- Call the drill. Be consistent in time allowed for responses from call to call and drill to drill.

### **After Drill Procedure**

- Have each participant state his or her name, grade, and church (and all will clap for them again).
- Invite parents/spectators to take pictures. As they do, Caller will slip out to the Ready Room for the next group.
- Assign a judge to monitor the picture taking and encourage a quick process.
- Assign judges to help with collecting items from participants before they break from the line:
  - One judge-Collect their numbers and adhere to the participant number sheet
- As soon as participant materials are collected, one judge should be assigned to thank everyone for their participation and gently, but firmly, guide them as quickly as possible out of the drill room and out of the hall so the next group may enter for the next drill.

## Judge Responsibilities

There are a total of five judges for Youth and High School Bible Drill:

- 3 regular judges, 1 bonus judge, 1 timekeeper

The **regular judges** will watch for mistakes. No mark should be made on a regular judge's score sheet unless a mistake is made. The mistake should be indicated in the appropriate square by listing the number of the mistake as listed at the bottom of the score sheet. For example, if the participant steps forward before the index finger is on the correct reference, mark "4" in the square for that call.

The **bonus judge** will watch for the first participant to step out on each call and mark a slash (/) in the appropriate box. If two or more participants step out first together, a bonus point should be given to each participant. The bonus judge will watch for mistakes on the one earning bonus points. If a mistake is made on a call where a bonus point is earned, the bonus judge will nullify the point by making an X out of the slash. The appropriate number should be placed in the box from the listing at the bottom of the score sheet, indicating which mistake was made.

The **timekeeper** should start the stop watch when the command "Start" is given and call "Time" at 8 seconds.

### Mistakes are:

1. Participant fails to step out within 8 seconds.
2. Participant gives incorrect response. This includes any participant who raises his hand indicating an error.
3. Participant fails to stand straight or keep eyes on the drill caller until the command "Start" is given.
4. Participant steps forward before the index finger is on the correct reference.
5. Participant fails to handle the Bible according to instructions or obviously misuses the Bible.

### Prior to Each Drill (as assigned by caller, one judge may prepare the audience):

- Welcome and thank them for their leadership and encouragement in Bible Drill.
- Ask audience to silence all electronic devices, and double-check at this time.
- Small children must be still and quiet.
- Any driller who will participate in this same drill at a later time cannot be an observer. AFTER they have drilled they are allowed to observe other drills.
- There is to be NO movement in or out of the drill room during the drill. **\*\*\*Ask for a volunteer(s) to close and monitor door(s) when the drillers have entered the room.**
- No pictures/videos should be taken *during* the drill, but time for pictures is given when the drill is completed and AFTER the participants have been introduced.
- Remind all that there are well-trained judges and time-keepers who have the official duty of judging and timing.
- Lead a prayer for drillers and audience.

At the **conclusion** of each drill, judges will take participant materials to the Tally Room and assist with moving people in and out of the drill room as assigned by their caller in the Judges Training Session prior to the event.

## Ready Room Assistant Responsibilities

Your role is important in helping participants be as prepared, relaxed and confident as possible just before their event begins. Thank you for your attention to the necessary drill details, as well as setting a calm and positive tone for each group of participants.

### Before the Event

- Attend the judges' training session prior to the event.
- Before participants begin to arrive in the Ready Room, become familiar with your supply box and the folder containing assigned drill lists.
  - Drill sheets should be numbered and in order (1, 2, 3, or A1, A2, etc.). Notice the number of participants in each drill, and especially note any drills where multiple Bible versions may be used.
  - Set out pencils.
  - Arrange 12 chairs for participants to sit in prior to their time to drill. (There should be no more than 13 chairs in the ready room.)
  - Place the Ready Room sign on the door. Place the numbers indicating the drill in progress and the ready drill on the sign.

### As participants arrive in the Ready Room

- Introduce yourself.
- PLEASE GIVE # TO PARTICIPANT THAT CORRESPONDS TO THEIR NAME/NUMBER AS LISTED ON YOUR DRILL SHEET. IF THERE ARE MULTIPLE TRANSLATIONS IN A DRILL (NIV, KJV and/or CSB), THIS SHOULD INCLUDE PARTICIPANTS NUMBERED CONSECUTIVELY PER VERSION. (For example, if six participants are using KJV and four using NIV in the same drill, then #s 1-6 should be given to KJV participants and #s 7-10 to NIV.)
- Check Bibles for additional materials, dog ears, etc.
- Allow a brief time for questions and allow participants to practice in their chairs or just sit still until the Caller for their drill arrives to give further instructions. Be sure that participants have spit out gum, gone to the restroom, etc.

**In the event you should need additional Bibles or supplies, speak to your coordinator or go to the Tally Room for more.**

## Tally Room Assistant Responsibilities

- Before materials from a drill are brought into the tally room, be sure each tally room person is aware of what they will be doing. **ALL MATERIALS NEEDED TO TALLY EACH DRILL OR SPEECH SHEET SHOULD BE PROVIDED IN THE TALLY ROOM MATERIALS BOX.** (Tally Sheets for children and youth Bible drill and youth speakers, pencils, Category Sheets to be used at the Closing Session, pencils, paper clips, etc.)
- Upon completion of a drill (children and/or youth) judges will bring into the tally room score sheets and participant number sheets. Youth speakers will only have 3 score sheets with the number for each speaker adhered to the first score sheet.
- Check to be sure the drill number (Bible Drill) or the speaker number (Speakers' Tournament) is listed on each of the judges' score sheets (3 sheets).
- Each tally room assistant will tally each score sheet for each judge. **Upon completing a score sheet, be sure another assistant double checks your work and initials the sheet after they have checked it.**
- One person should call out the total score from each score sheet for the other person to record on the tally sheet. Add total scores from each sheet to get the final score for each participant. **Once again, double check each other's work and put your initials on the sheet.**

### Additional Instructions Below Are For Texas Baptists State/Regional Events

- Names of participants are recorded on the Closing Session sheets by recognition categories. There is one sheet for each recognition category: State Winner Perfect (Children), Outstanding (Youth and High School), Superior, Excellent, Good and Honorable Mention. It is best to work together with one category at a time. **Once again, double check the Closing Session Category Sheets.**
- Tally Sheets, Score Sheets and participant number sheets from each drill should be paper clipped together to be processed by the Coordinating Council regional teams.

## Regional/State Registration Secretary Responsibilities

Your role is important in setting a positive and happy tone for the event as you greet new arrivals, assist group leaders, and answer questions for them during the event. Thank you for serving others in this way.

- Arrive at least 15 minutes before the stated beginning time for registration. Become familiar with:
  - Master list of all drill grouping sheets with participant names
  - Layout of the church so you can give directions to drill and speech rooms, restrooms, Closing Session location, and areas where sponsors should keep their groups when not participating in events.
  - Cell phone number of Texas Baptists event coordinator and host church contact who may be needed during the event.
- Be available at the registration desk until the Closing Session on Friday evening and until the Closing Session on Saturday morning.
- As participants arrive, check off their names on the master list and drill grouping lists, indicating they are present.
- Direct attention to the Closing Session times for Friday evening and Saturday morning.

# BIBLE DRILL

Youth

## YOUTH SCORE SHEET – GRADES 7-8-9

DRILL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_ BONUS \_\_\_\_\_ REGULAR \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE PRINT NAME)

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Locating Books Drill Five Calls 3 Points for Each Call	1													
	2													
	3													
	4													
	5													
<b>TOTAL</b>														
Scripture Searching Drill Five Calls 3 Points for Each Call	6													
	7													
	8													
	9													
	10													
<b>TOTAL</b>														
Identifying Verses Drill Five Calls 4 Points for Each Call	11													
	12													
	13													
	14													
	15													
<b>TOTAL</b>														
Doctrinal Drill Five Calls 5 Points for Each Call	16													
	17													
	18													
	19													
	20													
<b>TOTAL</b>														
Bible Answers Drill Five Calls 5 Points for Each Call	21													
	22													
	23													
	24													
	25													
<b>TOTAL</b>														
Total Regular Points														
Total Bonus Points														
Grand Total Points														

**MISTAKES:** \_\_\_\_\_ Participant receives no points (regular or bonus) if he or she....

1. Fails to **STEP FORWARD** within eight seconds.
2. Gives an **INCORRECT RESPONSE** (includes any driller who raises a hand indicating an error)
3. Fails to **STAND STRAIGHT** or keep his **EYES ON THE DRILL LEADER** until the command "start" is given.
4. Steps forward before the **INDEX FINGER** is on the correct reference.
5. Fails to handle Bible according to instructions or **ABUSES THE BIBLE**.

**REGULAR JUDGE:**

When a participant makes a mistake, write the number (1-5) in the corresponding box on the score sheet.

**BONUS JUDGE:**

The bonus judge will place a slash mark in the box under the participants' identifying number on the score sheet for the call in which a bonus point has been earned. On each call, one bonus point is scored by the participant who steps out first. If two or more step out at the same time, each receives a bonus point. The bonus judge will watch for mistakes on the ones earning bonus points. If a mistake is made on a call where a bonus point is earned, the bonus judge will nullify the point by making an X out of the slash. The number of the mistake made should be placed in the box.

**YOUTH BIBLE DRILL – (grades 7-9)**  
**TEXAS BAPTISTS GUIDELINES**

There are five different calls:

- BOOK DRILL**
- SCRIPTURE SEARCHING DRILL**
- IDENTIFYING VERSES DRILL**
- DOCTRINAL DRILL**
- BIBLE ANSWERS DRILL**

**TIME LIMIT PER CALL – 8 SECONDS**

**BOOK DRILL (five calls – 3 points per call)**

The caller calls the name of any book in the Bible. At the command “Start”, participants begin searching for the book which was called. After locating the book called, the participant must place his index finger on any verse before stepping forward. When called upon, the participant will name (1) the book that immediately precedes the book called, (2) the book called and (3) the book that immediately follows the book called.

**SCRIPTURE SEARCHING DRILL – (five calls – 3 points per call)**

Scripture Searching Drills are taken from any part of 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 driller reads the verse and states the Scripture reference.

**IDENTIFYING VERSES DRILL – (five calls – 4 points per call)**

The caller quotes a part of a verse taken from the list of verses. It may be any part of a verse. A caller should quote enough of a verse to provide the participants with a reasonable clue. Participants must correctly locate the verse and place their index finger on the verse before stepping forward. When called upon, the driller will read the entire verse and state the correct Scripture reference.

**DOCTRINAL DRILL – (five calls – 5 points per call)**

The caller announces a doctrinal statement taken from the doctrinal list. Participants must correctly locate the verse listed with that doctrinal statement and place their index finger on the verse before stepping forward. When called upon, drillers must be able to: (1) recite the doctrinal statement, (2) read the verse, and (3) state the Scripture reference.

**BIBLE ANSWERS DRILL – (five calls – 5 points per call)**

The caller announces a question taken from the Bible Answers Drill verses. Before stepping forward, participants must correctly locate the verse that answers the question. When time is called, the caller will instruct the drillers to close their Bibles. When called upon, the driller must be able to (1) quote the question, (2) recite the correct verse, and (3) state the Scripture reference.

# BIBLE DRILL

*Youth*

DRILL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

## YOUTH (GRADES 7-8-9) TALLY SHEET

PARTICIPANT NUMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1. JUDGE 1 Regular Scoring													
2. JUDGE 2 Regular Scoring													
3. JUDGE 3 Regular Scoring													
4. BONUS JUDGE													
TOTAL ADD LINES 1,2,3, &4													
"AWARD"													

"AWARD" =  
**OUT (OUTSTANDING)**  
**SUP (SUPERIOR)**  
**EX (EXCELLENT)**  
**G (GOOD)**  
**HM (HONORABLE MENTION)**

A SCORE OF 300 PLUS  
 A SCORE OF 285-299  
 A SCORE OF 250-284  
 A SCORE OF 200-249  
 A SCORE BELOW 200

