



## 2026 HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE DRILL GUIDELINES FOR LEADERS, JUDGES, AND PARTICIPANTS

A ministry of Sunday School & Discipleship provided by  
gifts of Alabama Baptists through the Cooperative Program

### GREEN CYCLE

High School Bible Drill is for youth in grades 10-12, or ages 15-19. Youth may participate in Speakers' Tournament and/or High School Bible Drill during grades 10-12 or ages 15-19.

### A HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE DRILL CONSISTS OF FIVE TYPES OF DRILLS

The Bible is used in all of these drills. The number of calls per drill varies, and the calls in some types of drills are worth more points than those in other types.

#### LOCATING BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

(Five calls; 2 points per call)

##### *Randomly Selected Each Cycle*

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 participants must place their index finger on any verse before stepping forward. When called upon, a 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; 4 points per call)

##### *Randomly selected each cycle*

Scripture Searching Drill calls 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, a driller reads the verse and states the Scripture reference.

#### STEPS TO SALVATION DRILL

(Six calls; 4 points per call)

##### Green Cycle

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 call the Scripture references in the same order as listed on the verse card. On the command "Start," participants must locate the verse and place their index finger on the verse before stepping forward. When "Time" is called, the caller will instruct all participants to "Close Bibles." If called upon a participant must recite the verse and state the Scripture reference.

#### WHAT WE BELIEVE DRILL

(Five calls; 5 points per call)

##### *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 listed 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." If called upon, a participant must state the question, recite the verse(s), and state the Scripture reference.

#### KEY BIBLICAL PASSAGE DRILL

(Three calls; 7 points per call)

The purpose of this drill is for youth 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 drillers to "Close Bibles." If called upon, a participant must be able to state the title of the Key Biblical Passage and the reference. After stating the title and reference, the participant will recite the entire passage.

TIME LIMIT: 8 seconds

##### NUMBER OF DRILLERS PER DRILL:

No more than 12 participants should be in a drill. If more than 12 drillers participate, then more than one drill should be conducted.

##### THE BIBLE IS USED THROUGHOUT THE DRILL.

KJV, CSB, or ESV may be used. See the Resource Section for approved Drill Bibles.

# HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE DRILL

2026 HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE DRILLS Page 2

## IN CONDUCTING A DRILL, CALLERS WILL USE THE FOLLOWING COMMANDS:

**“Attention”** Drillers stand straight, one foot not extended in front of the other; keep eyes focused on the caller until the command “Start”; hold Bible at side (in either hand), with Bible spine down.

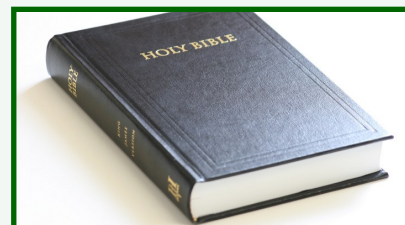
**“Present Bible”** Participants bring Bible to waistline. Drillers who search with their right hand should hold the Bible on the left hand with Genesis down and right hand resting flat on top of the Bible. Drillers who search with their left hand should hold the Bible on the right hand, Genesis up, with left hand resting flat on the front cover of the Bible. The drillers’ thumbs and fingers should not extend around the sides of the Bible. Following “Present Bible,” the caller 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 Locating Books of the Bible Drill, the index finger must be placed on any verse in that book. In other drills, the participants find the verse, place index finger on the verse (**first part, if verse is split**), and steps forward. **PLEASE NOTE: The index finger must be in the proper place on the page BEFORE stepping out OR ANY MOVEMENT FORWARD.**

**“Time”** A timekeeper calls out the word “Time” at the end of eight seconds. All drillers stop searching. (When time is called in the Steps to Salvation Drill, What We Believe Drill, and Key Biblical Passage Drill, the caller will instruct the drillers to close their Bibles.) The caller will call upon one driller to respond.

**“Close Bibles”** (Steps to Salvation Drill, What We Believe Drill, and Key Biblical Passage Drill). Participants close their Bibles and stand in place at Attention.

**“Attention”** After a participant has been called on and has responded the caller gives the command “Attention.” The participants return one step back to their original positions, with Bibles held at side.



## JUDGING THE HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE DRILL

**NUMBER OF JUDGES:** 4 judges are needed: 3 for regular scoring and 1 for bonus scoring.

### A. SCORING REGULAR POINTS

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

### B. SCORING BONUS POINTS

On each call, the participant who steps out first scores one bonus point. The judge scoring bonus points should follow the instructions given on the Bonus Judge Score Sheet for marking the bonus point. If two or more participants step out at the same time, the bonus judge scores a bonus point for each one. A participant may score a bonus point only if that participant does not make a mistake on the call for which he/she steps out first.

### C. COMPUTING FINAL SCORE

To determine regular points, deduct the participant’s total points missed from 100 on each sheet. In the first section, the point value is 2. In the second and third sections, the point value is 4. In the fourth section, the point value is 5. In the fifth section, the point value is 7. 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 perfect score would be 300 points plus a possible 24 bonus points (324).



### D. MISTAKES

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

- Participant fails to step out within eight seconds.
- Participant gives incorrect response. This includes any participant who raises a hand indicating an incorrect reference.
- Participant fails to stand erect or keep eyes on the caller until start command is given.
- **Participant steps forward before the index finger is in the correct location. There may be NO movement forward before index finger is in the correct location.**
- Participant fails to handle the Bible according to instructions or obviously misuses the Bible. The Bible should be handled with respect.

## LEVELS OF DRILLS

2023 HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE DRILLS Page 3

### FIVE LEVELS OF DRILLS TAKE PLACE IN HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE DRILL:

#### #1 CHURCH DRILL

The Church Drill is conducted at the church before an audience of interested people. To be eligible to advance to the Associational Drill, a participant must score at least **180** points (total from all four judges) in the Church Drill.

#### #2 ASSOCIATIONAL DRILL

Associations are encouraged to provide an annual High School Youth Bible Drill. A church may send all qualified persons to the Associational Drill. To be eligible to advance to the District Drill, a participant must score at least **225** points (total from all four judges) in the Associational Drill.

#### #3 REGIONAL DRILL

In fairness to all participants, a high school youth may participate in only one Regional Drill. **Pre-registration will be required. The last day to register will be April 13, 2026. You may register online at [www.alsbom.org/bibledrillregistration](http://www.alsbom.org/bibledrillregistration).** Bibles will be provided for participants at this drill. To be eligible to participate in the State Drill, a participant must score at least **270** points (total from all four judges) in the Regional Drill.



#### #4 STATE DRILL

Participants must have scored at least **270** points (total from all four judges) at the District Drill in order to participate in the State Drill. Participants should be present at the site of the State Drill by 12:30 p.m. Participants will be assigned to a drill as they arrive. The number of participants will determine the number of drills necessary in order to determine the winner. The participant making the highest score in the final drill will be the state winner.

#### #5 NATIONAL INVITATIONAL

The National Invitational High School Bible Drill will be held on the date and at the place listed in this leaflet. Alabama's state winner will compete against winners from other states.

### HOW TO ORDER RESOURCES & BIBLES

You may download High School Bible Drill Resources at [www.alsbom.org/bibledrill](http://www.alsbom.org/bibledrill) or contact the Office of Sunday School & Discipleship at 1-800-264-1225, ext.255 or 334-613-2255.

Order King James Drill Bibles (copyright 2014) or Christian Standard Drill Bibles from [lifeway.com](http://lifeway.com) or contact Customer Service Center at 800-458-2772.

**KING JAMES DRILL BIBLE (© 2014)**

ISBN: 978-1-5864-0945-6

**CHRISTIAN STANDARD DRILL BIBLE (© 2017)**

ISBN: 978-1-4336-4433-7

Order English Standard Pew Bible from [Crossway.com](http://Crossway.com), [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com), or [Christianbook.com](http://Christianbook.com).

**ENGLISH STANDARD PEW BIBLE (© 2001)**

ISBN 978-1-4335-6343-0 or ISBN 978-1-4335-2204-8

### Regional Drill Special Awards

**Nine Year Award** will be presented to participants who have participated in three years of Children's Bible Drill, three years of Youth Bible Drill, and three years of High School Bible Drill.

#### STATE HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE DRILL PERFECT SCORE AWARD

Each participant who achieves a perfect score in the first round of drills at the State High School Bible Drill will receive special recognition and a perfect score award. To acquire this award, a high participant will need to get all calls correct according to the judges' scores. Bonus points will not count for this award.

#### STATE AWARDS

The participant with the highest score in Alabama High School Bible Drill who is a member of a cooperating Alabama Baptist Church will receive a scholarship amount determined by the number of years the winner has participated in Bible Drills. This scholarship is good only at the following participating Alabama Baptist Institutions: University of Mobile and Samford University.

A student who wins first place in the tenth or eleventh grade, may still participate in future drills, but cannot be declared a winner in those drills. A special recognition will be presented to a previous winner who participates in the State Drill.

Individuals are able to participate at the NIT **ONCE** in each category (Youth, High School, Speaker). No individual may return to compete in NIT at the same level (Youth, High School, Speaker).

2025  
High  
School  
Winners



**Jonas Browder (Right)**  
1st Place Winner  
East Centre BC, Centre

**Ruby Kate Parris (Left)**  
2nd Place Winner  
Mt. Zion BC, Alexandria

## 2026 BIBLE DRILL DATES & LOCATIONS

*Your church may participate at any of the following drill sites.  
Pre-registration is required online at [www.alsbom.org/bibledrillregistration](http://www.alsbom.org/bibledrillregistration) by April 13, 2026.*

## Regional & State Dates and Locations TBD

### CHECK-IN TIMES FOR REGIONAL DRILLS:

#### Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday Drills

Check-in begins at 3:30 p.m.  
Drills will begin at 4:00 p.m.

#### Sunday Drills

Check-in begins at 1:30 p.m.  
Drills will begin at 2:00 p.m.