



LEADERS'/JUDGES' GUIDE

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Children's Bible Drill is to help children increase in their love and knowledge of the Bible, develop skills in effectively using the Bible, develop memory skills, and learn how to apply the Bible to their everyday lives.

PARTICIPANTS

Children who are classified by their church as fourth, fifth, and sixth graders for the church year are eligible to participate. Children are encouraged to be members of a Children's Department in Discipleship Training.

A method of participation can be worked out to meet the individual needs of children who have physical challenges. The method used should be the same for all three drills. It will be the responsibility of the child's adult leader or parent to discuss drill procedures with the person at the registration table and the Caller before the drill begins.

MATERIAL TO BE LEARNED

Children's Bible Drill is made up of three cycles. The cycles rotate over a three-year period. The current cycle should be used. Each participant in Children's Bible Drill will:

1. Learn the names of the books of the Bible in the proper order and be able to locate them in the Bible.
2. Memorize verses and references printed on the Verse Card.
3. Memorize the titles and references of the Key Passages on the Verse Card and be able to locate the references in the Bible.

HOW TO BEGIN CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL

1. Contact the Office of Sunday School and Discipleship of the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions at 1-800-264-1225, ext. 255 or 334-613-2255. You can also find information at www.alsbom.org/bibledrill or by emailing Belinda Stroud at bstroud@alsbom.org or Janet Eikenberry at jeikenberry@alsbom.org.
2. Set the date for your Church Drill. It is good to allow about two weeks between the Church Drill and the Association Drill. Find out the dates and times of the Associational Drill and the Regional/State-Sponsored Drill.

3. Determine a schedule for your meetings. Some churches start three months before the drill, others begin six months before, and some begin with the new church year to allow more time.
4. Decide when and where you will meet.
5. Publicize when Bible Drill will begin. Articles in the newsletter, letters to the parents, and announcements in the appropriate departments can help.
6. Obtain the resources you will need.
7. Hold an orientation meeting for the drillers and their parents.
 - Explain the purpose of Children's Bible Drill and the four types of drills used. (There is a Bible Drill Demonstration Video included in the Children's Bible Skills, Drill, and Thrills curriculum materials that may be used.)
 - Each child should receive a Children's Bible Drill Verse Card for the cycle and Bible translation used as well as the Parent, Participant, & Leader Information Leaflet. This leaflet explains more about general drill information and procedures, and it gives the dates of the Regional/State-Sponsored Drills.
 - Make sure that the importance of the role parents play in Children's Bible Drill is discussed. Give suggestions (and possibly some practice materials) to help parents know how to help children learn the verses, the books of the Bible, and the key passages.
 - If the parents will be asked to help with the purchase of certain Bible Drill materials such as Drill Bibles, activity books, the music and games CD, or special T-shirts, discuss these costs at this meeting.
 - Go over various dates and time of drills and activities with the parents and children. Ask them to save those dates and make them a priority.
8. Hold special events . . . perhaps a kick-off or midway party.
9. Meet weekly for at least an hour to help children learn the required material. Schedule additional meetings as needed.
10. Hold the Church Drill.
11. Attend the Associational Drill.
12. Attend the Regional Drill (This is the State Drill for children).
13. Recognize the children in the church newsletter and a church service.

LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION AND ACHIEVEMENT

Children's Bible Drillers pass through three levels of participation.

Church Drill

Schedule the Church Drill about two weeks before the Associational Drill. The Church Drill is conducted at the church before an audience of interested people. Each participant in the drill will receive a certificate. Children who give 12 or more correct responses will advance to the Associational Drill. Certificates are available from the Office of Sunday School & Discipleship by calling 1-800-264-1225, ext. 255 or 334-613-2255. Certificates may also be downloaded from the Resources Page at www.alsbom.org/bibledrill.

Associational Drill

The Associational Drill is held at the time and place set by the association. Each participant in the Associational Drill will receive a silver seal for his/her certificate. Children who give 16 or more correct responses will advance to the Regional/State-Sponsored Drill.

Regional/State-Sponsored Drill

The Regional/State-Sponsored Drill will be held as listed in the Parent, Participant, and Leader Information Leaflet. Leaflets can be downloaded from the resources page at www.alsbom.org/bibledrill.

*****SPECIAL AWARD*****

Sixth grade participants at the Regional/State-Sponsored Drill who have been in Children's Bible Drill for all three years will receive a special award.

ADMINISTERING THE DRILLS

The following leaders are needed for a drill: a Caller, a Timekeeper, and three Judges. Also, someone should be designated as the Scorekeeper. This could be one of the three judges, the caller, or another designated person. The scorekeeper checks the math and averages the scores given to each participant by the three judges. No more than 12 children should participate in any one drill. If more children are involved, plan multiple drills.

SCORING

At each level of drilling, children are scored by three judges whose totals are averaged. Judges mark mistakes on a score sheet. Only one mistake may be scored for a child on any single call. The number of correct responses will be reported to the children.

MISTAKES

1. **Time** – The child fails to step out within 10 seconds.
2. **Response** – The child gives an incorrect response. This includes any child who raises his/her hand, indicating an error.
3. **Behavior** – The child fails to stand straight or keep his/her eyes on the Drill Caller until the command “Start” is given. The child slides or jumps forward instead of stepping. Any behavior is included that is improper or disturbing in the judges’ opinions.
4. **Bible** – The child flips pages carelessly, closes the Bible with unnecessary noise, or obviously misuses the Bible.
5. **Procedure** –
 - a. The child starts before the command, “Start,” is given.
 - b. The Bible is held incorrectly, or fingers are extending over the edges. (Note: The Bible should be parallel to the floor with one hand flat on the top and one hand flat on the bottom with no fingers extending over the edges.)
 - c. When the Bible is used, the child steps forward before the index finger is on the correct response.
 - d. The child lifts or turns pages after stepping out. The child steps back at any time, for any reason, after stepping forward unless the command, “Attention,” has been given. (Note: This means a child should be confident that he/she is at the intended location of a book or key passage before stepping out. A Child cannot step back and then forward again to make a correction.)

What Are the Drill Commands?

Attention



Stand straight, one foot not extended in front of the other, eyes focused on the caller until the command "Start" is given. Hold your Bible at your side (in either hand) with the Bible's spine down.

Present Bibles

This call is used only in the Book Calls and Key Passage Calls. Bring your Bible to waistline, parallel with the floor. Following the "Present Bible" command, the caller announces the call.

If you search with your right hand, hold the Bible in your left hand with Genesis down and with the right hand resting flat on the back of the Bible and no fingers extending over the edges.

If you search with your left hand, hold the Bible in your right hand, Genesis up, with the left hand resting flat on the front of your Bible and no fingers extending over the edges.



Start



This command is the signal for you to step forward or begin searching in your Bibles. For the Book Call and Key Passage Call, begin searching in the Bible when the command is given. It is a mistake to begin before this command is given. In the Book Call, the index finger must be placed upon any part of that book.

In the Key Passage Call, find any part of the reference, place your index finger on any portion, and step forward.

For the Quotation or Completion Calls, step forward when you can say the verse.

Time

The timekeeper calls out "Time" at the end of 10 seconds. No one may step forward after this command, and all children should stop searching in their Bibles.

The caller calls on one child by number who will give a response.

The other children will remain quiet while the one called on responds.

If the child called on does not give the right response, the caller calls on another child.



Attention

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



CALLING AND JUDGING A DRILL

BEFORE THE DRILL

- Obtain a copy of the Church Drill available by contacting the Office of Sunday School and Discipleship at 1-800-264-1225, ext. 255 or 334-613-2255. You may also email Belinda Stroud at bstroud@alsbom.org or Janet Eikenberry at jeikenberry@alsbom.org.
- Put a strip of masking tape on the floor. The children should stand behind this line. After the command, "START," is given, the children will step forward and past this line when they have the correct answer. When the command, "ATTENTION," is given, the children will once again stand behind the masking tape line.
- Judges should meet to read aloud and discuss the five mistakes that will be recorded. Give judges their score sheets.
- Judges should sit in front of the drillers, facing the drillers, but not on the front row. (Keep the row or rows in front of the judges empty, except for the caller, so they will have a clear view of the drillers.).
- Make a set of cards numbered 1-12. Pin a number on each child's shirt or blouse. Line the children up in sequential order, facing the audience. (Judges record children's responses on the score sheet under the corresponding number on the score sheet.).

DURING THE DRILL

- A drill should be preceded by instruction to children. An optional practice call may be done with the children to acquaint them with the voice and timing of calls by the caller.
- All judges should watch all the children.
- Judges should watch for the mistakes listed previously under "Scoring".
- Only one mistake can be scored against a child on any one call.
- Some judges find it helpful to slide a piece of paper down the page to avoid marking a mistake on the wrong line. The line across the top of the score sheet represents the order (left to right) in which the drillers stand. The numbers top to bottom represent the calls to be given.

- The person calling the drill should go slowly enough for the judges to record the scores.
- Every child should be called on during the drill. Using the “Participant Call Frequency” sheet that can be downloaded from the Resources Page at www.alsbom.org/bibledrill can help the Caller keep up with the number of times each driller is asked to respond.
- Do not always call on the child who is first to step out.
- Wait the full 10 seconds after the “START” command has been given before calling on a child.
- Judges should give the benefit of a doubt to the drillers but should not lose credibility. The rules are the standard.

AFTER THE DRILL

- In a church drill, a child who gives 12 or more correct responses can advance to the Associational Drill. In an Associational Drill, having 16 or more correct responses qualifies a child to participate in the Regional/State-Sponsored Drill.
- Following the drill, the three judges may go immediately to a private room, or they may complete their work where they are. Each judge will add the mistakes made by each child.
- The person designated as Scorekeeper should check the math of the judges. He/she then adds the three scores for each child and divides that sum by three. That will give the number of correct responses for each participant and will be the participant’s final score.
- Judges should resolve all question and come to final decisions before they leave the room.
- Individual scores should not be announced to the audience. To let children know if they will advance to the next level, scores can be recorded on the back of the certificates or recorded on the individual score cards. All children should receive certificates (at the Church Drill) and seals (at the Associational and Regional/State-Sponsored Drills) no matter what the scores.
- The decisions of the judges should be final.
- Encouragement should be given to children who qualify for the Associational Drill to continue their training in preparation for the Drill. Following the Associational Drill, encourage those who qualify to continue their training for the Regional/State-Sponsored Drill.

RESOURCES

BIBLES

- King James Version (©2014) ISBN13: 9781586409456
www.lifeway.com/en/product/kjv-drill-bible-blue-hardcover-P005670783
- Christian Standard Bible ISBN13: 9781433644337 (©2017 or ©2020)
www.lifeway.com/en/product/csb-drill-bible-gray-leathertouch-over-board-P005787337
*Please note the CSB Bible ©2017 is no longer available for purchase. This year will be the last year it can be use in Alabama Bible Drills.
- English Standard Version (©2001) ISBN13:978-1-4335-6343-0
www.lifeway.com/en/product/esv-pew-bible-black-P006212902

CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL VERSE CARDS

- These may be downloaded from the Resources at www.alsbom.org/bibledrill.
- These may also be found in *Bible Skills, Drills, and Thrills*.

BIBLE SKILLS, DRILL, AND THRILLS CURRICULUM

Please note: This curriculum is not a necessity for conducting Children's Bible Drills. It is designed to help children in grades 1-6 develop Bible Skills and can help in the preparation of those in Children's Bible Drills.

- **Activity Books** – Grades 4-6 (order current cycle)
- **Leader Guide** – Grades 4-6 (order current cycle)
- **Leader Pack** – Grades 4-6 (order current cycle)
- **Music and Games CD/CD ROM** – Grades 4-6 (order current cycle)

HOW TO ORDER THE ABOVE ITEMS

Call LifeWay at 1-800-458-2772 or go online at www.lifeway.com.