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# BIBLE DRILL

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# Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament

## 2024 Texas Baptists Calendar

- March 10 or 17:** Suggested CHURCH Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament date
- March 17 or 24:** Suggested ASSOCIATIONAL Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament date
- March 17-29:** **Online Registration** for Children's STATE and Youth and High School REGIONAL Competitions. Registration will open at 7:00 pm on Sunday and will close at 11:59 pm on Tuesday.  
[www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill)
- April 6:** Children's **State** Bible Drill; Youth and High School **Regional** Bible Drill; and High School **Regional** Speakers' Tournament at **First Baptist Church, 2104 W Louisiana, Midland**
- April 13:** Children's **State** Bible Drill; Youth and High School **Regional** Bible Drill; and High School **Regional** Speakers' Tournament at **First Baptist Church, 1251 Valley Ridge Blvd, Lewisville**
- April 20:** Children's **State** Bible Drill; Youth and High School **Regional** Bible Drill; and High School **Regional** Speakers' Tournament at **First Baptist Church, 2300 Welsh Avenue, College Station**
- May 4:** Youth and High School **State** Bible Drill; and High School **State** Speakers' Tournament at **FBC Allen, 201 E McDermott Dr, Allen**
- June 13-14:** **National Invitational** Youth and High School Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament at **Parkwood Baptist Church, Concord, NC**

# Texas Baptists Contact Information

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High School Speakers' Tournament*

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# What is Bible Drill?

*I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.*  
**Psalm 119:11** (NIV)

Bible Drill is a discipleship, scripture memory, and Bible skills program for children in fourth – sixth grades, middle school youth in seventh – ninth grades, and high school youth in tenth – twelfth grades.

Bible Drill helps participants increase in the knowledge of God's Word and how to effectively handle their Bibles. Participants will learn the names of all 66 books of the Bible in order and be able to locate them quickly, as well as memorize key scripture verses and passages.

If participation in Bible Drill is just for scripture memory – we lose. If we learn scripture without meaning – we lose. If we compete just to win – we lose. We win when we make the scripture verses and passages personal, when we are changed and can apply the meaning of scripture to our lives.

It is our hope and prayer that through this unique and distinctly Baptist program children and teenagers will apply what they learn throughout their lives. The goal is for them to develop a life-long passion for learning God's Word, hide it in their hearts, and turn to it for every challenge they will face. Bible Drill is a worthwhile investment in the long-term spiritual health of your children and teens! Your church will be greatly blessed by including Bible Drill in your ministries to children and youth.

*High School Bible Drill (tenth – twelfth grades) is also a scholarship opportunity. Several of our Texas Baptist Universities offer scholarships for State winners. Please refer to the **Texas Baptist Universities Scholarship Information** page for more information.*

Bible Drill includes a partnership with **Texas Baptists**. There is a **Bible Drill/Speakers' Tournament Coordinating Council**, which is made up of Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament leaders from all across our state. This group of dedicated leaders is available to help your church, whether you are considering starting a Bible Drill program or needing fresh ideas to grow your established program.

Please contact the **Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament Coordinating Council** by emailing [bibleddrill@texasbaptists.org](mailto:bibleddrill@texasbaptists.org) or by calling **214-828-5287**. There is a lot of helpful information at [www.texasbaptists.org/bibleddrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibleddrill).

**Jennifer Howington** is the Childhood Ministry Specialist for the Center for Church Health at Texas Baptists and she oversees all things Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament.

# Why is Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament Right for Your Church?

- Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament is *distinctly Baptist* and is one of the best disciple-making programs for children and youth that is available! This is a Great Commission program – participants are becoming witnesses, models, and disciples.
- These programs change families. When family members practice for Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament, it brings them together around God's Word and elevates the importance of faith and scripture in their lives.
- Participants, leaders, and families are blessed and greatly benefit from all that is learned together. The disciplines practiced as part of Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament will not return void!
- Children and teens will increase in their knowledge of the Bible, develop skills to effectively handle the Bible, learn how to apply the Bible to their lives, and develop scripture memorization skills. Memorizing scripture and learning to be comfortable using the Bible positively impacts lives, churches, communities – and eternity!
- The verses and passages memorized in Bible Drill help to guide participants' decisions, thoughts, and actions.
- The confidence and poise gained from Speakers' Tournament help high school students be prepared to share their personal faith stories and defend what they believe as they enter adulthood.
- Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament is budget-friendly.
- Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament can easily be tailored to fit into the existing ministry and life of your church. There are endless options!



# **Texas Baptists Eligibility Guidelines**

## **Children's Bible Drill, Youth and High School Bible Drill, and High School Speakers' Tournament**

- **Children's Bible Drill** participants must be in the fourth – sixth (4-6) grades.

☛ *We understand that some **6<sup>th</sup> graders** are in middle school (junior high) and may be in the youth/student ministry at their church. However, sixth graders can only compete in **Children's Bible Drill** at Texas Baptists events.*

- **Youth Bible Drill** participants must be in seventh – ninth (7-9) grades.
- **High School Bible Drill** participants must be in tenth – twelfth (10-12) grades.
- **High School Speakers' Tournament** participants must be in tenth – twelfth (10-12) grades.

### **There are four options for participation in Texas Baptists Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournaments**

1. **Participants who are members of Texas Baptist Churches** are eligible to participate in all competitions and receive appropriate recognition. The Youth and High School State Bible Drill Winners and State Youth Speaker Winner are eligible to represent Texas Baptists at the National Invitational Tournament.
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 receive appropriate recognition. The Youth and High School State Bible Drill Winners and State Youth Speaker Winner are eligible to represent Texas Baptists at the National Invitational Tournament (NIT). ***Each church must choose to either compete with Texas Baptists or with another convention.***
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 they earn the right to advance to the state finals, they *will not be eligible* to represent the Texas Baptists at the National Invitational Tournament. There will also be a charge of \$20 per participant for any participant who is not a member of a Texas Baptists church.

**4. Participants from a private or Christian school or Homeschool Association** are welcome to participate in Texas Baptists Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament competitions in one of these two ways.

- a. The School or Association may participate under the sponsorship of a cooperative giving Texas Baptists church. Children may participate at all levels of competition and will be eligible for appropriate recognition. The Youth and High School students may participate in all levels of competition, but *will not be eligible* to represent Texas Baptists at the National Invitational Tournament.
- b. The School or Association may participate on their own, but will be required to pay an additional \$20 per participant. Children may participate in all levels of competition and will be eligible for appropriate recognition. The Youth and High School students may participate in all levels of competition, but *will not be eligible* to represent Texas Baptists at the National Invitational Tournament.

#### **National Invitational Tournament (NIT)**

**Youth Bible Drill, High School Bible Drill and High School Speakers' Tournament** winners at the ***State level*** become eligible to compete at the ***National level***.

State Winners/NIT participants may compete again in the same age group event. If they advance to State in that same age group, **they will not be eligible for bonus points at the next year's State event** (*they may receive bonus points at church, associational, and regional events*).

**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 the State event.

Once a participant moves from **Youth to High School Bible Drill**, they are once again eligible for bonus points (*unless they win State at that level too*).

**Special Needs Participants** –We want every child and teenager to be able to participate fully and receive the benefits of this wonderful program. *Accommodations can be made for special needs participants in Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament.* Please contact your Associational Bible Drill Coordinator and Jennifer Howington *well in advance* of the competitions to discuss the best ways to help your participant with special needs be successful.

☛ **Please note that eligibility for High School Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament scholarships from participating Texas Baptist Universities is subject to the guidelines of each university.**



# Associational Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament Leadership

**Thank you for your partnership with Texas Baptists in making disciples through Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament!** As children and teens learn to internalize and express the truth of God's Word through this *distinctly Baptist* program, it is our hope and prayer they establish a lifelong pattern of turning to God and His Word for every challenge.

Each association or network of churches is responsible for planning and implementing their **Associational Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament**. If possible, enlist a **Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament Coordinator**. It would be ideal if this person has experience with leading these programs or serving as a Caller or Judge in the past.

It would also be helpful to enlist a church early to host the **Associational Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament**. All of the space requirements and needed supplies can be found in the **How to Conduct...** pages.

Communicate with the churches in your Association or Network about the date for your **Associational Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament**. You will find the suggested date for your competition on the Texas Baptists website. The Associational event must take place before the online three-day registration period for **Texas Baptists Children's State Bible Drill, Youth Regional Bible Drill, High School Regional Bible Drill, and High School Regional Speakers' Tournament** events.

The materials available at [www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill) are valuable tools for planning and conducting an **Associational Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament**. Everything you need to know is included on the website. Read through the information on the website carefully. You can print score and tally sheets to use in your drills. If you need help or have questions, please contact the **Coordinating Council**.

The **Associational Sample Bible Drills** (*Children, Youth, and High School*) must be requested at [bibledrill@texasbaptists.org](mailto:bibledrill@texasbaptists.org) or [sarah.johnson@texasbaptists.org](mailto:sarah.johnson@texasbaptists.org).

## 🔗 Helpful Tip!

The Association might want to print certificates for your participants!

## **Texas Baptist Universities Scholarship Information**

### **Texas Baptists High School Bible Drill & Speakers' Tournament**

#### **Baylor University, Waco**

Students who provide confirmation of their participation in the High School Speakers' Tournament and who place either first, second or third at the state level competition will receive an annual scholarship for \$5,000, \$3,500, or \$2,500 respectively. Students are only eligible for one High School Speakers' Tournament scholarship regardless of the number of times they have placed in the competition. *Renewal of this scholarship is contingent on the student maintaining fulltime undergraduate enrollment and a minimum 2.5 cumulative Baylor GPA.*

**For information, please contact: Kelly Graves, Associate Director of Scholarships**, One Bear Place #97028, Waco, TX 76798-7028 (254)710-8946 - [Kelly\\_Graves@baylor.edu](mailto:Kelly_Graves@baylor.edu)

#### **Dallas Baptist University, Dallas**

DBU will award a \$3,000 per year scholarship for the students who place first in the High School Speakers' Tournament or High School Bible Drill. A \$2,000 per year scholarship will be awarded to the students who place second in the High School Speakers' Tournament or High School Bible Drill. A \$1,000 per year scholarship will be awarded to the students who place third in the High School Speakers' Tournament or High School Bible Drill. *Renewal of this scholarship is contingent on the students maintaining full-time undergraduate enrollment and a minimum of 2.5 cumulative DBU GPA.*

**For information, please contact: Jonathan Teat, Vice President for Administration and Enrollment**, 3000 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas, TX, 75211; at 214.333.5628, or [jonathan@dbu.edu](mailto:jonathan@dbu.edu)

#### **East Texas Baptist University, Marshall**

Students who provide official documentation of their participation in the High School Youth Speakers' Tournament and who place either first, second or third at the Texas State-level competition will receive an annual undergraduate scholarship for \$3,000, \$2,000, or \$1,000 respectively. A student is only eligible for one High School Speakers' Tournament scholarship regardless of the number of times the student has placed in the competition. The award may be adjusted based on other institutional aid granted and the availability of scholarship funds. The scholarship is for tuition only and may not be used for fees, room, board, or other enrollment expenses. *Renewal of this scholarship is contingent on the student maintaining full-time undergraduate enrollment and a minimum 2.5 cumulative ETBU GPA.*

**For information, contact: Meredith Palmer, Office of Undergraduate Admissions** 903.923.2010 [mpalmer@etbu.edu](mailto:mpalmer@etbu.edu)

#### **Wayland Baptist University, Plainview**

A maximum total of \$1,000.00 per semester for 4 years is available to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place state finalists for High School Speakers' and Bible Drill. This is not a cumulative award.

**For more information, contact: Mrs. Perri McDonald, Scholarship Coordinator**, 1900 W. 7th St. CMB#1266, Plainview, TX 79072 806-291-3520 - [mcdonp@wbu.edu](mailto:mcdonp@wbu.edu)

☛ Please note that eligibility for High School Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament scholarships from participating Texas Baptist Universities is subject to the guidelines of each university.

## Ellen Battles Lighthouse Award

The **Ellen Battles Lighthouse Award** is given to high school seniors that have participated for **nine consecutive years (grades 4-12) at the Regional level (State for grades 4-6)** in Texas Baptists Bible Drill and/or Speakers' Tournament events.

This prestigious award was named in honor of Mrs. Ellen Battles, a tireless and devoted worker and advocate for over 30 years in Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament for Texas Baptists. The award is presented to qualifying students during the Regional event award sessions.

☛ *If you have a high school senior that qualifies for the **Ellen Battles Lighthouse Award**, please make sure and include this when you register online for the Regional event.*

## General Schedule

***Children's State Bible Drill, Youth Regional Bible Drill, High School Regional Bible Drill, and High School Regional Speakers' Tournament***

### Saturday

- 8:00am – Check-in opens
- 9:00am – Competition begins
- 1:30pm – Awards session

☛ *Children (grades 4-6) do not have a Regional competition. They advance from the Associational drill to State competition.*

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Texas Baptists Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament

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

A: After your Associational event, **Texas Baptists online registration** will open for **Children's State Bible Drill, Youth Regional Bible Drill, High School Regional Bible Drill, and High School Regional Speakers' Tournament**. Check the Bible Drill calendar at [www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill) before March to find the dates for online registration.

Q: *What if our local Association does not provide an Associational Drill and Speakers' Tournament?*

A: First, find out if another association near you offers a Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament. Many times, associations will welcome non-member churches to participate in their events.

*A qualifying score **is required** to participate in one of the Texas Baptist Regional and State events.* If there is no associational drill or tournament available, churches can offer another event or the participant's church drill scores must qualify them for the Texas Baptist events (scores must be high enough at the church drill to meet the associational criteria).

**If there is an associational drill, participants must compete and qualify at the associational level to qualify for a Texas Baptists State and Regional event.**

Q: *How do youth and high schoolers qualify for the Texas Baptists State event?*

A: The top ten participants at each of the three Regional events from **Youth Bible Drill, High School Bible Drill, and High School Speakers' Tournament** (*with a minimum score of 75*) qualify for the **Texas Baptists State** event.

**If a qualifier is a previous State first place winner (*in the same division*), an eleventh participant will also qualify from that Regional event. In the event of a tie for tenth place, both participants will advance.**

Check the calendar at [www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill) for the date and location of the State event.

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 Bible Drill event, if they advance to that level again *in the same age group*.** They may receive bonus points at the church, associational, and regional levels. Once a participant moves from **Youth to High School Bible Drill**, they are once again eligible for bonus points at State. **No participant may compete more than once in the same age group at the National Invitational Tournament (NIT).**

☞ ***Previous State winners are required to note this when they register for the State event.***

Q: *What is the National Invitational Tournament (NIT)?*

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Once a participant moves from **Youth to High School Bible Drill**, they are once again eligible for bonus points (*unless they win State at that level too*).

# How to Begin Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament Programs at Your Church

- *Don't panic!* There are a lot of great helps available to begin a Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament program.
- Contact the **Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament Coordinating Council** by emailing [bibleddrill@texasbaptists.org](mailto:bibleddrill@texasbaptists.org) or by calling **214-828-5287**. Let the Council know that you are interested in beginning Bible Drill and/or Speakers' Tournament at your church. *We can help!* There are experienced leaders all over our state that love Bible Drill and would be happy to help you and your church.
- There is also a lot of valuable information at [www.texasbaptists.org/bibleddrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibleddrill). Print this important information and put it all together in a binder. Read over and familiarize yourself with the content – this will help you immensely.
- Begin praying for leadership and participants as you begin planning to start your programs at your church!
- Enlist the support of your pastor and church staff.
- Work out a budget for **Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament** with your church.

## ☛Helpful tip!

These are some things you might consider including in your budget.

- Bible Drill Bibles for each participant
  - Supplies such as games, paper, poster boards, snacks, etc.
  - Travel/lodging expenses for your leaders and participants who advance to Associational, Regional, and State events
  - Special incentives and rewards
- Work with your church staff to find a weekly time slot that fits with your church's schedule to have your Bible Drill groups meet to learn and practice together.
    - a. Children, youth, and high school groups will meet separately to learn their specific materials

## ☛Helpful tip!

Think beyond Sundays and Wednesdays, if needed. You can offer Bible Drill any day of the week! Try to work out a time where you can have the highest level of participation.

- Begin recruiting leaders to work in Bible Drill and/or Speakers' Tournament. Look for people that are passionate about God's Word, as well as teaching children and/or teenagers.

☪ **Helpful tip!**

Many churches begin with **Children's Bible Drill**, and advance the children to the **Youth** and **High School** levels. This is not required, however. Churches can begin with youth and high school as well.

- Create your church calendar for the year, which should include all of the important dates in the Spring: your Church event, Associational event (*contact your Associational office for this information*), Children's State event, Youth and High School Regional event, and Youth and High School State event.
  - a. **The current calendar for Texas Baptists Regional and State events can be found online at [www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill).** Use this calendar as your starting point.
    - *Churches use different schedules for their Bible Drill programs. Most churches run their programs from September – May, but there are some churches that start in January. Bible Drill is flexible!*
    - Participants in the Speakers' Tournament do not necessarily need regularly scheduled meeting times, but would benefit from someone checking in with them and monitoring their progress.

☪ **Helpful Tip!**

You might also want to plan a special event (*such as a retreat, lock-in, fun night*) for your participants *before* your church event where you can offer some concentrated practice and a practice drill.

- Host an organizational and orientation meeting for leaders and parents to explain the program and give calendar information. *Make this meeting exciting and motivating as you begin the year!*
- Advertise your Bible Drill and/or Speakers' Tournament program throughout your church publications. Make sure and include your weekly meeting times and when your program begins and ends for the year.
  - a. You might want to *mail a letter* to parents of children (grades 4-6), youth (grades 7-9), and high schoolers (grades 10-12) explaining **Bible Drill** and **Speakers' Tournament** and inviting and encouraging them to participate.
- Order the Bible Drill Bibles that best fit with your church and budget. *Make sure that you order enough Bibles for each Bible Drill participant to have at least one to use.*

- a. Texas Baptists offer the choice between three versions of the Bible – *King James*, *New International Version (2011)*, and the *Christian Standard Bible*. **See the *Bible Translations and Purchasing* page so that you order the correct Bibles.**
  - b. **Churches are responsible for bringing a Bible for each participant to Associational, Regional, and State events.**
- **Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament** runs on three-year repeating cycles. The three cycles are *Red*, *Blue*, and *Green*. All of the information about the three cycles can be found online at [www.texasbaptists.org/bible Drill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bible Drill).
  - a. Print off the correct/current cycle verse cards and speakers' topics from the website and distribute those to your participants. *Make sure that you print off the correct Bible translation verse cards* (should match the Bibles you purchased).
- Plan a special kick-off event for your Bible Drill and/or Speakers' Tournament at the beginning of the year.
  - **Helpful tip!**  
Many groups create a special t-shirt to wear at the competition events. While this is not a necessity, it does make the groups stand out and encourages your team. Just be sure not to put a Bible Drill verse on your t-shirt!
- **For more information about Children's Bible Drill, Youth Bible Drill, High School Bible Drill, and High School Speakers' Tournament specifically, please refer to the online information – specifically the individual Basics sections.**



# Children's Bible Drill Basics

**Children's Bible Drill (CBD) is for children in grades 4-6.** *We understand that some 6<sup>th</sup> graders are in middle school (junior high) and may be in the youth/student ministry, but they can only compete in Children's Bible Drill at Texas Baptists events.*

There are four commands used in a Children's Bible Drill.

- a. **Attention** – At this command, participants should stand comfortably straight with their feet about shoulder width apart. Their feet should be just behind the masking tape line. Bibles should be held on either side of the body with the spine down. Participants' eyes should be on the **Caller** until start is called. Participants should remain still and ready. *Attention is also used for participants to step back over the line at the end of each call – this prepares them for the next one.*



- b. **Present Bibles** – When this command is given, participants should bring their Bible to a comfortable position at their waist area and hold it parallel to the floor. *This command is only used for Book and Key Passage calls for children.*



Fingers should *never* extend over the edges of the Bible. They should not hold the Bible right up against their stomach or hold it way out in front of them – they should be comfortable and be able to hold for several seconds.

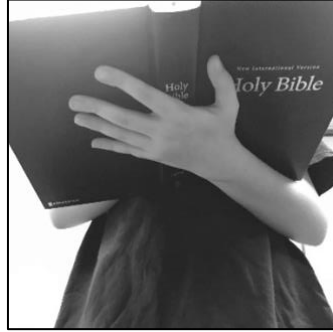
## 🕒 Helpful tips!

A participant that searches the Bible with their right hand should hold the Bible in their left hand with Genesis down and with their right hand resting flat on the back cover of the Bible.



If the participant searches the Bible with their left hand, they should hold their Bible in their right hand with Genesis up and their left hand resting flat on the front cover of the Bible.

Remember that participants may not choose to search/flip the Bible pages with their dominant writing hand. Help participants discover which hand they are most comfortable using to flip and encourage them to stick with that one hand. This will help develop their speed and confidence!



*Participants should search/flip with only one hand, while the other hand holds and supports the open Bible.*

- c. **Start** – This command is the signal for participants to begin to step over the line and/or to begin searching in their Bible. It is a mistake to move or begin before the command **start** is spoken. *Participants are given **10 seconds** to step over the line for all calls.*
- i. The **Caller** will state each call twice before saying **start**.
- **Once the command start has been spoken, the Caller will not repeat the call until a third participant is asked to answer.**
  - ***If a participant does not hear the call, they may ask the caller to repeat, but this must be done before the command start is given.***

- ii. In the *Book calls*, participants must place their index finger on any page of the book called **before** stepping over the line.



- iii. In *Key Passage calls*, participants must place their index finger on any part of the actual key passage called **before** stepping over the line.
- iv. ***Participants may only step over the line once during each call. It is a mistake to step back and then step over again.***



### 🕒 Helpful tips!

Encourage participants to step over the line confidently!

Also, remind participants to stay in line with the other participants – they do not want to miss being seen or block their friends from being seen by the judges by taking too big or too small of a step!

*Remind participants that they do not compete against each other – it does not matter who steps out first or last!*

- d. **Time** – The **Timekeeper** will call **time** at the end of **10 seconds**. No one may step forward after this command is called. All participants must cease searching in their Bibles at this point. *Participants that did not make it over the line should quietly close their Bibles and stand at attention behind the line.*



- The **Caller** will call on one participant (*by the number they are wearing*) to give the response. The other participants should remain quiet. If the participant that is first called upon cannot give the correct response, another participant will be asked to answer. This will repeat until the correct response is given.

- Participants must keep their eyes on the **Caller until the command start is given**. After the command start, participants may look at the caller or their Bible. Participants should not close their Bibles or move back until the command **attention** is given. Once the command **attention** is given, participants should quietly close their Bibles (*if it is a book or Key Passage call*) and step back behind the masking tape line and be ready for the next call.



- *Participants must raise their hands to indicate an error if they step over the line and realize that they have made a mistake.* Participants should keep their hand raised until the **Caller** has acknowledged them. Once acknowledged, the participant should quietly close their Bible and remain where they are until **attention** is called and everyone steps back over the line.

**There are four types of calls in Children's Bible Drill.**

*There are six calls of each type for a total of 24 calls per drill.*

1. **Quotation** – The **Caller** gives a reference from the **CBD Verse Card**. If the participant knows the verse, they must step over the line and then state the verse and reference if called upon.
2. **Completion** – The **Caller** reads the underlined portion of a verse from the **CBD Verse Card**. If the participant knows it, they must step over the line and then state the complete verse and reference if called upon.
3. **Book** – The **Caller** names a book of the Bible; participants must find it, place their index finger on any portion of the book, and then step over the line. When asked to respond, the participant must recite the *book before* the book called, the *book called*, and the *book after* the book called. (*Example: If the book Luke is called, the participant would respond Mark, Luke, John.*)
4. **Key Passage** – The **Caller** says the title of a key passage from the **CBD Verse Card**. Participants must find the key passage and place their index finger *on any portion of the passage* before stepping over the line. When called upon, the participant must say the key passage title and reference. If they are correct, the participant is then asked to read a verse(s) from that passage.

**🕒 Helpful tip!**

It is helpful to note in the **Children's Bible Drill** which **Key Passages** are on more than one page of the Bibles (*if it is necessary for the participant to turn the page to read the verse(s) as a part of their response*). This should be noted for each translation of the Bibles. **Participants must ask the Caller for permission to turn the page, if necessary.**

**There are SIX MISTAKES that participants can make during a Children's Bible Drill**

1. Fails to step over the line within **10 seconds**.
2. Steps over the line and steps back over the line (*participants can only step over once!*)
3. Gives incorrect response. This includes raising a hand to indicate an error.
4. Fails to stand straight or keep eyes on the caller until the command **Start** is given. After the participant locates the scripture, their eyes must remain on either the **Caller or on their Bible**.

5. When Bibles are being used, steps over the line before the index finger is on the correct book, verse(s) or passage.
  6. Does not handle the Bible with respect. 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.
- Please see **Children’s Bible Drill Job Descriptions** for detailed descriptions of assignments for the **Caller, Judges, Timekeeper, Ready Room Coordinator, Tally Room Coordinator, and Registration Coordinator**.
  - Look at the **Children’s Bible Drill Score Sheet**. **Children’s Bible Drill** utilizes three judges. The judges will watch the participants and will note any mistakes they make on the score sheet. *Judges are asked to write the letter of the mistake that they saw in the scoring boxes.*

📌 **Helpful Tip!**

Some judges like to use a piece of blank paper to make sure that they stay on the right line as they are scoring.

- *Participants in **Children’s Bible Drill** must earn a **score of 36 or more** at the Church Drill to advance to the Associational Drill and a **score of 48 or more** at the Associational Drill to advance to State.*
- The **Tally Room Coordinator** will add together the three judges’ scores to give the participants their total score. *The award they receive is based on this total score.*

**Children’s Bible Drill Awards**

**Perfect (score of 71-72)**  
**Superior (score of 66-70)**  
**Excellent (score of 60-65)**  
**Good (score of 59 or less)**

**How do I register my children for Texas Baptists State Children’s Bible Drill?** After the suggested dates for **Associational Drill**, there will be a three-day window that registration is open. Please check [www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill) for these dates and for the **online registration link**.

Please email [bibledrill@texasbaptists.org](mailto:bibledrill@texasbaptists.org) **immediately** if you have questions or problems with registration.

- See instructions on the page **How to Write a Children’s Bible Drill** if you choose to write your own church drill or download a copy of a sample **Church Bible Drill** from [www.texasbaptists.org/bible Drill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bible Drill).
- The **Associational Sample Children’s Bible Drill** must be requested by emailing [bible Drill@texasbaptists.org](mailto:bible Drill@texasbaptists.org) or [sarah.johnson@texasbaptists.org](mailto:sarah.johnson@texasbaptists.org), if you are responsible for coordinating the Associational Drill.

📌 **Helpful tips!**



Texas Baptists offer regular training for Bible Drill leaders each August at the **Childhood and Family Ministry Summit**, which covers basics for how to start Bible Drill, as well as tools for teaching Bible Drill.

There is also a brief training video at [www.texasbaptists.org/bible Drill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bible Drill) which covers the basic commands used and mistakes made.



There is a resource available from *LifeWay Christian Resources* called **Bible Drill Competition Guide** (item number – 005806172). This resource is also available immediately via digital download from LifeWay (item number – 005813896).

The **Bible Drill Competition Guide** is for churches that need games and activities solely focused on learning the verses and key passages to prepare for Bible Drill competition. The Bible Drill Competition guide includes games and activities for all three cycles of Bible Drill and comes with a handy guide which you can print or view digitally.



Another resource available from LifeWay is called **Bible Skills, Drills, & Thrills** (Item number – 005815583). **This** curriculum offers activities to appeal to all children as they develop valuable Bible skills. In 36 meetings that can be used with the KJV or CSB®, you'll teach children Bible verses, Key Passages, the books of the Bible, related Bible stories, and much more. This is not specifically a Bible Drill curriculum, but it may offer some helps.

There are **Bible Skills, Drills, & Thrills** materials for 1-3 and 4-6 grades. *1-3 grades cannot compete in Bible Drill*, but these materials can help prepare them for Bible Drill and build a solid foundation of Bible skills for younger children.

🔗 **Helpful Tip!**

Please note that you can download a certificate template for **Texas Baptists Children's State Bible Drill** events online at [www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill). Children will receive a gold certificate seal at the **Children's State Bible Drill** event that indicates the award they received based on their score, *but certificates must be provided by churches*.

**Special Needs Participants** – One last important note! We want every child to be able to participate fully and receive the benefits of this wonderful program. *Accommodations can be made for special needs participants in **Children's Bible Drill***. Please contact your Associational Bible Drill Coordinator and Dr. Diane Lane *well in advance* of the competitions to discuss the best ways to help your participant with special needs be successful.

# How to Conduct a Children's Bible Drill

## For Church, Associational, and State Bible Drills

- See instructions on the page **How to Write a Children's Bible Drill** in order to write your own church drill or download a copy of a sample **Church Bible Drill** from [www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill). The **Associational Sample Children's Bible Drill** must be requested by emailing [bibledrill@texasbaptists.org](mailto:bibledrill@texasbaptists.org) or [sarah.johnson@texasbaptists.org](mailto:sarah.johnson@texasbaptists.org), if you are responsible for coordinating the Associational Drill.
- Make sure that you have your event scheduled ahead of time on your church and/or associational calendars.
- Enlist people to fill these important roles. Please see **Children's Bible Drill Job Descriptions** for a detailed description of these assignments. You can find these at [www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill).
  - a. Caller – 1 (*per drill*)
  - b. Judges – 3 (*per drill*)
  - c. Timekeeper – 1 (*per drill*)
  - d. Tally Room Coordinator – at least 1 (*depending on the size of the drills*)
  - e. Tally Room Assistant – 1
  - f. Ready Room Coordinator – 1
  - g. Registration Coordinator – 1 (*Only needed for Associational or State events*)
  - h. Registration Assistant – 1 (*Only needed for Associational or State events*)

### ☛Helpful tip!

Enlist your leaders far enough in advance that you have an opportunity to share their job description with them and answer their questions. You might want to offer a training session to make sure that everyone understands their role.

- **Resources needed to conduct a Children's Bible Drill event:**

- a. **Bibles** – One Bible is needed for each participant. *Remember that participants must bring Bibles for all Texas Baptists Regional and State events.*

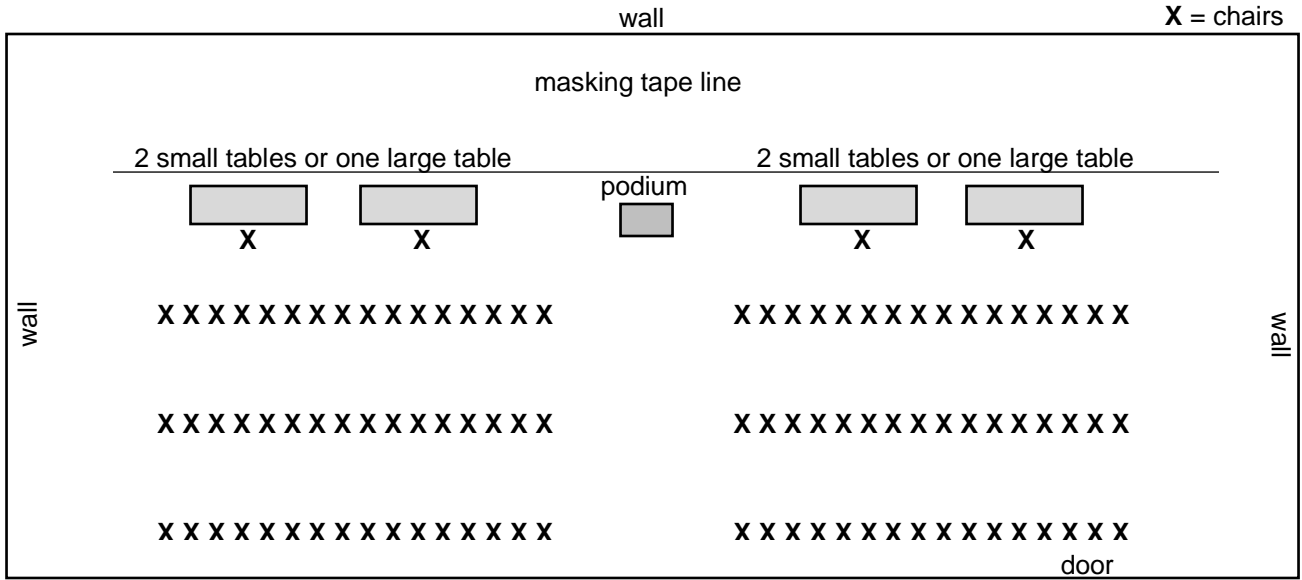
### ☛Helpful tip!

Please make sure that all Bibles brought to Texas Baptists events are checked and in good condition prior to arrival. All Bibles will be checked in the **Ready Room** for markings, additional materials, dog ears, folds, tears, etc.



- b. **Large Room** – Choose a room conducive for a drill. Make sure that you have room for the participants to line up (*up to 13 participants*) comfortably, with “elbow room.” Choose a room without a lot of distractions and preferably without the participants facing windows. Also, allow plenty of room for the **Judge’s** tables, podium/stand for **Caller**, and seating for families and friends who would like to watch. **See a sample room set-up at the end of this section.**
- c. **Other Rooms** – You will also need a **Ready Room** (*where participants prepare to drill*) and a **Tally Room** (*where final scores are tabulated*).
- d. **Tables** – You can use small tables or desks (*one for each Judge*) or two large tables on either side of the caller’s podium/stand. *Arrange the tables/desks at the front of the drill room – in a place where all participants can be seen.*
- e. **Chairs** – Place chairs for the judges at their tables. *Arrange plenty of chairs facing the participants for parents and other spectators.*
- f. **Podium/Stand** – The caller will need this to hold the drill papers. *Place in the center of the taped line and at least three feet from the participants.*
- g. **Drill** – The same drill is used for all **Children’s Bible Drill** lines – you will need multiple copies if there is more than one line drilling at the same time. *Do not allow children’s participants to watch other children’s drills before they have drilled.*
- h. **Instructions for Spectators** – These should be read by a **Judge** prior to the drill so that all spectators understand the rules. You can download these instructions at [www.texasbaptists.org/bible Drill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bible Drill).
- i. **Numbered Stickers** – A number is needed for each participant (1-13; *you can only have up to 13 participants per drill line*). These should be about 3”x3” in size with large, easy-to-read numbers printed on each one.
- j. **Numbered Sticker Sheets** – This is used to collect the numbered stickers from the participants after their drill is complete.
- k. **Score Sheets** – Three are needed for each drill line – one for each **Judge**. You can download these from [www.texasbaptists.org/bible Drill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bible Drill).

- l. **Tally Sheet** – One is needed for each drill. These can be downloaded from [www.texasbaptists.org/bible Drill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bible Drill). These are needed in the **Tally Room**.
  - m. **Stopwatch** – One is needed for each drill line.
  - n. **Masking tape** – This is used to make a straight line on the floor which participants will step over. Make the line as long as you can in your room to allow the most space for participants.
  - o. **Pencils** – Provide at least 2 per **Judge** and for the **Caller**.
  - p. **Blank paper** – **Judges** might like to have some to help them follow along the lines of the score sheet. The **Caller** may also need some paper to make notes.
  - q. **Window coverings** – Plan to cover door windows and other windows that might cause a distraction for the participants.
  - r. **Signs** – Signs are needed at the **Ready Room(s)**, **Drill Room(s)** and **Registration entrance** and **desk**. It is also a good idea to have signs to remind spectators and participants to **remain quiet** in the hallways. Signs are also needed to indicate that a **drill is in progress**.
- The maximum number of participants for one drill line is **thirteen**. *If you need more than one line, balance the number of participants in each line to be fair.*
  - Allow about **30 minutes** for each **Children’s Bible Drill** – this includes time for transitions.
  - *Remember that drills and verses are different for children, youth, and high schoolers. These groups cannot drill together!*
  - Invite parents, family, and friends to come and watch the children drill! It is absolutely awesome to watch boys and girls demonstrate all that they have learned and it is inspiring to hear God’s Word spoken and handled so effectively!
  - There is a resource available from *LifeWay Christian Resources* called **Bible Drill Competition Guide** (item number – 005806172). This resource is also available immediately via digital download from LifeWay (item number – 005813896).



🌀 Sample Room Set-up

# How to Write a Children's Bible Drill

- Each drill should be written out completely for (*or by*) the **Caller**. Every word to be spoken by the **Caller** and all the correct answers should be written out clearly, including some reminders for the **Caller**. There is a **Children's Bible Drill Example** that can be found at [www.texasbaptists.org/bibleddrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibleddrill).
- There are four types of calls in a **Children's Bible Drill**. These four parts have six calls each for a total of twenty-four calls. The current **Children's Bible Drill Verse Card (CBD Card)** can be located at [www.texasbaptists.org/bibleddrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibleddrill).
  5. **Quotation** – The **Caller** gives a reference from the **CBD Verse Card**. If the participant knows the verse, they must step over the line and then state the verse and reference if called upon.
  6. **Completion** – The **Caller** reads the underlined portion of a verse from the **CBD Verse Card**. If the participant knows it, they must step over the line and then state the complete verse and reference if called upon.
  7. **Book** – The **Caller** names a book of the Bible; participants must find it, place their index finger on any portion of the book, and then step over the line. When asked to respond, the participant must recite the *book before* the book called, the *book called*, and the *book after* the book called. (Example: If the book Luke is called, the participant would respond Mark, Luke, John.)
  8. **Key Passage** – The **Caller** says the title of a key passage from the **CBD Verse Card**. Participants must find the key passage and place their index finger *on any portion of the passage* before stepping over the line. When called upon, the participant must say the key passage title and reference. If they are correct, the participant is then asked to read a verse(s) from that passage.
- Choose twelve of the twenty-five Children's Bible Drill verses listed on the **CBD (Red, Blue, or Green) Cycle Verse Card**.
  - a. Make sure that you choose the correct version of the Bible – it must match your church Bibles (CSB, KJV, or NIV). These verse cards can be downloaded from [www.texasbaptists.org/bibleddrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibleddrill).
  - b. Remember that at the Associational Drill, it is very important to include all three Bible versions in your drill. Participants with different Bible versions can

all be in the same drill – just make sure that whatever versions of the Bibles are being used, they must be called.

- c. Choose six of the twelve verses to be called as **quotation calls**.
- d. Make the other six verses **completion calls**.
- Choose **six books of the Bible** to call. Balance the Old and New Testament books.
- Also, choose six of the ten **Key Passages**. The Key Passage titles and references can also be found on the **CBD (Red, Blue, or Green) Cycle Verse Card**.

🕒 **Helpful tip!**

It is helpful to note in the **Children's Bible Drill** which **Key Passages** are on more than one page of the Bibles (*if it is necessary for the participant to turn the page to read the verse(s) as a part of their response*). This should be noted for each translation of the Bibles. **Participants must ask the Caller for permission to turn the page, if necessary.**

- Refer to the **Children's Bible Drill Example** to help write your drill.

# Children's Bible Drill Example – NIV

We have four different types of Drills:

**QUOTATION DRILL**  
**COMPLETION DRILL**  
**BOOK DRILL**  
**KEY PASSAGE DRILL**

Our first drill is the **QUOTATION DRILL** and there will be six calls. I will give the reference. If the participant knows the verse, they will step forward on the command **START**. When called upon, the participant must quote the verse and the scripture reference.

ATTENTION

Please recite: **Genesis 1:1**

Start

Number \_\_\_\_\_

In the beginning God created the heavens  
and the earth.

**Genesis 1:1**

ATTENTION

Please recite: **John 3:16**

Start

Number \_\_\_\_\_

For God so loved the world that he gave his  
one and only Son, that whoever believes in  
him shall not perish but have eternal life.

**John 3:16**

ATTENTION

Please recite: **Psalms 118:24**

Start

Number \_\_\_\_\_

This is the day the Lord has made; let us  
rejoice and be glad in it.

**Psalms 118:24**

ATTENTION

Please recite: **Isaiah 40:8**

Start

Number \_\_\_\_\_

The grass withers and the flowers fall, but  
the word of our God stands forever.

**Isaiah 40:8**

ATTENTION

Please recite: **Matthew 4:10**

Start

Number \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan!  
For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve him only.'"

**Matthew 4:10**

ATTENTION

Please recite: **Exodus 20:12**

Start

Number \_\_\_\_\_

Honor your father and your mother, so that  
you may live long in the land the Lord your  
God is giving you.

**Exodus 20:12**

ATTENTION

Please Relax

This is the **COMPLETION DRILL**. There will be a total of six calls. I will quote the first part of the Scripture. If the participant can complete the verse, they will step forward one step on the command **START**. Then they will be asked to quote the entire verse and the scripture reference.

ATTENTION

**So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you;**

Start

Number \_\_\_\_\_

So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

**Luke 11:9**

ATTENTION

**Your word is a lamp to my feet**

Start

Number \_\_\_\_\_

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

**Psalm 119:105**

ATTENTION

**In the same way, let your light shine**

Start

Number \_\_\_\_\_

In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

**Matthew 5:16**

ATTENTION

**Do not judge, and you will not be judged.**

Start

Number \_\_\_\_\_

Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

**Luke 6:37**

ATTENTION

**For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,**

Start

Number \_\_\_\_\_

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**Isaiah 9:6**

ATTENTION

**A gentle answer turns away wrath,**

Start

Number \_\_\_\_\_

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

**Proverbs 15:1**

ATTENTION

Please Relax

This is the **BOOK DRILL**. I will name a book of the Bible. On the command **START**, participants will look for the book and when it is found, place your index finger on any page of the book and step forward over the line. If called upon, the participant will give the name of the book before the one called, the book called, and the book after the one called.

ATTENTION  
Present Bible

Matthew, **MARK**, Luke

START NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

ATTENTION  
Present Bible

Exodus, **LEVITICUS**, Numbers

START NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

ATTENTION  
Present Bible

1 Kings, **2 KINGS**, 1 Chronicles

START NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

ATTENTION  
Present Bible

Joshua, **JUDGES**, Ruth

START NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

ATTENTION  
Present Bible

Psalms, **PROVERBS**, Ecclesiastes

START NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

ATTENTION  
Present Bible

John, **ACTS**, Romans

START NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

ATTENTION  
Please Relax



This is the **KEY PASSAGE DRILL** and there will be six calls. I will announce the reference by stating the title given to the passage and will give the command **START**. The participant must locate the chapter containing the passage, place their index finger on any portion of the passage and step forward over the line. When called upon, I will ask the participant to state the Key Passage title and reference. Then, I will ask the same participant to read aloud one or more verses from the passage.

ATTENTION

Present Bible

**THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT**

Start

Number \_\_\_ recite the key passage and reference

Number \_\_\_ please read: **Matthew 5:44**

**THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT**

**Matthew 5-7**

But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

Matthew 5:44

ATTENTION

Present Bible

**THE GREATNESS OF GOD**

Start

Number \_\_\_ recite the key passage and reference

Number \_\_\_ please read: **Isaiah 40:29**

**THE GREATNESS OF GOD**

**Isaiah 40**

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

Isaiah 40:29

ATTENTION

Present Bible

**THE FAITH CHAPTER**

Start

Number \_\_\_ recite the key passage and reference

Number \_\_\_ please read: **Hebrews 11:1**

**THE FAITH CHAPTER**

**Hebrews 11**

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

Hebrews 11:1

ATTENTION

Present Bible

**THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

Start

Number \_\_\_ recite the key passage and reference

Number \_\_\_ please read: **Exodus 20:3**

**THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

**Exodus 20:3-17**

You shall have no other gods before me.

Exodus 20:3

ATTENTION

Present Bible

**A PSALM OF PRAISE**

Start

Number \_\_\_ recite the key passage and reference

Number \_\_\_ please read: **Psalms 100:2**

**A PSALM OF PRAISE**

**Psalms 100**

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Psalms 100:2

ATTENTION

Present Bible

**THE CRUCIFIXION**

Start

Number \_\_\_\_ recite the key passage and  
reference

Number \_\_\_\_ please read: **John 19:30**

ATTENTION

Please Relax

**THE CRUCIFIXION**

**John 19**

When he had received the drink, Jesus  
said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his  
head and gave up his spirit. John 19:30

# Children's Bible Drill Job Descriptions

## ✪ CALLER ✪

The **Caller** is the one “in charge” of a drill. **Callers** should keep the drill moving along at a relaxed pace. Thank you for serving in this important capacity!

Most children's drills last about 20 – 30 minutes.

### BEFORE THE DRILL

- See the **Children's Bible Drill Example Drill** to practice calling and to become familiar with what the drill will look like. This can be found at [www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill).
- Upon arrival at the church, the **Caller** should check that the drill room set-up is correct. ***There is a sample room set-up at the end of this job description.***
- The **Caller** must make sure that all of the necessary signs are on the door(s) and that any windows in the doors are covered. ***The Caller should instruct a Judge to make any necessary changes to the signs between drills.***
- The **Caller** should make sure that the three **Judges** have the correct **Children's Bible Drill Score Sheet** and sharpened pencils before beginning the drill.
- ***The Judges should be reminded to indicate which mistake is made by putting the letter of the mistake made inside the box.*** The mistakes are conveniently listed on the **Children's Bible Drill Score Sheet** and listed with the **Children's Bible Drill Judge** job description. This can be found at [www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill).
- The **Caller** should instruct the **Timekeeper** to *wait until they see the 10 second mark* BEFORE calling time. We want to make sure that the participants get the full **10 seconds** for each call.

The **Caller** must note the Bible translations that will be used in each drill group they are calling (*it can be different in every separate drill group*). In **Children's Bible Drill**, the **Caller** must make sure to call each translation (*KJV, CSB, and NIV*) in the **Completion Drills**. During this drill, the underlined part of the verse must be read in all translations, as necessary. ***The caller must also be aware of this as participants will be quoting answers from the translation they are using in the Quotation and Key Passage Drills.***

- The **Caller** will go to the **Ready Room** to pray with and pick up the participants to bring them to the drill room.

🕒 **Helpful hint!**

You should give the participants a sample call or two so that they can get a feel for how you call. This might help put them at ease. Encourage them!

- While the **Caller** is bringing the participants to drill, one of the **Judges** must be assigned to pray with and then read the **Instructions for Spectators** to the audience in the drill room. This can be found at [www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill).

### DURING THE DRILL

- The **Caller** should stand at the podium to lead the drill.
- As the participants enter the drill room, help them spread out evenly with toes behind the line. Make sure to smile and help the participants feel comfortable!

🕒 **Helpful hint!**

Use a blank piece of paper to make a simple chart with the numbers of participants to keep track of which participants are asked to respond. This helps the **Caller** make sure to call on each participant about the same number of times.

- Make sure that your **Judges** are able to keep up as you call the drill. When there are multiple mistakes, it takes longer for them to score. *Pay attention to the **Judges**, and slow down if necessary.* Watch for the **Judges** to be ready before giving the next call.

### These are the four *commands* Callers use in a Children's Bible Drill

- a. **Attention** – The **Caller** uses this command to get the participants to attention at the *beginning of the drill*, at the *beginning of each new drill section*, and at the *end of each call* so the participants can return behind the line and be ready for the next call.

- i. At attention, participants stand comfortably straight with their feet about shoulder width apart. Their feet should be just behind the masking tape line.
- ii. Bibles should be held at either side of the body with the spine down.



- iii. Participants' eyes should be on the caller until start is called.
- b. Participants should remain still and ready when at attention.

- **Present Bibles** – When given, participants should bring the Bible to their waist area, hold it parallel to the floor, and be ready to open their Bible and begin searching. *This command is only used for **Book** and **Key Passage** calls in **Children's Bible Drill**.*

- i. Participants' fingers should *never* extend over the edges of the Bible. (*Mistake **f** on the **Children's Score Sheet***)
- ii. Remind the participants to keep their eyes on the **Caller**, unless they are looking at their Bibles. (*Mistake **d** on the **Children's Score Sheet***)
- iii. The **Caller** should make sure every participant is looking at him/her and is *ready* before beginning the drill.
- iv. **Callers** also should make sure that the **Judges** and **Timekeeper** are ready to progress.



- **Start** – This command is the signal for participants to step over the line or begin searching their Bible. It is a mistake to move or begin before start is called.

- i. *Participants are given **10 seconds** to step over the line in all calls.* (*Mistake **a** on the **Children's Score Sheet***)
- ii. The **Caller** will state each call twice before saying start.
- iii. ***If a participant does not hear the call, they may ask the caller to repeat, but this must be done before start is given.***
- iv. **Once start has been called, the caller will not repeat the call until a third participant is needed to correctly answer.**



- v. In the **Book calls**, participants must place their index finger on any page of the book called *before* stepping over the line. (*Mistake **e** on the **Children's Score Sheet***)
- vi. In **Key Passage calls**, participants must place their index finger on any part of the actual key passage called *before* stepping over the line. (*Mistake **e** on the **Children's Score Sheet***)

- vii. **Participants may only step over the line once during a call. It is a mistake to step back and then step forward again. (Mistake **b** on the *Children's Score Sheet*)**

4. **Time** – The **Timekeeper** will say time at the end of **10 seconds**. No one may step forward after this command is called. All participants must also cease searching in their Bibles at this point. *Participants that did not make it over the line should quietly close their Bibles and stand at attention behind the line. (Mistake **a** on the *Children's Score Sheet*)*



- Make sure that your **Timekeeper** understands that they should **not** call time before seeing the **10** on the stopwatch!
- The **Caller** will ask one participant, by the number sticker they are wearing, to give the response. The other participants should remain quiet. If the participant that is first called upon cannot give the correct response, another participant will be called upon to answer. This will repeat until the correct response is given.
- Participants must **raise their hands to indicate an error** if they step over the line and realize that they have made a mistake. (Mistake **c** on the *Children's Score Sheet*) Participants should keep their hand raised until the **Caller** has acknowledged them. Once acknowledged, the participant should quietly close their Bible *and remain where they are* until attention is called and everyone steps back over the line. *Remember to give the judges time to adjust their score sheet if necessary.*
- Participants must keep their eyes on the **Caller or on their Bible** and should not close their Bibles (during book and Key Passage calls) or move until the command attention is given. When attention is called, participants should quietly close their Bibles and step back behind the masking tape line and be ready for the next call.

**There are four types of calls in Children's Bible Drill**

*There are six calls for each type, for a total of **24 calls** per drill.*

- **Callers** should let the participants have a small break between each section – let them relax for just a moment before starting the next calls.
- At the beginning of each section, **Callers** should read the instructions for each type of call before they command the participants back to attention. Make sure the

participants understand what is coming up. These instructions are written on each drill at the top of each section. *Participants have 10 seconds per call.*

☛ **Helpful Tip!**

The actual written drill that the **Caller** is given includes *everything* that you need to say and read to lead a **Children's Bible Drill**. The participants have learned the verses and key passages from the **Children's Bible Drill Card (CBD Card)**, which is found at [www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill).

9. **Quotation** – The **Caller** gives a reference from the **CBD Card**. If the participant knows the verse, they must step over the line and then state the verse and reference if called upon.
10. **Completion** – The **Caller** reads the underlined portion of a verse from the **CBD Verse Card**. If the participant knows it, they must step over the line and then state the complete verse and reference if called upon.
11. **Book** – The **Caller** names a book of the Bible; participants must find it, place their index finger on any portion of the book, and then step over the line. When asked to respond, the participant must recite the *book before* the book called, the *book called*, and the *book after* the book called. (*Example: If the book Luke is called, the participant would respond Mark, Luke, John.*)
12. **Key Passage** – The **Caller** says the title of a key passage from the **CBD Verse Card**. Participants must find the key passage and place their index finger *on any portion of the passage* before stepping over the line. When called upon, the participant must say the key passage title and reference. If they are correct, the participant is then asked to read a verse(s) from that passage.

☛ **Helpful tip!**

It is helpful to note in the **Children's Bible Drill** which **Key Passages** are on more than one page of the Bibles (*if it is necessary for the participant to turn the page to read the verse(s) as a part of their response*). This should be noted for each translation of the Bibles. **Participants must ask the Caller for permission to turn the page, if necessary.**

During the drill, the **Caller** should give each participant that is asked to respond ample time (within reason) to think and answer. The participant should also be given the chance to start over, if they are making a mistake. The **Caller** should be **consistent** in how every drill is called and in the amount of time allowed for responses. We want to give every participant the opportunity to be successful in **Children's Bible Drill**, but it is also imperative to be fair and consistent.





# Children's Bible Drill Job Descriptions

## ✪ JUDGE ✪

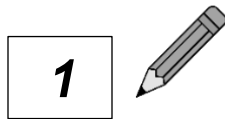
The **Judge** watches for mistakes during a **Children's Bible Drill**. Thank you so much for serving in this important position!

There are three **Judges** for each **Children's Bible Drill**. All **Judges** have the same responsibility; they mark down mistakes made by participants.

The judges use the **Children's Bible Drill Score Sheet** to mark any mistakes. It is important that all **Judges** are familiar with the possible participant mistakes (*found on both the **Children's Bible Drill Score Sheet** and included below*).

### BEFORE THE DRILL

- Make sure that you have the correct **Children's Bible Drill Score Sheet** and sharpened pencils before beginning the drill.
- Mark the score sheet with the correct drill number and your name.
- Study the mistakes (*also found on the bottom of the **Children's Bible Drill Score Sheet***) so that you can be prepared to mark them on the score sheet during the drill.
- Please indicate on the **Children's Bible Drill Score Sheet** which mistake the participants make by placing the letter (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) in the correct box for that call.



- If a participant makes more than one mistake, include each letter. Points are deducted only once for each call regardless of the number of mistakes made.

**There are SIX MISTAKES that participants can make during a  
Children's Bible Drill.**

1. Fails to step over the line within **10 seconds**.
2. Steps over the line and steps back over the line (*participants can only step out once!*)
3. Gives incorrect response. This includes raising a hand to indicate an error.
4. Fails to stand straight or keep eyes on the caller until the command start is given. After the participant locates the Scripture and steps across the line, their eyes must remain on the Caller or their Bible.
5. When Bibles are being used, steps over the line before the index finger is on the correct book, verse(s) or passage.
6. Does not handle the Bible with respect. 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.

- The **Caller** will go to the **Ready Room** to pray with and pick up the drill participants and bring them to the drill room. During this time, one of the **Judges** will be assigned to pray with and then read the **Instructions for Spectators** to the audience in the drill room.

**DURING THE DRILL**

- Make sure to smile and help the participants to feel comfortable as they enter the room!
- The **Judge** should mark each mistake made by putting the letter of the mistake made inside the correct box (*intersection of participant number and call number*). The mistakes are listed at the bottom of the **Children's Bible Drill Score Sheet**.

- **It is vital that each Judge pay close attention to all of the participants during the entire call. Do not begin to score until time has been called.**

- Be careful to stay on the correct line as you score! There are six calls in each section, so make sure you are staying with your **Caller** and keeping up with the drill. *If you do get behind, let your **Caller** know immediately.*

🕒 **Helpful tip!**

Some **Judges** use a blank sheet of paper to follow along with the calls during the Bible Drill to help them stay on the correct line. If you choose to do this, fold the paper so that you can still see the mistakes listed at the bottom of the score sheet.

- **If a participant is *moving* when time is called and their index finger is on the correct page, do not count a mistake** (*unless they are called upon and give an incorrect response*).

### AFTER THE DRILL

- After the drill is over, make sure that you mark the number of mistakes for each participant in the correct box. Put a “0” in the box if they do not make a mistake. *The **Tally Room** will compute the total score, so **Judges** should leave this box blank.*
- A **Judge** will be asked to collect the number stickers from the participants and adhere them to the **numbered sticker sheet**.
- A **Judge** will also be asked to collect the three **Children’s Bible Drill Score Sheets** and the **numbered sticker sheet**. These items should be taken directly to the **Tally Room** at the completion of the drill.
  - *At **Regional and State events**, these items should be placed in a large manila envelope with the correct drill number on it and taken to the **Tally Room**.*
- **Judges** should also clear the room as quickly as possible so that family and spectators for the next drill can come in and take their seats.

# Children's Bible Drill Job Descriptions

## ★ TIMEKEEPER ★

The **Timekeeper** is the only one keeping the time during a **Children's Bible Drill**.

*Thank you so much for serving in this important role!*

### **BEFORE THE DRILL**

Make sure the stopwatch is working properly and you know how it functions.

In a **Children's Bible Drill**, the participants always get a full **10 seconds** per call.

### **DURING THE DRILL**

When the **Caller** gives the command start, the **Timekeeper** will start the stopwatch.

- *Please do not anticipate and start the stopwatch too early; wait until you hear the command start!*

The **Timekeeper** must *wait until you see the 10 second mark on the stopwatch* **BEFORE** calling **TIME** and stopping the stopwatch.

- *Please do not guess and try to stop on the exact **10**, we want to make sure that the participants get the full ten seconds for each call.*
- Make sure and speak the command **TIME** clearly and loud enough for all of the participants, the **Caller**, and the **Judges** to hear.

The **Timekeeper** must make sure to ***reset the stopwatch*** after each call so that you will be ready for the next call!

### **AFTER THE DRILL**

The **Timekeeper** should reset the stopwatch and prepare for the next drill to begin.

# Children's Bible Drill Job Descriptions

## ✪ READY ROOM COORDINATOR ✪

The **Ready Room Coordinator** helps prepare the participants for a **Children's Bible Drill**. This person helps the participants feel relaxed and confident, while taking care of the necessary details in preparation for the drill. If there is no **Ready Room Assistant**, it is acceptable to have one of the church sponsors join you in the **Ready Room**. *Thank you so much for serving in this vital role.*

### Before participants arrive in the Ready Room

The **Ready Room Coordinator** should become familiar with the supply box and carefully read this job description.

- **Drill sheets** (*list of participants and their numbers, etc.*) should be numbered and in order (1, 2, 3, or A1, A2, etc.).
- Notice the number of participants in each drill, and especially pay close attention where multiple Bible versions are being used.
- Arrange 13 chairs for the participants (*13 is the maximum number in one drill*).
- Make sure the **Ready Room** sign is on the door. Place the numbers indicating the drill in progress (*when there is more than one drill and/or drill line*) and the **Ready Room** drill number on the sign.

### As participants arrive in the Ready Room

1. Introduce yourself to the participants as they enter the room. Greet them warmly to help make the participants feel at ease.
2. Ask each participant their name.
3. Give each participant a number sticker. **Make sure the participants are given the number assigned to them.**
  - If there are multiple Bible translations (*NIV, KJV, and CSB*) in the same drill, they should be grouped together and their numbers will be consecutive (*for example, if there are six participants using KJV and four using the NIV in the same drill, then #'s 1-6 should all be using the KJV and 7-10 will be using the NIV*).

4. **Check each participant's Bible. Look for markings, additional materials, dog ears, folds, tears, etc.** *If any of these are found, the Bible will need to be replaced with a new one.* Their Bible can be returned to them after the drill.
5. Please make sure that all of the participants have used the restroom and that none of them are chewing gum or candy.
6. Allow a brief time for questions and for the participants to practice in their chairs or to just sit and wait for the **Caller** to arrive.
7. The **Caller** will give final instructions and pray with the drill group before taking them to the drill room.

If there is a problem or if you should need additional supplies, go to the **Tally Room**, speak with the **Caller**, or call the **Texas Baptists Event Coordinator** or the **Host Church Contact** person.

**🔔 Helpful Tip!**

Make sure that you have the phone numbers for the **Texas Baptists Event Coordinator** and **Host Church Contact** before the event begins.

# Children's Bible Drill Job Descriptions

## ✪ TALLY ROOM COORDINATOR ✪

The **Tally Room Coordinator** is in charge of collecting all score sheets, compiling the scores, and then doing the computations to get the final scores and awards for every participant. Thank you so much for serving in this vital role!

**Please read and become familiar with the material below before the drill event.**

- All of the necessary materials should be included in the **Tally Room Materials Box: Children's Bible Drill Tally Sheets, Category Sheets** (*used at the Closing Session*), pencils, and paper clips, etc.
- Upon the completion of each **Children's Bible Drill**, one of the **Judges** will bring the items listed below to the **Tally Room**. *Check to make sure that everything includes the correct **Drill number** and that all pieces match.*

1. Three **Children's Bible Drill Score Sheets**.
2. **Participant Numbered Sticker Sheets**.

### **Tallying the scores for each Children's Bible Drill**

1. **Each score sheet for every judge will need to have all of the math checked.**
2. Once scores on the sheet have been checked, the **Tally Room Coordinator** should initial the score sheet and pass it to the next Coordinator/Assistant.
3. The second **Tally Room Coordinator/Assistant** will also check the score sheet and initial it.
4. Once the score sheets have been checked twice, the scores can be entered onto the **Children's Bible Drill Tally Sheet**.
5. Each **Children's Bible Drill Tally Sheet** should also be checked twice and initialed.
6. If the **Tally Room** is using the Excel method for calculating, the scores should be entered on the spreadsheet, and checked by another **Tally Room Coordinator/Assistant**.

**Additional instructions below are for Texas Baptists State Events**

Names of participants should be recorded on the **Closing Session Sheets** by recognition/award categories. Double check these before the closing session and have everyone in the **Tally Room** initial.

***All Tally Sheets, Score Sheets, and Participant Number Sheets from each drill should be paper-clipped together to be processed by the Coordinating Team.***



# Children's Bible Drill Job Descriptions

## ✪ REGISTRATION COORDINATOR ✪

### *Texas Baptists Regional/State Events*

The **Registration Coordinator and Assistants** have the very important role of setting a positive, helpful, and happy tone for the event as participants are greeted, groups are assisted, and questions are answered. Thank you for your service in this special way!

***Please arrive at least 30 minutes before the posted time for registration to begin.***

- Gather and familiarize yourself with the items listed below when you first arrive.
  1. **Master list** of all the **Drill Grouping Sheets**, which include participant's names, drill locations, and times.
  2. **Map and layout of the church** so that you can give directions to drill and speech rooms, restrooms, **Closing Session** location, and areas where sponsors should keep their groups when not actively participating in events.
  3. **Cell phone number** of the **Texas Baptists Event Coordinator** and **Host Church Contact** who may be needed during the event.
- Please 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 Sheets**, indicating they are present.
- Direct attention to the **Closing Session** times for Friday evening and Saturday morning.

# **Appendix:**

## **Score and Tally Sheets**

# BIBLE DRILL

Children

Drill Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Children's Bible Drill Score Sheet

Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print Name

(Grades 4-6)

### Participant Number

	CALL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>Quotation Drill Six Calls</b>	1													
	2													
	3													
	4													
	5													
	6													
<b>Completion Drill Six Calls</b>	7													
	8													
	9													
	10													
	11													
	12													
<b>Book Drill Six Calls</b>	13													
	14													
	15													
	16													
	17													
	18													
<b>Key Passage Drill Six Calls</b>	19													
	20													
	21													
	22													
	23													
	24													
<b>The highest score possible</b>		24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24
<b>Number of mistakes</b>														
<b>TOTAL SCORE*</b>														

\*Total Score will be determined in the Tally Room. Please leave blank.

Please indicate PARTICIPANT MISTAKES by letter on the score sheet:

1. Fails to step over the line within **10** seconds.
2. Steps over the line and steps back over the line (*participants can only step over once!*)
3. Gives incorrect response. This includes raising a hand to indicate an error.
4. Fails to stand straight or keep eyes on the caller until the command start is given. After the participant locates the Scripture and steps across the line, their eyes must remain on the Caller or their Bible. When Bibles are being used, steps over the line before the index finger is on the correct book, verse(s) or passage.
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# BIBLE DRILL

*Children*

Drill Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Tally Room Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Tally Room Initials: \_\_\_\_\_



## Children's Bible Drill Tally Sheet (Grades 4-6)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
JUDGE 1 SCORES													
JUDGE 2 SCORES													
JUDGE 3 SCORES													
TOTAL SCORE*													
AWARD													

*\*TOTAL SCORES are obtained by adding the three judges' scores*

### AWARDS

Perfect: 71-72  
 Superior: 66-70  
 Excellent: 60-65  
 Good: 59 or less



### TO ADVANCE

Church to Association: Score 36+  
 Association to State: Score 48+