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# BIBLE DRILL

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*High School*

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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 [bibledrill@texasbaptists.org](mailto:bibledrill@texasbaptists.org) or by calling **214-828-5287**. There is a lot of helpful information at [www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill).

**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 a fee of \$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 [bibledrill@texasbaptists.org](mailto:bibledrill@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/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill). 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/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill).
    - 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!

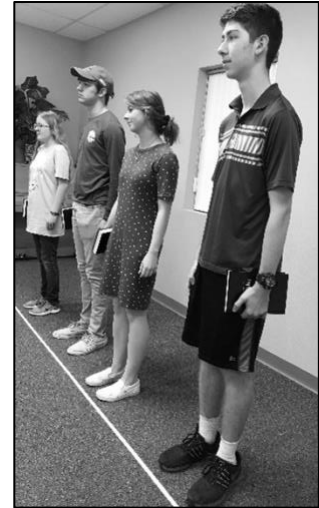
- **For more information about Children's Bible Drill, Youth Bible Drill, High School Bible Drill, and High School Speakers' Tournament specifically, please refer to the online information – specifically the individual Basics sections.**

# High School Bible Drill Basics

High School Bible Drill (HSBD) is for teens in grades 10-12.

There are five commands used in a High School 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 used for every call in High School Bible Drill.*

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 searching in their Bible. It is a mistake to move or begin before the command **start** is spoken. *Participants are given 8 seconds to step over the line for all calls.*
- i. The Caller will state each call **twice** at church, association, or regional drills, but will state each call only **once** at the state finals competition.
- **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. High School participants must place their index finger on any page of the book, verse(s), or passage called **before** stepping over the line.



- iii. **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!

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

*Also, remind participants that they compete against each other – it matters who steps out first – they get the bonus point!*



- d. **Time** – The **Timekeeper** will call time at the end of **8 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.*

- All participants that step over the line must then lower the front of their Bibles so that the judges can see where their finger is on the page.

**At Texas Baptists Regional and State drills, the judges have finger charts that show where the participants' fingers should be on the page.**





- 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.
  - At **Regional and State events**, High School participants may self-correct themselves while responding to a call, but *will not be given any prompts or corrections* from the **Caller**.
  - 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 move back behind the line until the command attention is given. Once the command attention is given, participants should quietly close their Bibles (*for Book and Scripture Searching calls*) and step back behind the line and get 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.
- e. **Close Bibles** – This command is given by the **Caller** in the **Steps to Salvation, What We Believe, and Key Biblical Passage Drills** in a **High School Bible Drill**. Participants must quietly close their Bibles when given this command and stand still with their Bibles at their side and eyes on the **Caller**. One participant will be asked to respond from memory. Everyone will step back over the line once the correct response is given and the **Caller** has given the command attention.

### **There are five types of calls in High School Bible Drill**

✪ Print the **High School Bible Drill Card** at [www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill).

1. **Book Drill** – The **Caller** names a book of the Bible. At the command start participants must find the book, place their index finger on any portion of the book, and then step over the line. When asked to respond, the participant must name the *book before* the book called, the *book called*, and the *book after* the book called.



☛ ***There are five of these calls worth two points each in a High School Bible Drill.***

2. **Scripture Searching Drill** – The **Caller** will announce a random scripture reference. At the command start, participants will find the scripture verse(s) in their Bibles and place their index finger on that verse(s) before stepping over the line. When asked to respond, the participant will read the verse(s) and state the scripture reference.

☛ ***There are five of these calls worth four points each in a High School Bible Drill.***

3. **Steps to Salvation Drill** – The **Caller** will state a scripture reference from the **Steps to Salvation** section of the **HSBD Card**. ***These are called in the order they are listed on the HSBD Card and all six are called in every drill.*** On the command start, participants must locate the scripture reference and place their index finger on the verse(s) before stepping over the line. When time is called, the caller will instruct the participants to close their Bibles. When called upon, the participant will recite the verse(s) and state the scripture reference.

☛ ***There are six of these calls worth four points each in a High School Bible Drill.***

4. **What We Believe Drill** – The **Caller** will announce a question from the **HSBD Card**. On the command start, participants must correctly locate the verse(s) that answers that question and place their index finger on the verse(s) before stepping over the line. When time is called, the caller will instruct the participants to close their Bibles. When called upon, the participants will be asked to state the question asked, recite the verse(s), and state the scripture reference.

☛ ***There are five of these calls worth five points each in a High School Bible Drill.***

5. **Key Biblical Passage Drill** – The **Caller** will announce a title of a **Key Biblical Passage** from the **HSBD Card**. On the command start, participants will locate the verse(s) listed for the passage called and place their index finger on any verse(s) listed before stepping over the line. When time is called, the **Caller** will instruct the participants to close their Bibles. When asked to respond, the participant must be able to state the title of the **Key Biblical Passage** and scripture reference. After stating the title and reference, the **Caller** will ask the same participant to recite the entire passage from memory.

☛ ***There are three of these calls worth seven points each in a High School Bible Drill.***

## There are **SIX MISTAKES** that participants can make in High School Bible Drill

1. Fails to step over the line within **8 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 **High School Bible Drill Job Descriptions** for detailed descriptions of assignments for the **Caller, Regular Judges, Bonus Judge, Timekeeper, Ready Room Coordinator, Tally Room Coordinator, and Registration Coordinator**.
  - Look at the **High School Bible Drill Score Sheet**. **High School Bible Drill** utilizes four judges. Three **Regular Judges** will watch the participants and will note any mistakes they make on the score sheet. **Regular Judges** are asked to write the letter of the mistake that they saw in the scoring boxes.
  - The fourth judge is a **Bonus Judge** and their job is to see which participant steps over the line first and then mark that down on their score sheet (*in the event of a tie – both participants will receive a bonus point*). **If a participant earns the bonus point, but when called upon gives an incorrect response or is counted off for another mistake, they lose that bonus point.** In this case, no one will receive a bonus point (*unless more than one participant received a bonus point*).
- 👉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 **High School Bible Drill** must earn a **score of 180 or more** at the **Church Drill** to advance to the **Associational Drill** and a **score of 200 or more** at the **Associational Drill** to advance to **Regional Drill**. Participants must be in the **top ten** at their **Regional Drill** to advance to **State**.

- The **Tally Room Coordinator** will add together the three **Regular Judges'** scores and any **bonus points** to give the participants their total score. *The award they receive is based on this total score.*

### High School Bible Drill Awards

**Outstanding (score of 300+)**  
**Superior (score of 285-299)**  
**Excellent (score of 250-284)**  
**Good (score of 249 or less)**

**How do I register my high school participants for Texas Baptists Regional Bible Drill?** After the suggested dates for Associational events, 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 High School Bible Drill** if you choose to write your own church drill or download a copy of a sample **Church High School Bible Drill** from [www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill).
- The **Associational Sample High School 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.

#### 🌟 **Helpful Tip!**

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

**Ellen Battles Lighthouse Award** – 12<sup>th</sup> grade Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament participants who have competed at Children's State, Youth Regional, and High School Regional Drills/Tournaments all nine years are eligible for this prestigious award. Please see the **Ellen Battles Lighthouse Award** page at [www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill) for complete information!

**What is the 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, but 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** – One last important note! We want every teen to be able to participate fully and receive the benefits of this wonderful program. *Accommodations can be made for special needs participants in High School Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament.* 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 High School Bible Drill

## For Church, Associational, Regional, and State Bible Drills

- See instructions on the page **How to Write a High School Bible Drill** in order 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 High School 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.
- 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 **High School Bible Drill Job Descriptions** for a detailed description of these assignments. You can find these at [www.texasbaptists.org/bible Drill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bible Drill).
  - a. Caller – 1 (*per drill*)
  - b. Regular Judges – 3 (*per drill*)
  - c. Bonus Judge – 1 (*per drill*)
  - d. Timekeeper – 1 (*per drill*)
  - e. Tally Room Coordinator – at least 1 (*depending on the size of the drills*)
  - f. Tally Room Assistant – 1
  - g. Ready Room Coordinator – 1
  - h. Registration Coordinator – 1 (*Only needed for Associational, Regional, or State events*)
  - i. Registration Assistant – 1 (*Only needed for Associational, Regional, 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 High School 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.

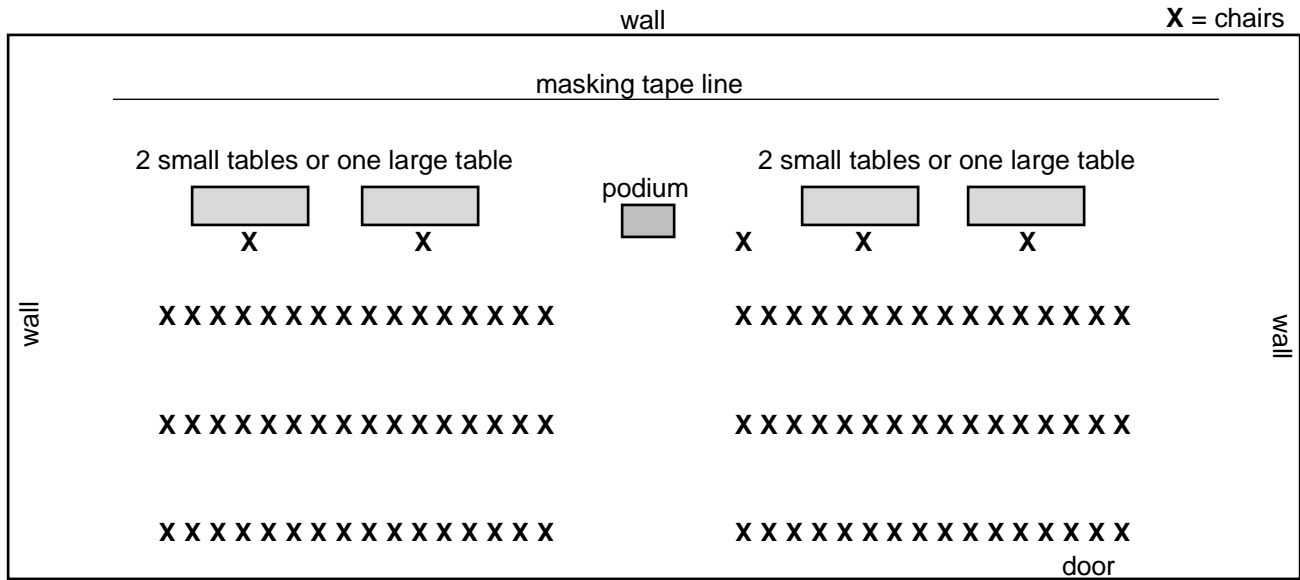
- b. **Large Room** – Choose a room conducive for a drill. Make sure that you have room for the high school participants to line up (*up to 13 participants*) comfortably, with “elbow room.” Choose a room without a lot of distractions and preferably without the participants facing windows. Also, allow 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 four **Judges** at their tables. The **Timekeeper** also needs a chair, but not a space at a table. *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 **High School Bible Drill** lines – you will need multiple copies if there is more than one line drilling at the same time. *Do not allow high school participants to watch other high school drills before they have drilled.*
- h. **Instructions for Spectators** – These should be read prior to the drill so that all spectators understand the guidelines. You can download these instructions at [www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill).
- i. **Numbered Stickers** – A number sticker 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/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill).
  - l. **Tally Sheet** – One is needed for each drill. These can be downloaded from [www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill). 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 **45 minutes** for each **High School Bible Drill** – this includes transition time.
  - *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 high school drill! It is absolutely awesome to watch teens demonstrate all that they have learned and it is inspiring to hear God's Word spoken and handled so effectively!

Contact the **Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament Coordinating Council** by emailing [bibledrill@texasbaptists.org](mailto:bibledrill@texasbaptists.org) or by calling **214-828-5287** if you need further help. Let the Team know your questions. We will be happy to help you!

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🌟 Sample Room Set-up

## How to Write a High School 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 **High School Bible Drill Example** that can be found at [www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill).
- There are five sections to a **High School Bible Drill**. These five sections each have different numbers of calls, which *total twenty-four calls*. The current **High School Bible Drill Card (YBD Card)** can be located at [www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill).
  1. **Book Drill** – The **Caller** names a book of the Bible. At the command start participants must find the book, place their index finger on any portion of the book, and then step over the line. When asked to respond, the participant must name the *book before* the book called, the *book called*, and the *book after* the book called.

☛ **There are five of these calls worth two points each in a High School Bible Drill.**
  2. **Scripture Searching Drill** – The **Caller** will announce a random scripture reference. At the command start, participants will find the scripture verse(s) in their Bibles and place their index finger on that verse(s) before stepping over the line. When asked to respond, the participant will read the verse(s) and state the scripture reference.

☛ **There are five of these calls worth four points each in a High School Bible Drill.**
  3. **Steps to Salvation Drill** – The **Caller** will state a scripture reference from the **Steps to Salvation** section of the **HSBD Card**. *These are called in the order they are listed on the HSBD Card*. On the command start, participants must locate the scripture reference and place their index finger on the verse(s) before stepping over the line. When time is called, the caller will instruct the participants to close their Bibles. When called upon, the participant will recite the verse(s) and state the scripture reference.

☛ **There are six of these calls worth four points each in a High School Bible Drill.**
  4. **What We Believe Drill** – The **Caller** will announce a question from the **HSBD Card**. On the command start, participants must correctly locate the verse(s) that answers that question and place their index finger on the verse(s) before stepping forward over the line. When time is called, the caller will instruct the participants to close their Bibles. When called upon, the participants will be asked to state the question asked, recite from memory the verse(s), and state the scripture reference.

☛ **There are five of these calls worth five points each in a High School Bible Drill.**

5. ***Key Biblical Passages Drill*** – The **Caller** will announce a title of a **Key Biblical Passage** from the **HSBD Card**. On the command start, participants will locate the verse(s) listed for the passage called and place their index finger on any verse(s) listed before stepping over the line. When time is called, the **Caller** will instruct the participants to close their Bibles. When asked to respond, the participant must be able to state the title of the **Key Biblical Passage** and scripture reference. After stating the title and reference, the **Caller** will ask the same participant to recite the entire passage from memory.

☛ ***There are three of these calls worth seven points each in a High School Bible Drill***

- Choose five books of the Bible for the **Book Drill**. Make sure and choose some from both the Old and New Testaments.
- Choose five random verses for the **Scripture Searching Drill**. Balance between the Old and New Testaments.
- Remember that all six verses of the **Steps to Salvation Drill** are called in order in every drill!
- Make five choices from the ***What We Believe Drill*** and three from the ***Key Biblical Passages Drill*** from the **YBD (Red, Blue, or Green Cycle) Verse Card**.
  - a. Make sure you know the *correct color cycle* for the year you are drilling (*Red, Blue, or Green*)!
  - b. *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/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill).*
  - c. Remember that at the **Associational Drill**, *it is very important to include all three Bible versions when you host 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 all must be called. And make sure that your **Caller** is aware of the Bible versions being used.*
- Refer to the **High School Bible Drill Example** to help write a drill, if needed.

# High School Bible Drill Example - NIV

We have five different types of Drills:

**LOCATING BOOKS OF THE BIBLE**  
**SCRIPTURE SEARCHING**  
**STEPS TO SALVATION**  
**WHAT WE BELIEVE**  
**KEY BIBLICAL PASSAGE**

Our first drill is **LOCATING BOOKS OF THE BIBLE**. I will name a book of the Bible. On the command **Start**, the participants will look for the book and when found, place your index finger on any part 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                      1 Kings, **2 KINGS**, 1 Chronicles                      START    NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Bible

ATTENTION                      Esther, **JOB**, Psalms                      START    NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Bible

ATTENTION                      Ephesians, **PHILIPPIANS**, Colossians                      START    NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Bible

ATTENTION                      3 John, **JUDE**, Revelation                      START    NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Bible

ATTENTION                      Lamentations, **EZEKIEL**, Daniel                      START    NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Bible

ATTENTION  
Please Relax

This is the **SCRIPTURE SEARCHING DRILL** and there will be five calls. I will announce a scripture verse to be found and will give the command Start. The participants must locate the Scripture reference and place their finger on the verse(s) before stepping forward over the line. When called upon, the participant must read the verse and state the scripture reference.

ATTENTION  
Present Bible  
**EXODUS 20:3**  
Start  
Number \_\_\_\_\_

You shall have no other gods before me.  
**Exodus 20:3**

ATTENTION  
Present Bible  
**2 TIMOTHY 2:15**  
Start  
Number \_\_\_\_\_

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.  
**2 Timothy 2:15**

ATTENTION  
Present Bible  
**PSALM 57:10**  
Start  
Number \_\_\_\_\_

For great is your love, reaching to the heaven; your faithfulness reaches to the sky.  
**Psalms 57:10**

ATTENTION  
Present Bible  
**DANIEL 6:20-22**  
Start  
Number \_\_\_\_\_

When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?" Daniel answered, "May the king live forever! My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty."  
**Daniel 6:20-22**

ATTENTION  
Present Bible  
**MARK 16:4**  
Start  
Number \_\_\_\_\_

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.  
**Mark 16:4**

ATTENTION  
Please Relax

This is the **STEPS TO SALVATION DRILL** and there will be six calls. All six steps to salvation verses will be called in the order listed on the **HSBD Card**. I will state the Scripture reference. On the command, **Start**, participants must locate the verse(s) and place their index finger on the verse before stepping forward over the line. When time is called, I will instruct participants to close their Bibles. When called on, that participant will recite the correct verse or verses and state the Scripture reference.

ATTENTION

Present Bible

**JOHN 10:10**

Start

**CLOSE BIBLE**

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

**John 10:10**

ATTENTION

Present Bible

**ECCLESIASTES 7:20**

Start

**CLOSE BIBLE**

Indeed, there is no one on earth who is righteous, no one who does what is right and never sins. **Ecclesiastes 7:20**

ATTENTION

Present Bible

**JOHN 14:6**

Start

**CLOSE BIBLE**

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." **John 14:6**

ATTENTION

Present Bible

**JOHN 1:12**

Start

**CLOSE BIBLE**

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. **John 1:12**

ATTENTION

Present Bible

**EPHESIANS 2:8-9**

Start

**CLOSE BIBLE**

For it is by grace you have been saved, though faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by words, so that no one can boast.

**Ephesians 2:8-9**

ATTENTION

Present Bible

**REVELATION 3:20**

Start

**CLOSE BIBLE**

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

**Revelation 3:20**

This is the **WHAT WE BELIEVE DRILL** and there will be five calls. I will ask a question taken from the **HSBD Card**. On the command, **Start**, participants must locate the verse(s) that answers the question and place their index finger on the verse(s) before stepping forward over the line. When time is called, I will instruct participants to close their Bibles. When called on, the participant will quote the question asked, recite the correct verse or verses and state the scripture reference.

ATTENTION

Present Bible

**WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY  
ABOUT YOUR MONEY?**

Start

**CLOSE BIBLE**

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

**2 Corinthians 9:7**

ATTENTION

Present Bible

**WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY  
ABOUT HOLINESS?**

Start

**CLOSE BIBLE**

For it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

**1 Peter 1:16**

ATTENTION

Present Bible

**WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY  
ABOUT WHO JESUS IS?**

Start

**CLOSE BIBLE**

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

**Matthew 16:15-16**

ATTENTION

Present Bible

**WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY  
ABOUT SHARING YOUR  
STORY OF FAITH?**

Start

**CLOSE BIBLE**

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." **Acts 1:8**

ATTENTION

Present Bible

**WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY  
ABOUT BELIEVER'S  
BAPTISM?**

Start

**CLOSE BIBLE**

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. **Romans 6:4**

ATTENTION

Please Relax



This is the **KEY BIBLICAL PASSAGE DRILL** and there will be three calls. I will call a title of a Key Biblical Passage. On the command, **Start**, participants will locate the verses listed for the passage called and place their index finger on any part of the passage before stepping forward over the line. When time is called, I will ask participants to close their Bibles. When called on, the participant must be able to state the title of the Key Biblical Passage and scripture reference. After stating the title and reference, I will ask that same participant to recite the entire passage.

ATTENTION

Present Bible

**GOD KNOWS ME**

Start

**CLOSE BIBLE**

Number \_\_\_\_\_

*State the Passage and Reference*

*Please recite the entire passage*

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

**GOD KNOWS ME: PSALM  
139:1-8**

ATTENTION

Present Bible

**A CHRISTIAN'S ARMOR**

Start

**CLOSE BIBLE**

Number \_\_\_\_\_

*State the Passage and Reference*

*Please recite the entire passage*

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

**A CHRISTIAN'S ARMOR:  
EPHESIANS 6:13-18**

ATTENTION

Present Bible

**A PSALM OF PRAISE**

Start

**CLOSE BIBLE**

Number \_\_\_\_\_

*State the Passage and Reference*

*Please recite the entire passage*

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

**A PSALM OF PRAISE: PSALM  
100**

ATTENTION

Please Relax

# High School 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 High School drills last about 30 – 40 minutes.

### BEFORE THE DRILL

- See the **High School 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 four **Judges** have the correct **High School 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 **High School Bible Drill Score Sheet** and listed with the **Regular 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 8 second mark BEFORE calling time*. We want to make sure that the participants get the full **8 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*). The caller must be aware of this as High School participants will be reading and quoting answers from the translation they are using.

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

☉ **Helpful tip!**

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 tip!**

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 all four **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 five *commands* Callers use in a High School 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.



- Participants' eyes should be on the caller until start is called.
- i. Participants should remain still and ready when at attention.
- b. **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 used for every call in **High School Bible Drill**.*



- i. Participants' fingers should *never* extend over the edges of the Bible. (*Mistake **f** on the **HS Score Sheet***)
- ii. The **Caller** should make sure every participant is looking at him/her before beginning the drill. (*Mistake **d** on the **High School Score Sheet***)
- iii. **Callers** also should make sure that all four **Judges** and the **Timekeeper** are ready to progress.
- c. **Start** – This command is the signal for participants to begin searching their Bible. It is a mistake to move or begin before start is called.
  - i. *Participants are given **8 seconds** to step over the line in all calls. (*Mistake **a** on the **High School Score Sheet***)*
  - ii. ***If a participant does not hear the call, they may ask the caller to repeat, but this must be done before start is given.***
  - iii. **Once start has been called, the caller will not repeat the call until a third participant is needed to correctly answer.**



In all **calls**, participants must place their index finger on any page of the book, verse(s) or passages called *before* stepping over the line. (*Mistake **e** on the **High School Score Sheet***)

- v. **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 **High School Score Sheet***)**

- d. **Time** – The **Timekeeper** will say time at the end of **8** 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 **High School Score Sheet**)*



- Make sure that your **Timekeeper** understands that they should ***not*** call time before seeing the **8** on the stopwatch!
- In **High School Bible Drill**, participants should lower their Bibles down after they have stepped over the line so that the three **Regular Judges** can check their finger placement. *At **Texas Baptists Regional and State** events, the **Regular Judges** will have finger charts with which to check the finger placements.* Instruct the participants to lower their Bibles at the beginning of the drill, and remind them during the drill if needed.
- *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. *The **Caller** will repeat the call if they need to ask a third participant to answer.*
- *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 **High School 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 their Bible** and should not close their Bibles 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.



5. **Close Bibles** – This command is given by the **Caller** during in the **Steps to Salvation, What We Believe, and Key Biblical Passage drills** in a **High School Bible Drill**. Participants must quietly close their Bibles when given this command and stand still with their Bibles at their side and eyes on the **Caller**. One participant will be asked to respond from memory. Everyone will

step back over the line once the correct response is given and the **Caller** has given the command attention.

### **There are five types of calls in High School Bible 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 **8 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 **High School Bible Drill**. The participants have learned the verses and key passages from the **High School Bible Drill Card (HSBD Card)**, which is found at [www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill](http://www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill).

6. **Book Drill** – The **Caller** names a book of the Bible. At the command start participants must find the book, place their index finger on any portion of the book, and then step over the line. When asked to respond, the participant must name the *book before* the book called, the *book called*, and the *book after* the book called.  
☪ **There are five of these calls worth two points each in a High School Bible Drill.**
7. **Scripture Searching Drill** – The **Caller** will announce a random scripture reference. At the command start, participants will find the scripture verse(s) in their Bibles and place their index finger on that verse(s) before stepping over the line. When asked to respond, the participant will read the verse(s) and state the scripture reference.  
☪ **There are five of these calls worth four points each in a High School Bible Drill.**
8. **Steps to Salvation Drill** – The **Caller** will state a scripture reference from the **Steps to Salvation** section of the **HSBD Card**. *These are called in the order they are listed on the HSBD Card*. On the command start, participants must locate the scripture reference and place their index finger on the verse(s) before stepping over the line. When time is called, the caller will instruct the participants to close their Bibles. When called upon, the participant will recite the verse(s) and state the scripture reference.

⊗ ***There are six of these calls worth four points each in a High School Bible Drill.***

9. ***What We Believe Drill*** – The **Caller** will announce a question from the **HSBD Card**. On the command start, participants must correctly locate the verse(s) that answers that question and place their index finger on the verse(s) before stepping over the line. When time is called, the caller will instruct the participants to close their Bibles. When called upon, the participants will be asked to state the question asked, recite from memory the verse(s), and state the scripture reference.

⊗ ***There are five of these calls worth five points each in a High School Bible Drill.***

10. ***Key Biblical Passage Drill*** – The **Caller** will announce a title of a **Key Biblical Passage** from the **HSBD Card**. On the command start, participants will locate the verse(s) listed for the passage called and place their index finger on any verse(s) listed before stepping over the line. When time is called, the **Caller** will instruct the participants to close their Bibles. When asked to respond, the participant must be able to state the title of the **Key Biblical Passage** and scripture reference. After stating the title and reference, the **Caller** will ask the same participant to recite the entire passage from memory.

⊗ ***There are three of these calls worth seven points each in a High School Bible Drill.***

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 realize on their own they are making a mistake. **No prompts or corrections should be given by the Caller.** **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 **High School Bible Drill**, but it is also imperative to be fair and consistent.

### **AFTER THE DRILL**

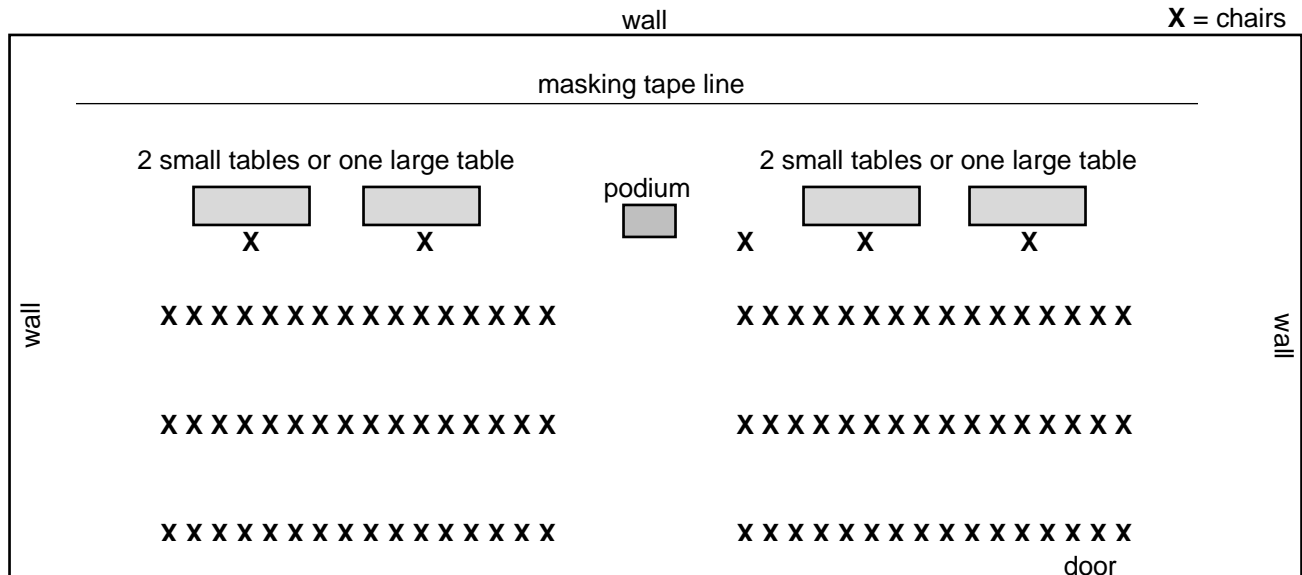
- Once the drill is complete, briefly encourage the participants at the conclusion of the drill. *Ask each participant to share their name, grade, and church.*
- Please make sure that all four **Judges** have completed their score sheets.
- Thank the spectators and applaud their efforts in helping the participants be successful in **High School Bible Drill!**
- After this, move to the side so that parents can take pictures.



- The **Caller** should ask a **Judge** to collect the numbered stickers that each participant is wearing before they leave the room. This same **Judge** should also collect the four (3 regular and 1 bonus) score sheets and take them to the **Tally Room** along with the **numbered sticker sheets**.

**At Regional and State events**, the score sheets and numbered sticker sheets are placed in a large manila envelope which is marked with the drill number and taken to the **Tally Room**.

- The **Caller** should slip out and go prepare the next group waiting in the **Ready Room** to drill.
- Ask the **Judges** to make sure the room is cleared and ready for the next group of spectators to enter and be seated.



🌀 **Sample Room Set-up**

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

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# High School Bible Drill Job Descriptions

## ★ REGULAR JUDGE ★

There are four **Judges** for each **High School Bible Drill**. There are **three Regular Judges** and **one Bonus Judge**. All **Regular Judges** have the same responsibility; they watch for and mark down mistakes made by participants.

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

Thank you so much for serving in this very important position!

### BEFORE THE DRILL

- Make sure that you have the correct **High School Bible Drill Score Sheet** and sharpened pencils before beginning the drill.
- Mark the score sheet with the **correct drill number, your name**, and that you are a **Regular Judge**.
- Study the six mistakes (*also found on the bottom of the **High School Bible Drill Score Sheet***) so that you can be prepared to mark them on the score sheet during the drill.
- Please indicate on the **High School Bible Drill Score Sheet** which mistake the participants make by placing the letter (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 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 High School Bible Drill:**

1. Fails to step over the line within **8 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 **Regular 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 above and at the bottom of the **High School Bible Drill Score Sheet**.

- **It is vital that each Regular 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! 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 spot, 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.*

☉**Helpful Tip!**

As you are adding up the scores, please be aware of the differing point values for each type of call.

- 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 four **High School 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.

# High School Bible Drill Job Descriptions

## ★ BONUS JUDGE ★

The **Bonus Judge** watches carefully to see which participant(s) steps out first during a **High School Bible Drill**. *Thank you so much for serving in this important position.*

There are four **Judges** for each **High School Bible Drill**. There are **three Regular Judges** and **one Bonus Judge**.

The **Bonus Judge** uses the **High School Bible Drill Score Sheet** to mark the first participant(s) to step over the line. The first participant(s) to step over gets a bonus point. *If more than one participant steps over at the exact same time, give each of them a bonus point.*

The **Bonus Judge** must also watch for any mistakes made by the participant(s) that earned the bonus point(s). If they make a mistake, they lose their bonus point for that call.

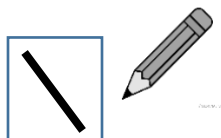
### BEFORE THE DRILL

- Make sure that you have the correct **High School Bible Drill Score Sheet** and sharpened pencils before beginning the drill.
- 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.

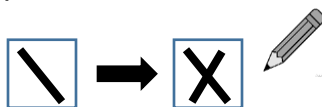
### DURING THE DRILL

- Make sure to smile and help the participants to feel comfortable as they enter the room!
- The **Bonus Judge** must pay very close attention to every call. You will mark on the **High School Bible Drill Score Sheet** which participant steps over first. **If more than one participant steps over at the exact same time, give each participant the bonus point.**

- The **Bonus Judge** makes a slash in the correct box (*intersection of participant number and call number*) for the participant(s) that step over the line first.



- If the participant that received the bonus point is called upon to answer and they make a mistake, or raise their hand to indicate a mistake, the **Bonus Judge** must make the slash into an X (*see example below*). The X means that the participant loses that bonus point.



- Be careful to stay on the correct line as you score! 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.

**There are SIX MISTAKES that participants can make during a High School Bible Drill:**

1. Fails to step over the line within **8 seconds**.
2. Steps over the line and steps back over the line (*participants can only step out once!*)
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7. 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.
4. When Bibles are being used, steps over the line before the index finger is on the correct book, verse(s) or passage.
5. 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.

## AFTER THE DRILL

- After the drill is over, make sure that you count the number of bonus points for each participant and write this number in the **Total Bonus Points** boxes. Put a “0” in the **Total Bonus Points** box if they do not earn any bonus points.
- *The **Tally Room** will compute the **total scores**, so **Judges** should leave these boxes 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 be asked to collect the four **High School 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 clear the room as quickly as possible so that family and spectators for the next drill can come in and take their seats.

# High School Bible Drill Job Descriptions

## ★ TIMEKEEPER ★

The **Timekeeper** is the only one keeping time during a **High School 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 **High School Bible Drill**, the participants always get a full **8 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 8 second mark on the stopwatch* **BEFORE** calling **TIME** and stopping the stopwatch.

- *Please do not guess and try to stop on the exact **8**, we want to make sure that the participants get the full eight 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.



# High School Bible Drill Job Descriptions

## ★ READY ROOM COORDINATOR ★

The **Ready Room Coordinator** helps prepare the participants for a **High School 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.**
  - a. 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.

# High School 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. This person also will rank the scores for the High School at the Regional event to determine the winners that will advance to State. *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: High School Bible Drill Tally Sheets, Category Sheets** (*used at the Closing Session*), pencils, and paper clips, etc.
- Upon the completion of each **High School 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. Four **High School Bible Drill Score Sheets** (*3 Regular Judges and 1 Bonus Judge*).
  2. **Participant Numbered Sticker Sheets.**

### **Tallying the scores for each High School 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 **High School Bible Drill Tally Sheet**.
5. Each **High School 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 Regional/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.

*At the Regional events, if there is a tied score at the 10<sup>th</sup> place, both participants will be allowed to go to State. At State, if there is a **tied score for first or second place**, there will be a Drill-off between the tied participants. The drill-off will be conducted immediately at the State competition. There can only be one winner advance to the NIT.*

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

# High School 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

High School

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

## High School Bible Drill Score Sheet (Grades 10-12)

Judge: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please Print Name

Bonus \_\_\_\_\_ Regular \_\_\_\_\_

		Participant Number												
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Locating Books Drill <u>2 Points</u> for Each Call	1													
	2													
	3													
	4													
	5													
TOTAL														
Scripture Searching Drill <u>4 Points</u> for Each Call	6													
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What We Believe Drill <u>5 Points</u> for Each Call	17													
	18													
	19													
	20													
	21													
TOTAL														
Key Biblical Passage Drill <u>7 Points</u> for Each Call	22													
	23													
	24													
TOTAL														
Total Regular Points														
Total Bonus Points														
Grand Total Points*														

\*Grand Total 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.
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.



# BIBLE DRILL

High School

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

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

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

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## High School Bible Drill Tally Sheet (Grades 10-12)

Participant Number

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
JUDGE 1 SCORES													
JUDGE 2 SCORES													
JUDGE 3 SCORES													
JUDGE 4 <u>BONUS</u>													
TOTAL SCORE*													
AWARD													

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

### AWARDS

Outstanding: 300+  
 Superior: 285-299  
 Excellent: 250-284  
 Good: 249 or less



### TO ADVANCE

Church to Association: Score 180+  
 Association to Regional: Score 200+  
 Regional to State: Top ten