
BIBLE DRILL

Youth

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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
- 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**

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High School Speakers' Tournament*

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What is Bible Drill?

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Psalm 119:11 (NIV)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Texas Baptists Eligibility Guidelines

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

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

☛ *We understand that some **6th 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 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 or 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

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

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

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

☛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 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 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)?*

A: **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***.

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 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. 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.** 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.
 - 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.**

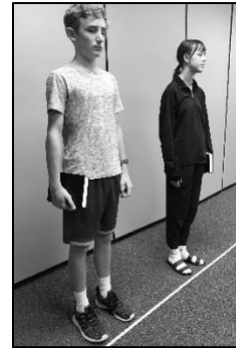
Youth Bible Drill Basics

Youth Bible Drill (YBD) is for teens in grades 7-9.

We understand that some 6th graders are in middle school (junior high) and may be in the youth/student ministry, but they can only compete in Children's Bible Drill at Texas Baptists events.

There are five **commands** used in a Youth 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 **Youth 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.

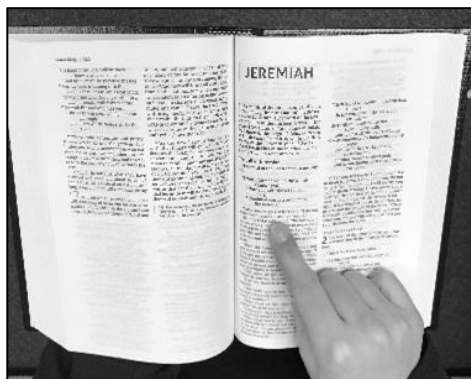
If the participant searches the Bible with their left hand, they should hold their Bible in their right hand with Genesis up and their left hand resting flat on the front cover of the Bible.

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. Youth 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 their friends from being seen by the judges by taking too big or too small of a step!

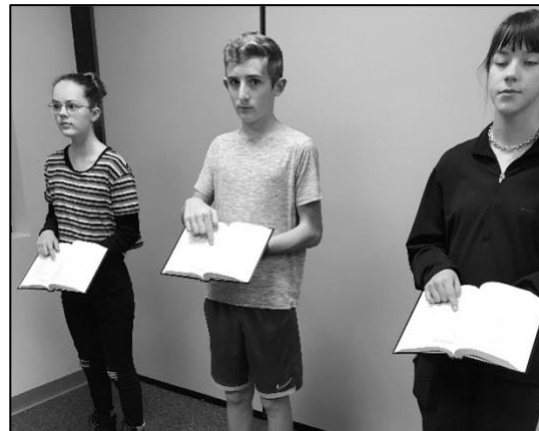
Also, remind participants that they compete against each other – it matters who steps out first – they get the bonus point!



- 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**, Youth 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 (*except for Bible Answer calls – their Bible will already be closed*) 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** only in the **Bible Answers Drill** in a **Youth 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 Youth Bible Drill

🔗 Print the **Youth Bible Drill Card (YBD Card)** at www.texasbaptists.org/bible Drill.

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

🔗 **There are five of these calls worth three points each in a Youth Bible Drill.**

2. **Scripture Searching Drill** – The **Caller** will announce a random scripture reference to be found. 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 reads the verse(s) and states the scripture reference.
 ☪ ***There are five of these calls worth three points each in a Youth Bible Drill.***

3. **Identifying Verses Drill** – The **Caller** will read a portion of a verse found on the **YBD Card**. *It can be any reasonable part of the verse(s)*. If the participant knows the verse, they must find it in their Bible, place their index finger on any part of the verse(s) before stepping over the line. When called upon, the participant will read the verse(s) and state the scripture reference.
 ☪ ***There are five of these calls worth four points each in a Youth Bible Drill.***

4. **Doctrinal Drill** – The **Caller** will announce a **doctrinal statement** from the **YBD Card**. Participants must correctly locate the verse(s) listed with that doctrinal statement and place their index finger on the verse(s) before stepping forward. When called upon, the participants will be asked to state the doctrine, read the verse, and state the scripture reference.
 ☪ ***There are five of these calls worth five points each in a Youth Bible Drill.***

5. **Bible Answers Drill** – The **Caller** will announce a question taken from the **Bible Answers Drill** section of the **YBD Card**. Participants must correctly locate the verse listed that answers the question asked and then place their index finger on the verse(s) before they step over the line. When time is called, the **Caller** will instruct participants to close their Bibles (*participants should then stand at attention*). When called upon, the participant will be asked to quote the question, recite the correct verse(s), and state the scripture reference from memory.
 ☪ ***There are five of these calls worth five points each in a Youth Bible Drill.***

There are SIX MISTAKES that participants can make during a Youth 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 **Youth 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 **Youth Bible Drill Score Sheet**. **Youth Bible Drill** utilizes four judges. Three of the **Regular Judges** will watch the participants and will note any mistakes they make on the score sheet. **Judges are asked to write the letter of the mistake that they saw in the scoring boxes**.
- The fourth judge is a **Bonus Judge** and their job is to see which participant(s) steps over the line first and then mark that down on their score sheet (*in the event of a tie – both participants 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 on that call, 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 Youth 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.*

Youth 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 youth participants for Texas Baptists Regional Bible Drill?

After the suggested dates for **Associational Drill**, there will be a three-day window that registration is open. Please check www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill for these dates and for the **online registration link**.

Please email bibledrill@texasbaptists.org *immediately* if you have questions or problems with registration.

- See instructions on the page **How to Write a Youth Bible Drill** if you choose to write your own church drill or download a copy of a sample **Church Bible Drill** from www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill.
- The **Associational Sample Youth Bible Drill** must be requested by emailing bibledrill@texasbaptists.org or 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. 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*.

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 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 Youth Bible Drill.** Please contact your Associational Bible Drill Coordinator and Dr. Diane Lane *well in advance* of the competitions to discuss the best ways to help your participant with special needs be successful.

How to Conduct a Youth Bible Drill

For Church, Associational, Regional, and State Bible Drills

- See instructions on the page **How to Write a Youth Bible Drill** in order to write your own church drill or download a copy of a sample **Church Bible Drill** from www.texasbaptists.org/bibleddrill. The **Associational Sample Youth Bible Drill** must be requested by emailing bibleddrill@texasbaptists.org or 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 **Youth Bible Drill Job Descriptions** for a detailed description of these assignments. You can find these at www.texasbaptists.org/bibleddrill.
 - 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 Youth 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 Baptist 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 youth 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 **Youth Bible Drill** lines – you will need multiple copies if there is more than one line drilling at the same time. *Do not allow youth participants to watch other youth 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.
- 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.

- l. **Tally Sheet** – One is needed for each drill. These can be downloaded from 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 **Youth 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 youth 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 Team** by emailing 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!

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.

How to Write a Youth 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 **Youth Bible Drill Example** that can be found at www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill.
- There are five parts to a **Youth Bible Drill**. These five parts each have five calls, for a total of twenty-five calls. The current **Youth Bible Drill Card (YBD Card)** can be located at www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill.

6. **Locating Books of the Bible Drill** – The **Caller** names a book of the Bible. At the command start participants must find it, place their index finger on any portion of the book, and then step over the line. When asked to respond, the participant must recite the *book before* the book called, the *book called*, and the *book after* the book called.
☛ ***There are five of these calls worth three points each in a Youth Bible Drill.***

7. **Scripture Searching Drill** – The **Caller** will announce a random scripture reference to be found. 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 reads the verse(s) and states the scripture reference.
☛ ***There are five of these calls worth three points each in a Youth Bible Drill.***

8. **Identifying Verses Drill** – The **Caller** will read a portion of a verse found on the **YBD Card**. *It can be any reasonable part of the verse(s)*. If the participant knows the verse, they must find it in their Bible, place their index finger on any part of the verse(s) before stepping over the line. When called upon, the participant will read the verse(s) and state the scripture reference.
☛ ***There are five of these calls worth four points each in a Youth Bible Drill.***

9. **Doctrinal Drill** – The **Caller** will announce a **doctrinal statement** from the **YBD Card**. Participants must correctly locate the verse(s) listed with that doctrinal statement and place their index finger on the verse(s) before stepping forward. When called upon, the participants will be asked to state the doctrine, read the verse, and state the scripture reference.
☛ ***There are five of these calls worth five points each in a Youth Bible Drill.***

10. **Bible Answers Drill** – The **Caller** will announce a question taken from the **Bible Answers Drill** section of the **YBD Card**. Participants must correctly locate the verse listed that answers the question asked and then place their index finger on the verse(s) before they step over the line. When time is called, the **Caller** will instruct participants to close their Bibles (*participants should then stand at*

attention). When called upon, the participant will be asked to quote the question, recite the correct verse(s), and state the scripture reference from memory.

🔄 **There are five of these calls worth five points each in a Youth Bible Drill.**

- Choose five books of the Bible for the **Locating Books of the Bible** 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.
- Make five choices from the **Identifying, Doctrinal, and Bible Answers drills** 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!
 - 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/bible Drill.
 - 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 **Youth Bible Drill Example** to help write a drill, if needed.

Youth Bible Drill Example - NIV

We have five different types of Drills: **LOCATING BOOKS OF THE BIBLE**
SCRIPTURE SEARCHING
IDENTIFYING VERSES
DOCTRINAL DRILL
BIBLE ANSWERS DRILL

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 Samuel, **2 SAMUEL**, 1Kings START NUMBER _____
Present Bible

ATTENTION Acts, **ROMANS**, 1 Corinthians START NUMBER _____
Present Bible

ATTENTION Joshua, **JUDGES**, Ruth START NUMBER _____
Present Bible

ATTENTION Philemon, **HEBREWS**, James START NUMBER _____
Present Bible

ATTENTION Jeremiah, **LAMENTATIONS**, Ezekiel 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

LUKE 2:7

Start

Number _____

And she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. **Luke 2:7**

ATTENTION

Present Bible

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-2

Start

Number _____

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. **Philippians 2:1-2**

ATTENTION

Present Bible

ESTHER 4:14

Start

Number _____

For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows by that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this? **Esther 4:14**

ATTENTION

Present Bible

NUMBERS 6:24-26

Start

Number _____

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. **Numbers 6:24-26**

ATTENTION

Present Bible

REVELATION 22:20

Start

He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. **Revelation 22:20**

ATTENTION

Please Relax

This is the **IDENTIFYING VERSES** and there will be five calls. I will say a phrase of the Scripture. It may be any part, the opening, the closing, or the middle part. You must correctly locate the verse and place your index finger on the verse before you step forward. When called upon, you must be able to read the entire verse and state the correct Scripture reference.

ATTENTION

Present Bible

I am the Alpha and the Omega,

I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

Revelation 1:8

ATTENTION

Present Bible

because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. **Psalm**

139:14

ATTENTION

Present Bible

For the wages of sin is death,

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 6:23**

ATTENTION

Present Bible

and take up their cross daily and follow me

Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." **Luke 9:23**

ATTENTION

Present Bible

they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31

ATTENTION

Please Relax

This is the **DOCTRINAL DRILL** and there will be five calls. I will announce a doctrinal statement taken from the doctrinal drill list. You must correctly locate the verse listed with that doctrinal statement and place your index finger on the verse before you step forward. When called upon, you must be able to state the doctrine, read the verse, and state the Scripture reference.

ATTENTION
Present Bible
LAST THINGS
Start
Number _____

“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”
Matthew 24:36

ATTENTION
Present Bible
COOPERATION
Start
Number _____

That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.
John 17:21

ATTENTION
Present Bible
STEWARDSHIP
Start
Number _____

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” **Acts 20:35**

ATTENTION
Present Bible
EDUCATION
Start
Number _____

Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.
Psalms 25:4-5

ATTENTION
Present Bible
GRACE
Start
Number _____

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace. **Ephesians 1:7**

ATTENTION
Please Relax

This is the **BIBLE ANSWERS DRILL** and there will be five calls. I will ask you a question taken from the list of Bible Answers. You will locate the verse which answers that question, place your index finger on that verse and step forward. Be prepared to quote the question and the verse from memory, and give the Scripture reference. I will instruct you to close your Bibles before I call on someone to recite.

ATTENTION

Present Bible

WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT HOLINESS?

Start

CLOSE BIBLES

Number _____

You are to be holy to me because I, the Lord, am holy, and I have set you apart from the nations to be my own.

Leviticus 20:26

ATTENTION

Present Bible

HOW CAN I BE SAVED?

Start

CLOSE BIBLES

Number _____

For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." **Romans 10:13**

ATTENTION

Present Bible

WHAT IS FAITH?

Start

CLOSE BIBLES

Number _____

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. **Hebrews 11:1**

ATTENTION

Present Bible

HOW LONG DOES GOD'S WORD LAST?

Start

CLOSE BIBLES

Number _____

"But the word of the Lord endures forever." And this is the word that was preached to you. **1 Peter 1:25**

ATTENTION

Present Bible

**WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT
ALCOHOL??**

Start

CLOSE BIBLES

Number _____

Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler;
whoever is led astray by them is not
wise. **Proverbs 20:1**

ATTENTION

Please Relax

Youth 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 youth drills last about 30 – 40 minutes.

BEFORE THE DRILL

- See the **Youth 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.
- 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 **Youth 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 **Youth Bible Drill Score Sheet** and listed with the **Regular Judge** job description. This can be found at 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*). In **Youth Bible Drill**, the **Caller** must make sure to call each translation (*KJV CSB, and NIV*), if necessary, in the **Identifying Verses Drill**. ***The caller must also be aware of this as youth 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.

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!

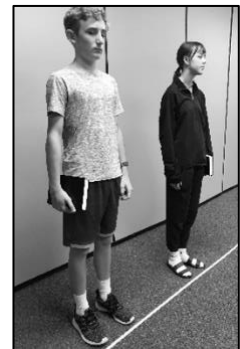
☉ **Helpful tip!**

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 Youth Bible Drill

- a. **Attention** – The **Caller** uses this command to get the participants to attention at the *beginning of the drill*, at the *beginning of each new drill section*, and at the *end of each call* so the participants can return behind the line and be ready for the next call.
 - i. At attention, participants stand comfortably straight with their feet about shoulder width apart. Their feet should be just behind the masking tape line.
 - ii. Bibles should be held at either side of the body with the spine down.



- iii. Participants' eyes should be on the caller until start is called.
 - iv. 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 **Youth Bible Drill**.*



- i. Participants' fingers should *never* extend over the edges of the Bible. (*Mistake **f** on the **Youth Score Sheet***)
 - ii. The **Caller** should make sure every participant is looking at him/her before beginning the drill. (*Mistake **d** on the **Youth Score Sheet***)
 - iii. **Callers** should also 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 **Youth 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.**

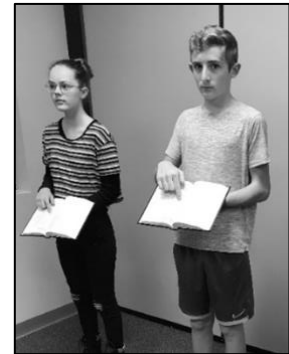


- In all **calls**, participants *must* place their index finger on any page of the book, verse(s) or passage called *before* stepping over the line. (*Mistake **e** on the **Youth Score Sheet***)
- v. **Participants may only step over the line once during a call. It is a mistake to step back and then step forward again. (Mistake **b** on the **Youth 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 **b** on the **Youth Score Sheet**)*



- Make sure that your **Timekeeper** understands that they should **not** call time before seeing the **8** on the stopwatch!
 - In **Youth 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, but you also may need to remind them.
 - *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 **Youth 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** only during the **Bible Answers Drill** in a **Youth 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 Youth 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 **Youth Bible Drill**. The participants have learned the verses and key passages from the **Youth Bible Drill Card (YBD Card)**, which is found at www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill.

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

☪ **There are five of these calls worth three points each in a Youth Bible Drill.**

12. Scripture Searching Drill – The **Caller** will announce a random scripture reference to be found. 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 reads the verse(s) and states the scripture reference.

☪ **There are five of these calls worth three points each in a Youth Bible Drill.**

13. Identifying Verses Drill – The **Caller** will read a portion of a verse found on the **YBD Card**. *It can be any reasonable part of the verse(s)*. If the participant knows the verse, they must find it in their Bible, place their index finger on any part of the verse(s) before stepping over the line. When called upon, the participant will read the verse(s) and state the scripture reference.

☪ **There are five of these calls worth four points each in a Youth Bible Drill.**

14. Doctrinal Drill – The **Caller** will announce a **doctrinal statement** from the **YBD Card**. Participants must correctly locate the verse(s) listed with that doctrinal statement and place their index finger on the verse(s) before stepping forward.

When called upon, the participants will be asked to state the doctrine, read the verse, and state the scripture reference.

⊛ ***There are five of these calls worth five points each in a Youth Bible Drill.***

15. Bible Answers Drill – The **Caller** will announce a question taken from the **Bible Answers Drill** section of the **YBD Card**. Participants must correctly locate the verse listed that answers the question asked and then place their index finger on the verse(s) before they step over the line. When time is called, the **Caller** will instruct participants to close their Bibles (*participants should then stand at attention*). When called upon, the participant will be asked to quote the question, recite the correct verse(s), and state the scripture reference from memory.

⊛ ***There are five of these calls worth five points each in a Youth Bible Drill.***

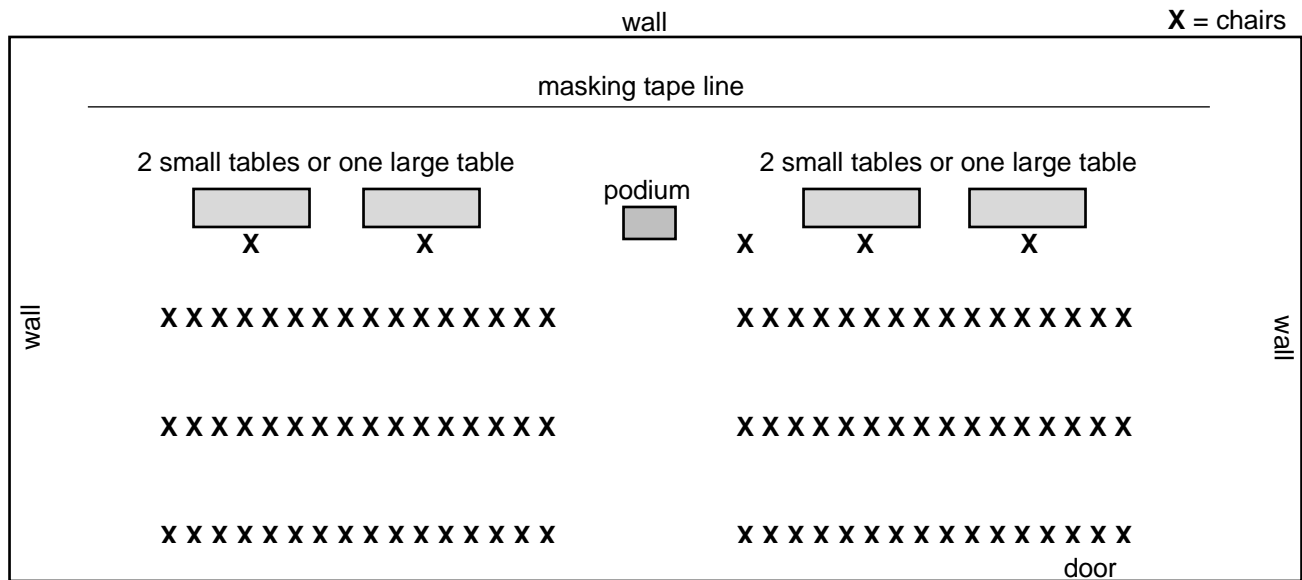
During the drill, the **Caller** should give each participant that is asked to respond ample time (*within reason*) to think and answer. The participant should also be given the chance to start over, if they realize on their own they are making a mistake. **No prompts or corrections should be given by 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 **Youth 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 **Youth 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 or by calling **214-828-5287**. There is a lot of helpful information at www.texasbaptists.org/bibledrill.

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Youth Bible Drill Job Descriptions

★ REGULAR JUDGE ★

There are four **Judges** for each **Youth 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 **Youth 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 **Youth 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 **Youth 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 **Youth Bible Drill Score Sheet***) so that you can be prepared to mark them on the score sheet during the drill.
- Please indicate on the **Youth 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 Youth 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.
1. 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.

- 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 **Youth 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 **Youth 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.

Youth Bible Drill Job Descriptions

★ BONUS JUDGE ★

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

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

The **Bonus Judge** uses the **Youth 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.*

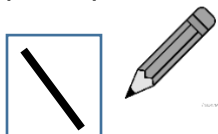
The **Bonus Judge** must also watch for any mistakes made by the participant(s) that earned the bonus point(s). If they make a mistake, they lose their bonus point for that call.

BEFORE THE DRILL

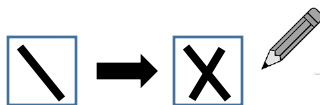
- Make sure that you have the correct **Youth Bible Drill Score Sheet** and sharpened pencils before beginning the drill.
- The **Caller** will go to the **Ready Room** to pray with and pick up the drill participants and bring them to the drill room. During this time, one of the **Judges** will be assigned 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 **Youth Bible Drill Score Sheet** which participant steps over first. **If more than one participant steps over at the 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(s) that received the bonus point(s) make a mistake, 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(s) loses that bonus point.



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

🕒 **Helpful tip!**

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

There are SIX MISTAKES that participants can make during a Youth 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.
2. 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 also be asked to collect the four **Youth 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.

Youth Bible Drill Job Descriptions

★ TIMEKEEPER ★

The **Timekeeper** is the only one keeping the time during a **Youth 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 **Youth 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.

Youth Bible Drill Job Descriptions

★ READY ROOM COORDINATOR ★

The **Ready Room Coordinator** helps prepare the participants for a **Youth 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.

Youth 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 youth 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: Youth Bible Drill Tally Sheets, Category Sheets** (*used at the Closing Session*), pencils, and paper clips, etc.
- Upon the completion of each **Youth 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 **Youth Bible Drill Score Sheets** (*3 Regular Judges and 1 Bonus Judge*).
 2. **Participant Numbered Sticker Sheets.**

Tallying the scores for each Youth 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 **Youth Bible Drill Tally Sheet**.
5. Each **Youth 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 10th 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.

Youth 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

Youth

Youth Bible Drill Score Sheet (Grades 7-9)

Judge: _____
Please Print Name

Drill Number: _____

Bonus _____ Regular _____

Participant Number

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Locating Books Drill <u>3 Points</u> for Each Call	1													
	2													
	3													
	4													
	5													
TOTAL														
Scripture Searching Drill <u>3 Points</u> for Each Call	6													
	7													
	8													
	9													
	10													
TOTAL														
Identifying Verses Drill <u>4 Points</u> for Each Call	11													
	12													
	13													
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	15													
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Doctrinal Drill <u>5 Points</u> for Each Call	16													
	17													
	18													
	19													
	20													
TOTAL														
Bible Answers Drill <u>5 Points</u> for Each Call	21													
	22													
	23													
	24													
	25													
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.
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BIBLE DRILL

Youth

Youth Bible Drill Tally Sheet (Grades 7-9)

Drill Number: _____

Date: _____

Initials: _____

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