

Youth Bible Drill Rules & Guidelines

The purpose of Youth Bible Drill is to lead youth to develop skills in using their Bible: locating books and verses and locating passages dealing with doctrinal and ethical concerns. It is an event for youth in grades 7 through 9 (or 6th-8th grades if doing the Extended Age Group). As they work together preparing for the drill, the students are increasing their knowledge of the Scripture, their love for the Bible and becoming comfortable in using the Bible to find answers to problems or questions they or their friends may encounter. Another major benefit of Youth Bible Drill is that they also gain poise and confidence as they respond to the calls with speed and accuracy.

The Youth Bible Drill is an exciting way for students to learn to use their Bibles to meet the challenges of life. It involves competition, but that is not what Youth Bible Drill is all about. If teenagers can locate a verse quickly, learn to answer a question using Scripture, and become familiar enough with key verses that they can locate them from a few words-those teens are winners!

Youth can quickly become focused on winning the drill. It is important for leaders to remind them of the more profound goal-to learn to use God's Word to make a difference for today and tomorrow.

Youth Bible Drill can be part of a weekly discipleship group or can be a special weekly, one-hour activity. Youth who are members of a seventh, eighth, or ninth grade youth discipleship group are eligible to participate (or 6th graders if your church is doing the extended age bracket). If your church does not have a Youth Discipleship Program, youth may participate in the drill with the help of an adult church member.

Types of Drills

Book Drill (5 calls, 3 points per call)

The leader calls the name of any book in the Bible. At the command "Start," participants begin searching for the book that was called. A participant steps forward after he has located the book and places his index finger on any verse in the book. When called upon, the driller should be able to name: (1) the book which immediately precedes the book called, (2) the book called, and (3) the book which immediately follows the book called.

Scripture Searching Drill (5 calls, 3 points per call)

The leader announces a Scripture reference to be found. Scripture searching drills are taken from any part of the Bible. A participant must locate the Scripture reference and place his index finger on the verse before stepping forward. When called upon, he must read the verse and state the Scripture reference.

Identifying Verses Drill (5 calls, 4 points per call)

The leader quotes a part of a verse taken from the official list of verses. It may be any part of a verse. A leader, however, should quote enough of a verse to provide the participants with a reasonable clue. A participant must correctly locate the verse and place his index finger on the verse before he steps forward. When called upon, he must be able to read the entire verse and state the correct Scripture reference.

Doctrinal Drill (5 calls, 5 points per call)

The leader announces a doctrinal statement taken from the official list of doctrinal drill verses. A participant must correctly locate the verse listed with that doctrinal statement and place his index finger on the verse before he steps forward. When called upon, he must be able to: (1) recite the doctrinal statement as listed in the official list, (2) read the verse, and (3) state the Scripture reference.

Bible Answers Drill (5 calls, 5 points per call)

The leader announces a question taken from the official Bible answers drill verses. Before he steps forward, a participant must correctly locate the verse listed that answers the question. When time is called, the leader will instruct the drillers to close their Bibles. The driller must be able to: (1) quote the question, (2) recite the correct verse, and (3) state the Scripture reference.

Youth Bible Drill Commands

“ATTENTION” Stand straight; one foot not extended in front of the other, eyes focused on the leader until the command “start,” Bible held at side (in either hand), with Bible spine down, and palm under the Bible.

“PRESENT BIBLE” Bring Bible to waistline. A driller who searches with his right hand should hold the Bible on his left hand with Genesis down and his right hand resting flat on top of the Bible. A driller who searches with his left hand should hold the Bible on his right hand, Genesis up, with left hand resting flat on the front cover of the Bible. The driller’s thumb and fingers should not extend around the sides of the Bible. Following “Present Bibles,” the leader announces the call. The call is stated only once, unless a driller requests that it be repeated.

“START” This command is the signal for drillers to begin searching. In the Book Drill, the index finger may be placed upon any verse in that book. In other drills, the driller finds the verse, places his index finger on the actual verse called (first part, if verse is split), and steps forward.

“TIME” A timekeeper calls out the word ‘time’ at the end of eight seconds. All drillers stop searching. (When time is called in the Bible Answers Drill, instruct the drillers to close their Bibles.) The leader will call on one driller to respond.

“ATTENTION” Drillers return to their original positions, Bibles held at side, and ready for the next call.

Judging the Youth Bible Drill

To assist in judging, no more than twelve youth should participate in one drill. Four judges plus a timekeeper are needed. Three judges will score regular points and one judge will score bonus points.

Regular points: Score each participant as an individual. Judges scoring regular points may find it easier to mark only mistakes. When a participant makes a mistake, write 1-5 in the corresponding box on the score sheet. If two mistakes in one call are made, deduct points for only one mistake.

Bonus Points: On each call, one bonus point is scored by the participant who steps out first. The judge scoring bonus points will place a check mark in the box for the call in which the bonus point has been earned. If two or more step out at the same time, the judge will score a bonus point for each.

No points (regular or bonus) are given if a participant:

- Fails to step out within 8 seconds
- Gives an incorrect response. This includes any participant who raises his hand indicating an incorrect reference.
- Fails to stand straight or keep his eyes on the drill leader until the command “start” is given.
- Steps forward before the index finger is on the correct response.
- Fails to handle the Bible according to the instructions or abuses the Bible.

Computing a Final Score

(1) To determine regular points, one each score sheet, deduct the participant’s amount of errors from 100. Each drill has five calls.

- Locating Books Drill point value: (3) three
- Scripture Searching Drill point value: (3) three
- Identifying Verses Drill point value: (4) four
- Doctrinal Drill point value: (5) five
- Bible Answers Drill point value: (5) five

(2) Total the regular points from each score sheet for each participant, adding bonus points to obtain a final score.

Example: Each judge could potentially score 100 points per participant; therefore, a participant with a perfect score could have 300 points plus a possible 25 bonus points for a grand total of 325.

KJV/ ESV/CSB Combined

In your church drill, all youth will probably be using the same Bible translation. However, in the Associational, Regional, and State Drills, some youth will be using the King James Version while others will be using the English Standard version or Christian Standard version of the Bible. In the Identifying Verses Drill, explain to the youth that the caller will say a phrase from the Identifying Verses list as translated in the King James Version, followed by the same phrase as translated in the English Standard Version and then the Christian Standard Version before you give the command “Start.”

Levels of Drills

Church Drill - Date set by your church. To advance to the next level, the Associational Drill, a participant must score at least 180 points (total from all four judges) in the church Youth Bible Drill. A church may send all qualified persons to the Associational Drill.

Associational Drill - Please contact your local associational office for the location and date of the drill. To qualify, youth must score at least 225 points (total from all four judges) in the Associational Youth Bible Drill.

Regional Drill - Dates and locations of your Regional Drill are set by the state office. Dates will be posted on our website. If you have any questions regarding your Regional Drill you may call Georgia Baptist Bible Drill and Speakers, Inc at 770-310-8817. Youth who have drilled all

3 years at the Regional Level will receive a special reward. A region may send all qualified persons to the next level, the State Drill. To qualify, a participant must score at least 270 points (total from all four judges) in the Regional Youth Bible Drill.

State Drill - Each youth who has a perfect score (300 points - not counting bonus points) in the State Drill will win a State Perfect Score Award. The State Winner will also receive a special award. Once a Youth Bible Drill Participant wins the State Youth Drill (In Georgia or another State), he/she is ineligible to win the State Youth Drill again. However, a State winner may return and drill again at the Regional and State Level (if qualified) to try for the three-year award and for the State Perfect Score Award.

National Drill - The State Bible Drill Winner will represent Georgia at the National Youth Bible Drill/Speakers Tournament.

Resources for Youth Bible Drill that are available through Georgia Baptist Bible Drill and Speakers, Inc or via our website: bibledrillandspeakers.com

- A copy of the current Youth Bible Drill Verse Card is needed for each Youth and Youth Bible Drill Leader. These cards are available in the King James Version, English Standard Version, and Christian Standard Version. You can download these from our website. (bibledrillandspeakers.com)
- Other web resources are also available on our website (scoresheet, dates of drills for current church year, etc.)
- Interactive Scripture and Prayer Guide for Youth that corresponds to the current cycle of Youth Bible Drill Verses (optional cost resource).
- Youth Bible Drill KJV Verse Music CD that corresponds to the current cycle of KJV Youth Bible Drill verses (optional cost resource). Also available for download in the iTunes stores and other stores online.
- Youth Bible Drill Leader's Guide (Leader Notebook) that corresponds to the current cycle of Youth Bible Drill verses (optional cost resource)

Resources for Youth Bible Drill that can be purchased at lifeway.com or by calling the Customer Service Center at 1-800-458-2772

- Christian Standard Bible - CSB –(ISBN10: 1433644339 or ISBN13: 9781433644337) - order online at Lifeway.com
- KJV Drill Bible – 2014 Edition (ISBN10: 158640945X or ISBN13: 9781586409456) – Order online at Lifeway.com
- ESV Drill Bible (Current Edition) - Black Pew Bible: (ISBN – 13: 978-1-4335-2204-8 or ISBN-10-1-4335-2204-7) You can order the Bibles through Amazon, Christianbook.com or by contacting Crossway (the publisher of the ESV Bible) directly.
- ESV Drill Bible (New Edition) - Black Pew Bible: (ISBN: 978-1-4335-6343-0) You can order the Bibles through Amazon, Christianbook.com or by contacting Crossway (the publisher of the ESV Bible) directly.