

Drill Information

Bible Drill has a competitive aspect to the program. In the spring of each year, children may participate in the drill competitions. The drills are NOT competitive against each other, but against a standard set for all participants. The drills are in the spring, but I want to introduce the format and levels of drills as we will begin learning how to drill in the fall.

What do the children learn for the drills?

The drill is broken down into four sections. To successfully compete in each category, children will memorize 10 verses with reference, the title and reference of ten key passages, and the books of the Bible. They will be required to look up the key passages and books of the Bible.

4 Kinds of Calls:

1. **Quotation Drill** – References are taken from the verses on the card. The leader gives the reference (example: John 3:16). If the child knows the verse, he/she steps forward on the command “Start”. If called upon, the child will recite the reference and the verse.
2. **Completion Drill** – References are taken from the verses on the card. The leader quotes the part of the verse which is underlined (example: For God so loved). If the child knows the verse, he/she steps forward on the command “Start”. If called upon, the child will complete the verse and recite the reference.

***Note:** Bible Drill promotes accuracy in reciting God’s word; therefore, the children must say the verse word for word.*

3. **Books of the Bible Drill** – Any book of the Bible may be used. The leader calls a book name (example: Psalms). Upon the command of Start, children look up the book of the Bible in 10 seconds. If called upon, the child will recite the book name immediately before, the book name called, and the book name immediately following. Example for the book of Psalms called, a child would recite “Job, Psalms, Proverbs”.
4. **Key Passage Drill** – Only the Key Passages listed on the card will be used. The leader gives the reference by stating the subject or title given (example: The Creation). Upon the command Start, children look up the Key Passage in the Bible in 10 seconds. If called upon, a child will recite the title and reference and be asked to read a verse from the passage.

***What is a Key Passage?** Each year children learn the location of 10 important passages in the Bible. They must be able to find the passage when the caller gives the title. For example, if the caller says “The Birth of Jesus,” the children must know that the reference is Luke 2:1-7 and find the passage in 10 seconds.*

How does a drill work?

Each category has six calls for a total of twenty-four calls (for this semester only, there will only be 5 of each verse calls). There will be 3 judges, a timekeeper, and a caller. Once the caller has repeated the call, children have 10 seconds to step over a line, thus indicating they know the correct answer. A child may or may not be called upon. However, if a child steps over the line and realizes he or she did not know the correct answer, he/she will be expected to notify the caller by raising a hand.

What are the levels of the drills?

1. **Church Drill** – conducted at our church specifically for our kids. Children with 12 or more correct responses advance to the associational drill. All ages may compete. We encourage all students to participate in this drill.
2. **Associational Drill** – held at the time and place set by the Association (RPC drills with the Dallas Baptist Association). Children must participate in the associational drill of the local association to advance to the State Drill. Children with 16 or more correct responses advance to the State Drill. *4th – 6th graders only.*
3. **State Drill** – held in select churches around the state. There is usually at least 1 church offered in the DFW area. *4th - 6th graders only.*