

Leaders'/Judges' Guide
2007-2008

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Youth Bible Drill

Youth Bible Drill is an exciting way for teenagers 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, 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 the Book of Life to make a difference for today and tomorrow.

Youth Bible Drill is a church event for youth in grades 7 through 9. While preparing for the drill, youth develop skills in using their Bibles — locating books and verses, memorizing passages, and locating passages dealing with doctrinal and ethical concerns. Working together to prepare for the drill, teenagers increase their love for the Bible; its words and phrases become a part of them. Youth also gain poise and confidence as they respond to drill calls with speed and accuracy.

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.

If your church does not have a Discipleship Training program, youth may participate in the drill with the help of an adult church member.



Youth Bible Drill Verses and Cycles

The verses for Youth Bible Drill are grouped in three cycles. Youth who participate in the drill for all three years in which they are eligible will be learning different verses each year.

Verses for the Doctrinal Drill are selected from the doctrines outlined in The Baptist Faith and Message. Youth are challenged to learn verses which are foundational to understanding Baptist distinctives. Verses for the Identifying Verses and Bible Answers Drills are selected from verses which are considered to be life-promises.

While selecting verses for the cycles, attention was given to language that would communicate clearly to youth today. Verses were chosen to help youth as they face the many challenges learning to walk daily with Christ.

King James Version and New International Version

Each church selects either the King James Version or the New International Version of the Bible. Participants may use the Holman KJV Drill Bible from LifeWay or the NIV Worship Edition Bible (#172) from the International Bible Society (1-800-524-1588). In most Associational and State Drills, some youth will be using the King James Version while others will be using the New International Version of the Bible.

The Identifying Verses Drill presents a challenge when KJV and NIV are used in the same drill. Explain to the youth that you 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 New International Version. Say the phrase in both translations before you give the command "Start." As a leader, your preparation will help alleviate confusion and help the drill run smoothly.

Cycle 1 2005-2006

Identifying Drill Verses	Doctrinal Drill Verses	Bible Answers Drill
Exodus 19:5	Exodus 20:8	Joshua 1:9
Psalms 62:8	Isaiah 48:17	Isaiah 26:4
Jeremiah 31:33	Matthew 24:14	Amos 5:14
Luke 12:22-23	John 1:14	Matthew 16:24
John 11:25	Acts 5:29	Romans 5:8
1 Corinthians 15:58	Romans 10:15	Galatians 2:20
Galatians 5:22-23	1 Corinthians 16:2	1 Timothy 1:15
Philippians 2:5-7	Hebrews 2:12	James 4:7
Colossians 3:1-2	Hebrews 4:16	1 Peter 4:10
1 Thessalonians 5:8-9	2 Peter 1:20-21	1 John 4:15

Cycle 2 2006-2007

Identifying Drill Verses	Doctrinal Drill Verses	Bible Answers Drill
Job 19:25	Deuteronomy 10:12	Leviticus 20:26
Psalms 139:14	Psalms 25:4-5	2 Chronicles 7:14
Isaiah 40:31	Matthew 24:36	Proverbs 20:1
Luke 9:23	Mark 1:15	Matthew 25:40
Acts 20:32	John 17:21	Romans 10:13
Romans 6:23	Acts 20:35	2 Corinthians 12:9
Philippians 1:27	1 Corinthians 11:26	Ephesians 6:10-11
Colossians 2:8	Ephesians 1:7	Philippians 4:8
Hebrews 11:6	Colossians 3:16	Hebrews 11:1
Revelation 1:8	1 Timothy 2:5	1 Peter 1:25

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Identifying Drill Verses	Doctrinal Drill Verses	Bible Answers Drill
Joshua 24:15	Jeremiah 1:7	Psalms 139:23-24
Psalms 37:4-5	Matthew 16:27	Proverbs 3:13
Isaiah 14:24	John 1:12	Matthew 6:33
Hosea 6:6	John 14:26	Luke 10:27
Matthew 7:21	Acts 2:42	John 14:6
John 16:33	Romans 6:4	Romans 3:23
Galatians 4:4-5	1 Corinthians 15:21-22	Ephesians 4:29
Philippians 1:6	Hebrews 4:12	1 Thessalonians 1:5
Colossians 3:17	James 2:5	Hebrews 13:15
Hebrews 12:28	1 John 1:5	2 Peter 3:18

Step-by-step...a suggested planning outline

You will need to provide training for the adults you enlist to assist in your church drill. All enlistment needs to be completed at least one week prior to the training session. This calendar includes a step-by-step outline of things to do to make your church drill positive and successful.

October

- ❖ Enlist the support of your pastor and church staff. Request a small budget to cover expenses for materials and driller recognition.
- ❖ Secure the dates for the associational and state drills. Set a date for the church drill (at least one week before associational date). Include all dates on the church calendar.
- ❖ Secure enough copies of the current cycle of drill verses for each participating youth, youth leaders, and judge.
- ❖ Enlist two or three adults to assist you as a training and preparation team. Provide each adult member of the training team with a copy of this guide.
- ❖ The associational Youth Discipleship leader can be a valuable resource person. Call the associational office and secure his/her name.

November–December

- ❖ Before you begin training youth, practice by yourself or with another adult who has worked with the Bible Drill. Master the rules and commands. Practice giving the commands and calls at home in front of a mirror. Be consistent with the wording of the commands. Become thoroughly familiar with the rules.
- ❖ Learn the proper responses to the commands. Judges will be looking for any behavior that does not comply with drill rules. You must be familiar with the rules in order to caution participants when necessary.
- ❖ Announce the drill and its purpose at a time when all youth will be present.
- ❖ Contact all youth who participated in the Children's Bible Drill and encourage them to continue building their Bible skills through the youth drill.
- ❖ Enlist youth.

- ❖ Consider offering a clinic where rules and helpful advice are given to potential drillers. Older youth who participated in past drills could be enlisted to give a demonstration drill. Speech and English teachers at local schools can provide valuable guidance in helping youth to practice speaking clearly and hints for becoming relaxed in front of an audience.
- ❖ Consider calling area churches for the names of youth who have participated in Youth Bible Drill. Invite them to demonstrate a drill to your group. Save time for questions and answers.
- ❖ Set a time and place for drillers to meet weekly. Announce dates of training sessions, church, associational, and state drills.
- ❖ Begin weekly meetings. As you lead the weekly group sessions, work on developing skills in this order:
 - handling the Bible with respect
 - accuracy in locating books and verses
 - knowledge of the Bible
 - finally, speed.

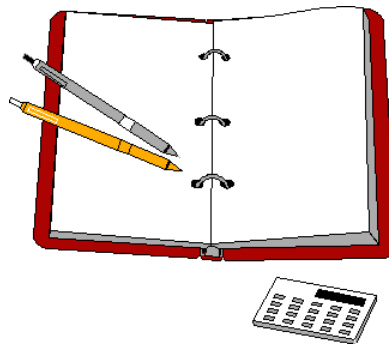
January-February

- ❖ Continue weekly practice sessions and practice drills.
- ❖ Enlist youth to make posters promoting the church drill. Place articles in the church newsletter to generate interest and give support to drillers.
- ❖ Work with youth ministers in the association to schedule ways to feature youth who are preparing for the drill. A practice drill involving two or three churches might help drillers become more relaxed and better prepared for the actual drill.
- ❖ Pray for each youth and adult worker involved.
- ❖ Encourage youth. Take them to Adult classes to demonstrate their knowledge and skill. The adults will be impressed and will encourage the youth. Drillers will gain confidence as they drill before an audience. Take advantage of this contact with adults to enlist their help in transporting drillers to the associational drill.
- ❖ Encourage the adult leaders who are working with drillers.

March–April

- ❖ Provide opportunities for youth to participate in practice drills before different groups. Adult classes are good options. Drillers will benefit from adult support and encouragement.
- ❖ Plan to recognize the efforts of drill participants. A certificate of recognition or a small gift would help them remember the event. Some churches plan a special banquet for recognition. Be sure to recognize all participants, not just the winners.
- ❖ Begin enlistment for the church drill. See detailed information below.
- ❖ Enlist drill caller. The drill caller will need a copy of this guide and a typewritten list of calls.
- ❖ Enlist judges. Details for judging a drill are included in this guide. Each judge will need a copy of this guide, and a score sheet (one sheet per twelve drillers).
- ❖ Enlist a timekeeper. The timekeeper will need a stopwatch to accurately call time.
- ❖ Enlist the minister of music and a pianist to lead congregational singing while the judges are recording scores.
- ❖ Enlist someone to be responsible for the sound system.
- ❖ Enlist ushers. They will assist late-comers in being seated in order to assure that drillers are not disturbed by people moving in or out during a drill. The ushers should seat people only between individual drills.
- ❖ Schedule a room where the judges can go to tally scores.
- ❖ Conduct a training session at least three days before the drill for judges and others who will assist with the church drill. Go over the score sheet, criteria for judging, and specific duties of judges, timekeeper, ushers, and all others involved.
- ❖ Practice where the church drill will be held if possible.
- ❖ A sample warm-up drill is included. Use it as a guide to prepare for your church drill.
- ❖ Select the verses you will call for the church drill. Choose five calls and one alternate call for each drill. For the Book Drill and the Scripture-Searching Drill, choose the calls from any part of the Bible. For the other three drills, you must choose calls from the current cycle of verses.
- ❖ Prepare a typewritten copy of your church drill calls or use the drill provided by the state Discipleship and Family Ministries Department.
- ❖ In your church drill, all youth will probably be using the same Bible translation. However, in the Association and State Drills, some youth will be using the KJV and others will be using NIV. Help your youth prepare for a drill using both translations.

- ❖ Gather items for the drill:
 - copy of the calls for each drill
 - numbered cards and pins for driller identification
 - pencils
 - score sheets
 - calculators
 - stopwatch
 - item of recognition
- ❖ Conduct the church drill. Be available for drillers to get feedback on their scores. Help drillers understand ways they might prepare if they will be going on to another drill.
- ❖ Honor all drillers in some way. Options include: a small gift, certificate, or banquet.



Types of Drills

Book Drill (Five Calls—Three Points Per Call)

The leader calls the name of any book in the Bible. At the command Start, participants begin searching for the book which was called. A participant steps forward after he has located the book and placed his index finger on any verse in that 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 (Five Calls—Three 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 (Five Calls—Four Points Per Call)

The leader quotes a part of a verse taken from the current cycle 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 (Five Calls—Five Points Per Call)

The leader announces a doctrinal statement taken from the current cycle 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, (2) read the verse, and (3) state the Scripture reference.

Bible Answers Drill (Five Calls—Five Points Per Call)

The leader announces a question taken from the 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.

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, 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 Bible,” 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, the leader will 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.

Sample Drill

The Childhood Ministry Group of the South Carolina Baptist Convention prepares a Bible Drill Church Resources CD to assist leaders in conducting a Church Bible Drill. General instructions, a warm-up drill, a church drill, scoring sheets, numbers for participants and a registration form are included on the CD. The Bible Drill Church Resources CD is mailed to Bible Drill Leaders in January. Leaders may prepare practice drills using the following format. Using the current cycle of verses and questions, substitute correct phrases and verses for drills three, four, and five.

The first drill is the **Book Drill**. I will call out a book of the Bible. You will find that book, place your index finger on any verse in that book, step forward, and be prepared to name the book which immediately precedes the book called, the book called, and the book which immediately follows the book called.

Attention. Present Bible. Acts. (pause)

Start. (TIME is called by the timekeeper after 8 seconds.)

Number ____ (Call on one driller who has stepped forward.
Driller's Response: John, Acts, Romans)

The next type of drill is the **Scripture Searching Drill**. I will give you a Scripture reference taken from any part of the Bible. You will find that reference, place your index finger on it, step forward, and be prepared to read that verse and repeat the reference.

Attention. Present Bible. Luke 2:14. (pause) Start. Time.

Number ____ (Response: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:14)

The third drill is the **Identifying Verses Drill**. I will give you a phrase from one of the verses on the list. It may be the first part, the last part, or the middle part. You will find that verse in the Bible, place your index finger on the verse, step forward, and be ready to read the verse and give the reference.

Attention. Present Bible. For I desired mercy, (pause) Start. Time.

Number ____ (Response: For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings. Hosea 6:6)

The fourth drill is the **Doctrinal Drill**. I will give you a doctrinal statement from the list. You will find the appropriate verse in the Bible, place your index finger on that verse, step forward, and be prepared to give the doctrinal statement, read the verse, and give the Scripture reference.

Attention. Present Bible. The Church. (pause) Start. Time.

Number ____ (Response: And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. Acts 2:42)

The last drill is the **Bible Answers Drill**. I will ask you a question taken from the list. You will locate the verse which answers that question, place your index finger on that verse, step forward, be prepared to quote the question and the verse from memory, and give the Scripture reference. I will instruct all of you to close your Bibles before I call on one of you to recite.

Attention. Present Bible. Who is a sinner? (pause) Start. Time.

Close Bibles. Number ____ (Response: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23)

Judging the Drill

You will need to provide training session for the adults you enlist to score your church drill. Enlist persons who are interested in working with youth. Avoid enlisting parents of drillers.

Four judges plus a timekeeper are needed. Enlist the judges and timekeeper at least one week prior to the training session. Three judges will score regular points and one judge will score bonus points.

Participants in all drills should be identified by numbers that are visible to the leader and the judges. Refer to the drillers by the numbers they are wearing, not by name. To assist in judging, limit the number of participants for each drill to 12.

Regular Judges

- ❖ Regular judges mark only mistakes.
- ❖ Place the number of the mistake (1-5) in the corresponding box on the score sheet beside the call number and under the participant number for each driller who makes a mistake. (All others will receive points for the call.) The vertical numbers on the score sheet are the call numbers and the horizontal numbers are participant numbers.
- ❖ Score each participant as an individual.
- ❖ If two mistakes in one call are made, deduct points for only one mistake.

Bonus Judge

- ❖ The judge scoring bonus points will place a check mark in the box under the participant's identifying number on the score sheet for the call in which a bonus point has been earned.
- ❖ On each call, one bonus point is scored by the participant who steps out first.
- ❖ If two or more step out at the same time, each receives a bonus point.

Timekeeper

- ❖ The timekeeper will call “Time” eight seconds after the leader gives the command “Start.”
- ❖ The timekeeper needs a stopwatch to accurately call time.

Chairman of the Judges

One of the four judges will have the additional responsibility of serving as chairman and share results and mistakes with participants. Judges should try to give participants the benefit of any doubt.

Drill Caller

The drill caller is responsible for conducting the drill and checking the accuracy of answers. Be prepared to handle the unexpected. If some distraction occurs when the call is being given causing a youth to make a mistake in responding, instruct the judges to disregard that call and give an alternate call.

When the drill is complete, the drill caller and judges exit the room to compile their scores. Announce the names of youth who qualify to participate in the associational drill. Announce the date of the associational drill and encourage the congregation to pray for youth as they prepare for it.

Mistakes

Participant receives no points (regular or bonus) if the driller ...

1. Fails to step forward in eight seconds.
2. Gives an incorrect response. This includes any participant who raises a hand indicating an error.
3. Fails to stand straight or keep his eyes on the drill leader until the command “start” is given.
4. Steps forward before the index finger is on the correct response.
5. Fails to handle the Bible according to instructions or abuses the Bible.

Computing a Final Score

To determine a youth's score, each regular judge adds the number of points earned for each correct response and the bonus judge adds the number of bonus points for each participant. Total the regular points from each score sheet for each participant, then add any bonus points to obtain a final score. Each judge could potentially score 100 points per participant, therefore a participant with a perfect score would have 300 points plus a possible 25 bonus points for a total of 325.

Each drill has five calls.

- ❖ Locating Books Drill – 3 points per call
- ❖ Scripture Searching Drill – 3 points per call
- ❖ Identifying Verses Drill – 4 points per call
- ❖ Doctrinal Drill – 5 points per call
- ❖ Bible Answers Drill – 5 points per call

Levels of Participation

Church Drill - The church drill is conducted before an audience of interested persons. Schedule the church drill one or two weeks before the associational drill. Youth who score at least 180 points in a church drill are eligible to participate in an associational drill. All church drill participants receive a certificate.

Associational Drill - The associational drill is held at a time and place designated by the association. All youth who score a minimum of 210 points at the associational drill are eligible to participate in the state drill. Each participant will receive either an Associational Winner seal or an Associational Participant seal.

State Drill - The state drill is sponsored by the Youth Ministry Group. Youth who score no mistakes receive a State Winner Perfect seal. Youth who score 270 points or higher receive a State Winner seal and all other youth receive a State Participant seal. Awards are given to 3rd & 6th year State participants. The youth with the eight highest scores in the preliminary state drills participate in the FINAL Drill to determine the South Carolina State Youth Bible Drill Winner.

Youth Bible Drill Score Sheet

Call		Participants											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
LOCATING BOOKS DRILL Five Calls (Three Points per Call)	1												
	2												
	3												
	4												
	5												
Total													
SCRIPTURE SEARCHING DRILL Five Calls (Three points per Call)	6												
	7												
	8												
	9												
	10												
Total													
IDENTIFYING VERSES DRILL Five Calls (Four Points per Call)	11												
	12												
	13												
	14												
	15												
Total													
DOCTRINAL DRILL Five Calls (Five Points per Call)	16												
	17												
	18												
	19												
	20												
Total													
BIBLE ANSWERS DRILL Five Calls (Five Points per Call)	21												
	22												
	23												
	24												
	25												
Total													
Regular Points													
Bonus Points													
Grand Total													

Judge _____

Regular

Bonus

Score sheet may be photocopied.

Date to begin Bible Drill promotion _____

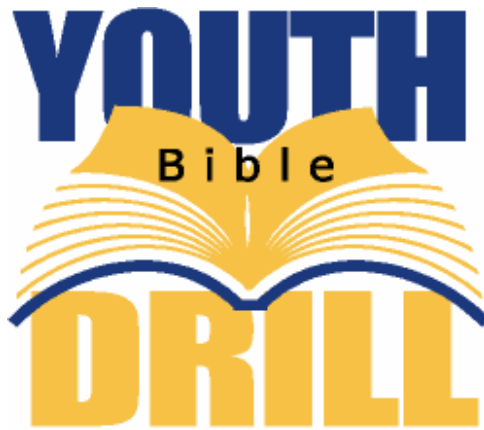
Date to begin Bible Drill practice at church _____

Date for Church Drill _____

Date for Associational Drill _____

Date for State Drill: May 3, 2008
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*Show me your ways, O 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.*

Psalm 25:4-5 NIV