



Kentucky HS Bible Drill

Rules & Guidelines

Why Do High School Bible Drill

- + HS 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!
- + Students 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.
- + HS Bible Drill is a church event for youth in grades 10 through 12. While preparing for the drill, students 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. Students also gain poise and confidence as they respond to drill calls with speed and accuracy.
- + HS Bible Drill can be part of a weekly discipleship group or can be a special weekly, one-hour activity. Students who are members of a 10th, 11th, or 12th 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.

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 suggested 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.
- + Contact your state Youth Ministry Department by email youth@kybaptist.org or phone 866-489-3574 if you have any questions. You can secure a copy of all materials needed for all active students and youth leaders online at www.kybaptist.org/bibleddrill.
- + Order copies of this guide for each judge and each adult who will be working with drillers.

Suggested Planning Outline (Continued)

October (Continued)

- + 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. If your association has no Youth Discipleship leader then find out the person in charge of coordinating the associational drill.

November–December

- + Before you begin training youth, practice by yourself or with another adult who has worked with 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 students who participated in the Youth Bible Drill and encourage them to continue building their Bible skills through the youth drill.
- + Enlist students.
- + Consider offering a clinic where rules and helpful advice are given to potential drillers.
- + Older students 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 students to practice speaking clearly and hints for becoming relaxed in front of an audience.
- + Consider calling area churches for the names of students who have participated in HS 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, state, and national 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, and finally, speed

January–February

- + Continue weekly practice sessions and practice drills.
- + Enlist students 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 students 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 student and adult worker involved.
- + Encourage students. Take them to Adult classes to demonstrate their knowledge and skill. The adults will be impressed and will encourage the students. 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.

Suggested Planning Outline (Continued)

March–April

- + Provide opportunities for students 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.
- + Enlist judges. Details for judging a drill are included in this manual. Each judge will need: (1) a copy of this guide, (2) a copy of the drills you will call, and (3) score sheets (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 official annual list of cycle verses.
- + Prepare a typewritten copy of your church drill calls.
- + In your church drill, all students will probably be using the same Bible translation. However, in the Association and State Drills, some students will be using the KJV and others will be using NIV. Help your students prepare for a drill using both translations. See for information regarding a drill using both.
- + Gather items for the drill: typewritten copy of the calls you will give for each drill (one copy for each judge), numbered cards (with straight pins) for driller identification (you might use two colors if you have KJV and NIV translations), pencils, score sheets, calculators, stopwatch, copies of list of verses, and items for 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.

Judging the Drill

You will need to provide training tools for the adults you enlist to score your church drill. Conduct a training session at least three days before the drill. Enlist persons who are interested in working with students. 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.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Regular Judges

- + Regular Judges mark only mistakes (see below).
- + 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 identification 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 student to make a mistake in responding, instruct the judges to disregard that call and give an alternate call.

Students may give the wrong reference, make a mistake in recitation, obviously have the wrong Scripture, become upset or begin to cry. When a driller becomes upset, say: Number ____, we will wait just a minute before giving the next call. If a driller is so upset that it is difficult to continue, say: Number ____, if you like, you may excuse yourself from the drill. Or if you would like to continue, we will pause for a minute.

When the drill is complete, ask the minister of music to lead singing while the 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.

Judging the Drill (Continued)

Mistakes - Participant receives no points (regular or bonus) if he or she . . .

- + Fails to STEP FORWARD within eight seconds.
- + Gives an INCORRECT RESPONSE (includes any driller who raises a hand indicating an error)
- + 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 Bible according to instructions or ABUSES THE BIBLE.

Computing a Final Score

- (1) To determine regular points, on each score sheet deduct the participant's amount of errors from 100.
- (2) Total the regular points from each score sheet for each participant, adding any 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 24 bonus points for a grand total of 324.

Types of Drills

(1) BOOK DRILL (Five Calls—Two 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.

(2) SCRIPTURE SEARCHING DRILL (Five Calls—Four 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.

(3) STEPS TO SALVATION DRILL (Six Calls—Four Points Per Call)

All six verses will be called out in the order listed. The purpose of this drill is to help youth recall verses in order to share the plan of salvation with someone. The leader will quote the reference of a verse in this section. A participant must correctly locate the verse and place his index finger on the verse before he steps forward. When called upon, he will close his Bible, recite the verse, and give the scripture reference.

(4) WHAT WE BELIEVE DRILL (Five Calls—Five Points Per Call)

The leader will announce a question taken from the official What We Believe Drill verses. A participant must correctly locate the verse listed that answers the What We Believe Question and place his index finger on the verse before he steps forward. When called upon the driller will close his Bible and be able to: (1.) quote the question, (2.) recite the correct verse(s), and (3.) state the Scripture reference.

(5) KEY BIBLICAL PASSAGE DRILL (Three Calls—Seven Points Per Call)

The purpose of this drill is for youth to hide longer Key Passages of scripture in their hearts. The leader will call out the title of a passage in this section. A participant must correctly locate the verses associated with it and place his index finger on any verse in this passage before he steps forward. When called upon, he will close his Bible, recite the title of the passage, quote the entire passage, and give the reference all from memory.

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.