

## Suggestions for State Bible Drill Callers

1. The success of a drill is in the hands of the caller. Callers need to be familiar with all aspects of \*Mississippi Bible Drills **before** calling a drill. A caller makes the difference between a good or bad experience for the drillers.
2. Make sure you understand and communicate the responsibilities of the judges and timekeeper **prior** to any drillers entering the room. One of the judges may also serve as the timekeeper.
3. The caller's responsibility is to call, not judge or keep time.
4. Follow the instructions given in the State Bible Drill pack for conducting the drill.
5. Practice. Pray. Practice. Be sure you know the cycle of commands. Giving the wrong command interrupts the train of thought for your drillers.
6. Speak loudly, distinctly, and in a manner which helps drillers feel at ease and have confidence in you.
7. Do not rush through the drill. Be sure to pause before you give the command "Start" so drillers have a moment to think about what you said. The call should only be given **one** time unless a driller raises his/her hand that he/she did not hear the call clearly.
8. Drillers should be called on to respond in random order.
9. Learn to read the drillers faces. If after missing a call the driller gets upset, pause and have them straighten the line, wipe their hands, take deep breaths, or something to take their mind off the mistake.
10. If a participant makes a mistake, the caller is to determine how much lenience to allow. In children's drills the caller can be more lenient. If a driller leaves out part of a verse, assure them they have the right verse but ask them to repeat it. Usually they will give the part they left out.
11. MS Bible Drill is not a contest. We do conduct drills to affirm and encourage drillers in Bible memory and Bible skill development. Our objective is to teach them more about God's Word and how to use it.
12. Be gracious to the drillers, parents and leaders. If there is a question on whether the student is right, give them the benefit of the doubt.
13. Any discussion between judges must take place after the drillers leave the room. The caller will make the final call on any discrepancies between the judges. Direct any questions related to the drill to the Site Director.
14. Help the group leave on a positive note. Express to them how much you appreciate their attendance and the good job they did. Thanks the parents and leaders as well.
15. Remember, as a caller, you have the responsibility to "take hold" of every situation that arises in the drill. You are the captain of the ship and have the final say, if there is a question.



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Thank you for your willingness to help in the spiritual growth of our drillers

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