



# Purpose

The purpose of Mississippi Baptist's Bible Drill is to help children and students develop skills in the use of the Bible, increase their knowledge of God's Word, help them learn the scriptures by heart, and apply the Bible to their lives.

# Participants

Any child or student in grades K-12.

***\*Only students representing Mississippi Baptist churches that support the Cooperative Program are eligible to compete for awards and scholarships.***

# Resources

- Mississippi Bible Drills will be conducted in the King James Version (KJV) and in the Christian Standard Bible (CSB). Both versions are available for purchase at [www.lifeway.com](http://www.lifeway.com).
- Bible Drill brochures, verse cards and other helps are available on our website at [www.mbc.org/bible-drill](http://www.mbc.org/bible-drill) or by calling the department.

# How to Start a Bible Drill Ministry

**Age Groups: Bible Buddies (K-3) Children (3-6) Student (6-12)**

- 1. Enlist a Bible Drill leader(s).**
- 2. Schedule your church's Bible Drill.**  
The church drill should be scheduled approximately one to two weeks before your association's drill. Call your associational office to find the date and location of the association's drill. Include the dates on your church's calendar.
- 3. Schedule your meetings (time & place).**  
Some churches begin in August or September while others wait to begin in January.
- 4. Request FREE MS Bible Drill brochure & verse cards** (Bible Buddies, Children, & Student) from MBCB. Contact the Discipleship/Sunday School Ministry to order. This material is available beginning **August 1<sup>st</sup>** every year. *\*Purchase other helpful materials from Lifeway.*
- 5. Promote Bible Drills in your church.**
- 6. Orientation meeting:** For drillers and parents to help them understand the plan.
- 7. Set start date and begin meeting weekly to practice.**
- 8. Participate in Church, Association and State Drills** (Association/State participation is based on driller qualification) Bible Buddies will only drill at the church level. They will drill with the children's church drill.
- 9. Recognition/Celebration**

# Bible Drill Commands

## 1. ATTENTION (TO START CALL)

Stand straight; one foot not extended in front of the other; eyes focused on the caller until the command "Start" is given; Bible held at the driller's side (in either hand) with the Bible's spine down.

## 2. PRESENT BIBLES

Bring Bible to waistline, parallel with the floor. Following the "Present Bible" command, the caller announces the call. It is recommended that a student who searches with his right hand hold the Bible in the left hand with Genesis down and with the right hand resting flat on the back of the Bible and no fingers extending over the edges. A driller who searches with his left hand may hold the Bible in the right hand, Genesis up, with the left hand resting flat on the front of the Bible.

## 3. START

This command is the signal for drillers to begin searching. After driller steps forward, he or she must keep eyes on the caller until attention is given.

## 4. TIME

The timekeeper calls out "Time" at the end of 8 or 10 seconds. No one may step forward after this command, and all drillers should stop searching. The caller calls on one driller, by number, who will give a response. The other drillers will remain quiet while that driller responds. If the driller called on does not give the right response, the caller calls on another driller.

## 5. ATTENTION (TO FINISH CALL)

Close the Bible, return to its original position, and take one step back.

# Levels of Drills

## CHURCH DRILL

Each church conducts a church drill. Church drill packs will be mailed, in February or March, to each church **who requests** Bible Drill Material from the Discipleship/Sunday School office only. They will also be on the website to download or may be picked up at your local association office.

## ASSOCIATIONAL DRILL

The associational drill is held at the time and place set by the association. You will need to call your local association to get this date and location. For a driller to qualify to participate in the associational drill, he/she must have passed their church drill with no more than **12 mistakes**.

## STATE DRILL

State Drills are held at the time and place listed on our website. For a driller to qualify to participate in the state drill, he/she must have passed their association's drill with no more than **8 mistakes**. A qualified driller can come to any of the Mississippi State Drill locations held. *Eligible* students who score "Superior" at the State drill qualify to participate in the grade appropriate *Bible Drill Tournament*.

## MS BIBLE DRILL STATE STANDARDS

- Drillers wishing to participate at the State level **must** participate during the scheduled times and locations.
- Each call will be given **one** time. *Driller must raise his/her hand if the call was not clearly understood and the caller will repeat.*
- The audience will be seated **behind** the drillers to prevent any distractions.
- \* *Churches and associations have the freedom to conduct their drill differently than stated above, however, these standards will be implemented at the State Drills.*

## BIBLE DRILL TOURNAMENTS

3 different tournaments are held on the same day:

**Middle School** (grades 6-9) Drillers who score "Superior" in the "State Drill" are eligible to participate in this tournament.

**High School** (grades 10-12) Drillers who score "Superior" in the "State Drill" are eligible to participate in this tournament. A driller can participate each year in the tournament, but will only be awarded one (highest) scholarship.

**9 Year** (9 year drillers) This tournament is reserved for drillers who have participated in at least nine years of Bible Drill, represent a Cooperative Program supporting church and declare an intention to attend one of the Baptist colleges in Mississippi. A driller may only participate in this tournament once.

*\*A student may choose to participate in both the "High School" and the "9 Year" tournament, if the criteria is met.*

## Types of Calls in a Drill

A drill consists of 24 calls with 6 calls that come from each of the 4 types of calls listed below. There should be 1 caller and three judges for each drill (one of the judges may serve as the time keeper). Each driller should be identified by a number they wear while drilling (the number needs to be big enough for the caller and judges to see easily).

## Children's Drill

*(Children are allowed **10 seconds** to step out.)*

### QUOTATION DRILL (**BIBLE HELD BUT NOT OPENED**)

The caller gives a scripture reference (example Genesis 1:27), if the driller knows the verse, he/she steps forward at the command "Start," prepared to quote the verse and state the reference.

### **COMPLETION DRILL (BIBLE HELD BUT NOT OPENED)**

The caller quotes the first part of a verse, which is underlined in the printed material (example: So God created man in his own image...). If the driller can complete the verse, he/she steps forward on the command "Start," prepared to quote the entire verse and state the reference.

### **BOOK DRILL (BIBLES USED)**

Any book of the Bible may be called. The caller says a book of the Bible and gives the command "Start". The driller then finds any page in that book that was called, places his/her index finger on the book, and steps forward. The child called on will name the book preceding the one called, the book called, and the book following the one found (example: "Psalms;" "Job, Psalms, Proverbs").

### **KEY PASSAGE DRILL (BIBLES USED)**

The caller calls the title or subject given to the passage (example: "The Creation"). At the command "Start" the driller finds the reference, places his/her index finger on any portion of the passage and steps forward. When called upon, the driller will state the title and reference for the key passage. Then, the caller will ask that driller to read aloud one or more verses from the passage.

## **Student Drill**

*(Students are allowed **8 seconds** to step out.)*

### **QUOTATION DRILL (BIBLE HELD BUT NOT OPENED)**

The caller gives a scripture reference (example Genesis 1:27), if the driller knows the verse, he/she steps forward at the command "Start," prepared to quote the verse and state the reference.

### **SCRIPTURE SEARCHING DRILL (BIBLE USED)**

The caller gives any scripture reference to be found. The driller must locate the reference given and place index finger on the verse before stepping forward. When called upon, he or she must be able to read the verse and state the scripture reference.

### **BIBLE ANSWERS DRILL (BIBLE USED)**

The caller announces a question taken from the material. Before stepping forward, a driller must correctly locate the verse that answers the question. When called upon, he/she must be able to quote the question, read the correct verse, and state the reference.

### **KEY PASSAGE DRILL (BIBLE USED)**

The caller calls the title or subject given to the passage (example: "The Creation"). At the command "Start" the driller finds the reference, places his/her index finger on any portion of the passage and steps forward. When called upon, the driller will state the title and reference for the key passage. Then, the caller will ask that driller to read aloud one or more verses from the passage.

# Scoring (Church, Association, & State Levels)

For these levels, scoring is based on mistakes. Judges mark on a score sheet when a mistake is made. At the end of the drill, the total number of mistakes is totaled, determining the level of performance. Only one mistake may be scored for a participant on a single call. Two or more judges must agree on the mistake for it to be counted.

## Mistakes

### TIME

Failure to step forward during the time allowed (10 seconds for children, 8 seconds for students).

### RESPONSE

Failure to respond properly. Finding the wrong reference. Raising the hand to admit a mistake.

### BEHAVIOR

Any behavior that is improper and disturbing to other drillers and violates the spirit of Mississippi Bible Drills.

### BIBLE

Flagrant abuse of the Bible such as flipping the pages carelessly or closing the Bible with unnecessary noise.

### PROCEDURE

Starting before command "Start" is given. Turning over the Bible before "Start." Stepping forward before the index finger is on the correct reference. Lifting or turning pages after stepping out.

# Scoring (Bible Drill Tournaments)

- All scripture verses and Key Passages must be found within eight (8) seconds.
- The first to step forward, with proper procedure, is awarded 10 bonus points. The second to step forward, with proper procedure, is awarded 5 bonus points. All others who step out will receive one point.
- Quotation Drill will not include bonus points.
- Each mistake is penalized 10 points. *Please note that failure to step out is not a mistake. The driller will just not receive a point for stepping out.*

# Awards

## **CERTIFICATES**

Each eligible participant is awarded a participation certificate when they begin. Church leaders are to complete the "Church Report Form" attached to Church Drill each year. This form is used to determine how many certificates and seals to send to each church. If seals or certificates from past years have been misplaced, we will gladly replace them upon request.

## **SEALS**

One seal is awarded, each year, to designate the driller's highest level of achievement for that year. Seals are sent after report form is sent in, unless the driller participates in the State drills. If so, the seal is awarded at State.

Students participating in State Drills will receive one of the following seals indicating their level of performance:

0-2 Mistakes..... Superior

3-4 Mistakes.....Excellent

5-6 Mistakes.....Good

7 or More Mistakes..... State Participant

## **SPECIAL AWARDS**

Please visit [www.mbc.org/bible-drill](http://www.mbc.org/bible-drill) to view a list of other awards given.

*For State Drill dates, please visit [www.mbc.org/bible-drill](http://www.mbc.org/bible-drill)*



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