

Children's Bible Drills



Never Heard about Children's Bible Drills? Let me tell you about them.

Children's Bible Drills is designed to help 4th through 6th graders increase their Bible knowledge and abilities to locate Bible materials.

Children's Bible Drills operate at three (3) levels—church, associational, and state. A child must complete 12+ correct responses out of a possible 24 to progress to the associational level; he must respond with 16+ correct responses out of 24 to proceed to the state level.

In Children's Bible Drills for 4th through 6th graders, there are four categories of calls, six calls in each category--Bible Book in which child locates the book preceding the "called" book and the book following the "called" book; Completion of a Bible verse; Quotation of a Bible verse; and Key Passage in which child learns location of key passages (6) and reads a verse from that passage when called upon. Bible Drills are conducted in either NIV or KJV; Bible Drills Leader makes this decision, cooperating with church staff.

Children's Bible Drills is not a competition. Every child is a winner if he participates in the Drills at any level. The child competes against the clock in that child must "step forward" within 10 seconds to indicate his knowledge of the Bible Materials.

At the state level, each child receives a certificate of participation with a seal to indicate degree of success—gold seal (superior) indicates 20+ correct responses; red seal (excellent) indicates 16-19 correct responses; and a blue seal (good) indicates 15 or fewer correct responses.

Incorrect responses include the following...failing to step forward within 10 seconds; poor posture; failing to watch the caller; stepping forward while still locating the materials; failing to have finger on the correct verse; giving the incorrect response; failing to follow along while another child is reading from key passage; failing to hold the Bible properly (when Bible is not in use as in Quotation Call & Completion Call, the Bible should be held in child's right hand with spine in palm of hand.)

A child is to raise his hand when he realizes that he has incorrect response.

You may secure Bible Drill cards from LifeWay Christian Resources and leaders/judges booklet (gives information about calls & directions for preparing the calls used in church drill) from the Virginia Baptist Mission Board at 800.ALL.BGAV (255.2428) or 804.915.5000. You may purchase a video demonstrating the 4 categories of calls by contacting Diane Smith at VBMB. The cost of the video is \$5.00.

Churches not affiliated with VBMB may participate in the Children's Bible Drills at a cost. We connect non-VBMB churches with an association so that these children may participate at an associational level.

The following time-line should prove helpful in conducting a successful Children's Bible Drill...

September: Select a Bible Drill Leader; the nominating committee may have this assignment or the pastor or other church staff.

October: Secure Bible Drill brochures from Glocal Missions/Evangelism Team. (P.O. Box 8568, Richmond, VA 23226; 800-255-2428); begin sessions with children.

November, December, January: Continue Bible Drill sessions with children.

February: Secure leaders for conducting your Church Drill (a caller, 3 judges, & a timekeeper); prepare the calls for the church drill (refer to judges/leaders guide available from VBMB.)

March: Conduct your Church Drill; provide the Associational Bible Drill Coordinator with names of boys & girls who will participate in Associational Drill.

April: Participate in the Associational Drill; conduct a practice drill with children before participating in State Drill.

May: Participate in State Drill with boys & girls who qualified from Associational Drills; conduct a recognition ceremony for ALL your church Bible Drillers.

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