



Beginning children's Bible drill in your church

What is Children's Bible Drill?

The purpose of Children's Bible Drill is to make disciples for Christ.

The goal of Children's Bible Drill is to help children:

- Increase in the knowledge of the Bible.
- Develop skills in locating Bible Books and Key Passages.
- Memorize the names of the Books of the Bible in order and the Bible Verses and Key Passages identified on the current Verse Cards.
- Learn how to apply the Bible to their lives.

What are the benefits of using Children's Bible Drill?

Making disciples for Christ is a rewarding experience for both children and teachers.

Children enjoy having teachers take time to nurture them and lead them in a more thorough understanding of Christ and what He desires for us. They enjoy games that lead them to discover God, His Word and how to apply Scriptures to their daily lives. It is rewarding for older children to know an adult at church who believes in them, and who is there to support, encourage and encourage them as they practice to become more like Jesus.

Teachers gain the reward of knowing “I have spent my time well” when they see preteens experience success as they apply the Scriptures to their daily life. They enjoy seeing children accomplish major challenges as they memorize Books of the Bible, a Key Passage or Verse. They are humbled as they become aware of how God uses them to change the lives of children through this discipleship ministry.

Who can participate in Bible Drill?

Children’s Bible Drill is for fourth through sixth grade students. Although there are Bible Skills, Drills, and Thrills materials to use with first through third grade students, they will need to wait to be eligible to participate in Bible Drill. Children’s Bible Skills, Drills, and Thrills, which includes the Bible Drill activities, also includes activities for boys and girls who may not choose to participate in Bible Drill. Bible Drill is only one of the choices for Bible Skills, Drills and Thrills.

What do children learn in Bible Drill?

Due to the variety of activities included in Bible Skills, Drills, and Thrills, children have the opportunity to learn in their preferred way. Every child will learn the Books and divisions of the Bible, Bible Verses, Key Passages, Bible Book content, Bible history, Bible people and life application. For those children who desire to participate in the Children’s Bible Drill, leaders will spend time helping them develop Bible Skills and Bible Drill participation skills so that they are ready to drill in a church, association and State Bible Drill. Children learn presentation skills from the drills as well as Bible Skills.

When do I begin Children’s Bible Drill?

Most churches begin with the new church year in September. Beginning this early allows them to use a variety of activities to help children learn the Verses, Key Passages, and the Books of the Bible. Some churches wait until January to begin. Beginning in January means children must learn most of the material at home and spend class time practicing drilling.

How many leaders do we need?

Recommended ratio for every group is one leader for every six children with a minimum of two leaders for each group.

Skill Centers can be set up and led by Skill Center Leaders or by parents who have signed up or been enlisted to lead the Skill Center time. Parent sign-up sheets as well as tips for promotion and teacher ideas are provided in the Bible Skills, Drills, and Thrills materials.

How Do We Promote Bible Drill?

- Keep it before the church
- Demonstration
- Parent Newsletters

What Are the Levels of Participation?

Children's Bible Drillers pass through at least three levels of participation.

Church Drill

Schedule a Church Drill one or two weeks before the Associational Drill. A Church Drill should be conducted at the church before an audience of interested people.

Children who participate in a Church Drill and give 12 or more correct responses are eligible to participate in an Associational Drill.

The person in charge of the Church Drill should notify the associational office of the names of the children who qualify for the Associational Drill.

Every child who participates in a Church Drill should receive some kind of recognition, such as a certificate from the church. Church Bible Drill Certificates can be obtained at oklahomabaptists.org. Our suggestion is to give each participant a certificate with one seal for participation and a second seal if the child gives 12 or more correct responses. The second seal will indicate that a child may advance to the Association Bible Drill.

Associational Drill

The Associational Drill is held at a time and place designated by the Associational Discipleship Training Council. The leader of this drill may be the Associational Bible Drill Children's Leader. Children who give 16 or more correct responses in an Associational Drill may advance to the State Drill.

The Associational Discipleship Training Director should send the names and addresses of all qualifying participants and the name of each sponsoring church to the State Discipleship Training Department.

Every child in an Associational Drill should receive some kind of recognition such as a certificate. Associational Bible Drill certificates can be obtained at oklahomabaptists.org. Please request the number of certificates needed for the Associational Drill 2 weeks before your drill. You should receive your certificates within a week of your request. After you receive the

certificates you will need to print the names of the participants and have the associational Director of Missions and the Associational Children's Bible Drill Leader sign the certificate. Our suggestion is to give each participant a certificate with one seal for their participation and a second seal if the child gives 16 or more correct responses. The second seal will indicate that a child may advance to the State Bible Drill.

State Drill

The State Drill is held on the first Saturday of May each year.

Each child who participates in the State Drill will receive a State Bible Drill Certificate. The certificate will have one seal that indicates a child participated in the State Bible Drill. A second seal will be attached if a child gives 20 or more correct responses.

Frequently Asked Questions

Which version of the Bible do I use with Children's Bible Drill?

The King James Version and the Holman Christian Standard Bible will be used at the Oklahoma Children's State Bible Drill.

What is a Key Passage?

Each year children learn the location of 10 important passages in the Bible. They must be able to find the passage when the caller gives the title. For example, if the caller says, "The Crucifixion," the children must know that the reference is John 19 and be able to find the passage in 10 seconds. At the end of three years in Children's Bible Drill, children will be able to find 30 Key Passages.

Please note:

Oklahoma Children's Bible Drill will remain the same in title and State Bible Drill judging, scoring, and calling. A Children's Bible Drill ministry may use the entire Bible Skills, Drills, and Thrills curriculum or simply purchase the current cycle (Red, Green, or Blue) Verse Cards and Key Passages, and continue to use them in the same method as previous Bible Drill ministries. The choice is up to each individual church. However, the Bible Skills, Drills, and Thrills materials would be very beneficial in preparing children for Bible Drill. The materials have been prepared with a variety of activities and games that enhance previous Bible Drill activities. There are Bible Drill games and fun activities found in the Bible Skills, Drills, and Thrills curriculum that can be used to help your driller learn. Bible Skills, Drills, and Thrills Activity Books and Verse Cards may be purchased separately from the rest of the curriculum. There is also a Music and Games CD that can be purchased in sets of five.

What about the name of Bible Drill?

Children's Bible Drill will be called Children's Bible Drill at the state and associational level. However, your church may want to choose another name for your Bible Drill such as: Bible Club, TBYTE – The Bible You Take Everywhere, or some other group name. The resources for Bible Drill and Bible Skills education for other children will be called Bible Skills, Drills, and

Thrills. Children's Bible Drill Leaders may want to purchase the Verse Cards only as in previous years.

Have any of the rules for Children's Bible Drill changed?

Oklahoma will continue to use the same guidelines for judges, timekeepers, and callers. Please see below for these guidelines. Bible Drill presentation rules have not changed for Oklahoma.

How do we write our Church Drill?

Each Bible Drill consists of 24 calls: 6 Bible Book Calls, 6 Completion Calls, 6 Key Passage Calls, and 6 Quotation Calls. In addition to these, you should include a practice call and an extra call which may be substituted if necessary. Key Passages and Verses used in the Completion and Quotation Calls should be selected from the current cycle.

What do I do when a child misses a Church or Association Drill? Do they still come to the State Drill?

When a child misses a Church or Association Drill, have a separate drill for that child. The more experience children have in front of people the more comfortable they will feel at the State Bible Drill. It is also important that each child qualify for the Association and State Bible Drill by answering the correct number of responses. To qualify for the Association Drill a child must give 12 or more correct responses at the Church Drill. To qualify for the State Drill a child must give 16 or more correct responses at the Association Drill. To qualify at state, a child must give 20 or more correct responses.

Sample Calls

Book Drill

We will now have the Book Drill. I will call a Book of the Bible. After the call, "Start" will be given and you will have 10 seconds to find any page in the book, place your index finger on the page, and step forward. If called on, you will name the book preceding the book called, the book called, and the book following the one called. The first call will be a practice call and will not be scored.

Caller: Attention. Present Bibles. Luke. Start.

Driller: "Mark, Luke, John."

Caller: Attention.

Key Passage Drill

We will now have the Key Passage Drill. I will call the title of a Key Passage. After the call, "Start" will be given and you will have 10 seconds to find any portion of the passage, place your index finger on the passage, and step forward. If called on, you will state the title of the Key Passage and the reference. You will be asked to read a verse contained in the passage. The first call will be a practice call and will not be scored.

Caller: Attention. Present Bibles. The Comfort Chapter. Start.

Driller: "The Comfort Chapter: John 14."

Caller: Please read verse 15.

Driller: "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."

Caller: Attention.

Completion Drill

We will now have the Completion Drill. I will quote a part of the Verse. If you can complete the Verse and the reference step forward. The first call will be a practice call and will not be scored.

Caller: Attention. But everything must be. Start.

Driller: "But everything must be done decently and in order. 1 Corinthians 14:40."

Caller: Attention.

Quotation Drill

We will now have the Quotation Calls. I will give you the reference to a verse. If you know the verse step forward, prepared to give the verse and the reference. The first call will be a practice call and will not be scored.

Caller: Attention. Ephesians 6:1. Start.

Driller: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, because this is right."

Caller: Attention.

Caller Commands

Attention

- Stand straight.
- One foot not extended in front of the other.
- Eyes focused on the caller until the command "Start" is given.
- Hold the Bible at your side (in either hand) with the Bible's spine down.

Present Bibles

- Used only in the Book Calls and Key Passage Calls.
- Bring your Bible to waistline, parallel with the floor.
- Following the "Present Bible" command, the caller announces the call.

Start

- Step forward to begin searching in the Bible.
- For the Book Call and Key Passage Call
 - Begin searching in the Bible when the command is given. It is a mistake to begin before this command is given.
- For the Book Call, find any part of the book.
 - Place the index finger upon any part of that book.
 - Step forward.
- For the Key Passage Call,
 - Find any part of the reference.
 - Place your index finger on any portion.
 - Step forward.
- For the Quotation and Completion Calls
 - Step forward when you can say the verse.

Please Note:

If a verse or passage falls at the bottom of a page and a page needs to be turned for the child to complete reading the verse or passage, the child will request permission to turn the page by saying: "May I turn the page please."

Time

- The timekeeper calls out "Time" at the end of 10 seconds. No one may step forward after this command, and all children should stop searching in their Bibles.
- The caller calls on one child by number who will give a response.
- The other children will remain quiet while the one called upon responds.
- If the child called on does not give the right response, the caller will say, "The correct response is..." and give the correct response. The caller will not call upon another child. Please advise your children that, if they think their answer is correct, they should remain in place. Tell them to give themselves the benefit of the doubt. The caller will let them know if the answer is incorrect.

Attention

- Close the Bible.
- Return it to its original position.
- Take one step back into the original line with the other children.

Scoring

How is Children's Bible Drill judged and scored?

- Judging is based on the Verses and Key Passages printed on the current cycle card and the Books of the Bible.
- Mistakes are marked on the score sheet.
- Only one mistake may be scored for a child on any single call.
- While mistakes are scored, scores will not be reported to the children.
- Judges decisions are final.

Mistakes

- Child fails to step out within 10 seconds.
- Child gives incorrect response. This includes any child who raises his or her hand, indicating an error.
- Child fails to stand straight or keep eyes on the drill caller until the command "Start" is given.
- When the Bible is used, child steps forward before the index finger is on the correct response.
- Child fails to handle the Bible according to instructions or obviously misuses the Bible. The Bible should be parallel to the floor with one hand flat on the top and one hand flat on the bottom with no fingers extending over the edges.
- Child should request permission to turn the page if a verse or Key Passage falls on two pages. Child should ask: "May I turn the page please?" This insures that the judges know that the child was on the correct page.

Score Sheet

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State Drills

What Can I Expect at An Associational Bible Drill or the State Bible Drill?

Call your local Association Office to learn of the date, time, place and what to expect at the Associational Bible Drill.

Prior to the State Bible Drill, you will receive:

- Confirmation of your registration with the time of your drill
- Location of the State Bible Drill
- Map of Oklahoma City with location of Drill marked
- A schedule for the day

At the State Bible Drill you will find the following:

- Signs outside the building directing you to the parking lot nearest the entrance for the Children's Bible Drill.
- Bibles (correct version) will be provided by the state.
- A Registration Desk for the Bible Drill Leader to check in the group. There you will receive:
 - The room location where your children will be drilling.
 - A number for each child.
 - A map of the church.
 - Location of practice rooms.
 - Location of rest rooms.

Tips for the State Bible Drill

- Take your children to the rest room prior to their drill.
- Children will not be given the number of correct or incorrect responses they have at the Association or State Children's Bible Drill.

- Judges will not announce the scores of the children.
- Judges will give a seal on each child's State Bible Drill Certificate. One seal is for participating in the State Bible Drill. A second seal will be given for giving 20 correct responses.
- At the State Bible Drill, one practice call will be given prior to the first call.

Things to Remember

Our desire is for every child to have a good experience. The Caller, Judges and Timekeepers are leaders of children and work with Bible Drill in their own church. Our rules are the same as the ones described in Bible Skills, Drills, and Thrills - the same rules your children practice at church and use in the Church and Association Bible Drill.

Preparation Checklist

You may find the following helpful as you prepare your children for Bible Drill. Upcoming cycles, dates, certificates, and other resources are provided at oklahomabaptists.org.

1. Enlist leaders
2. Purchase resources on the [Lifeway website](http://lifeway.com)
3. Get current cycle verse cards (HCSB or KJV)
4. Place the appropriate dates on the church calendar.
 - Church Drill: Prior to Associational Drill. Set a date convenient for staff, parents, congregation and the participants.
 - Association Drill: Prior to State Drill. Obtain the date and location for the Associational Drill by calling your associational office.
 - State Drill: The State Drill is set for the first Saturday in May of each year. The location may change.
5. Train leaders. Decide on the schedule and number of sessions for the training.
6. Promote the Children's Bible Drill Ministry to both parents and children.
7. Meet with parents and children. Plan to introduce "first time" children to the ministry concept. Give all parents a calendar with scheduled weekly meetings and other special retreats, fellowships, practices, Church Drill, Associational Drill, and State Drill dates.
8. Conduct weekly sessions and special planned sessions, retreats, and fellowships.
9. Enlist and train three judges and one timekeeper for the Church Drill.
10. Conduct the Church Drill. Sample calls may be found in this packet.
11. Send to the Associational Children's Bible Drill Leader any information requested by your associational office at least one week prior to your Associational Drill or by the date set by your association office.
12. Recognize all Church drillers in a church service.
13. Plan a special event for all drillers.
14. Conduct one or two review sessions prior to Associational Drill.
15. Attend the Associational Children's Bible Drill with the children.
16. In a church service, recognize and commend all who participated in the Associational Drill. Avoid embarrassing or making a child feel inadequate by calling attention to the number of correct responses, etc. Certificates may be presented if appropriate.

- 17.** Attend the State Children's Bible Drill with the drillers, whether or not there are any children from your church entered in the State Drill. The State Drill is a very rewarding experience for all children whether or not they qualified. Some churches plan to spend the night in Oklahoma City, attend the Drill, and then take the rest of the day for a special outing (Frontier City, Zoo, etc).
- 18.** Evaluate this year's preparation, practices, and drills.
- 19.** Begin to make plans for next year's Children's Bible Drill.

Resources

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Logos, sample sessions, and administrative documents for Bible Skills, Drills, and Thrills are available on the [Lifeway website](#).