



2026 Bible Drill Procedural Pamphlet

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The enclosed information is available online at LouisianaBaptists.org/bibledrill

A Cooperative Program Sponsored Event.

Suggested Drill Dates:

Church Drill: March 8

District Drill: March 29

State Tournament for Youth/High School Bible Drill:

Saturday, April 18 • 9:00 am • Calvary, Alexandria

Tuesday, April 21 • 6:30 pm • Temple, Ruston

Thursday, April 23 • 6:30 pm • FBC, Covington

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Purpose

Bible Drill is a discipleship program and is designed to assist students in grades 7-12 to develop useful skills and knowledge of the Bible. By participating in the drills, youth will learn to find books of the Bible, locate scripture references, learn three different approaches of the Plan of Salvation, and use scripture references to document basic beliefs and doctrinal convictions.

Eligible Participants

Youth (7th - 9th grades) and High School (10th - 12th grades) students who are sponsored by a Louisiana Southern Baptist Church.

Basic Materials

Verse cards and this Procedural Pamphlet are available at LouisianaBaptists.org/bibledrill.

Drill Bibles are also needed and available at Lifeway.

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Judging

A **drill leader (conductor)**, **three regular point judges**, a **bonus point judge**, and a **timekeeper** are used. Each judge will score all participants, maximum of 12. In scoring, when there's a question, the judging team will give the driller the benefit of the doubt.

The **conductor** is the only one that confirms a memory response by "That is Correct" or "Please try again" (one extra chance only). If a driller cannot give the proper response, the conductor will ask the group to respond in unison. If the group is a mixed group, the conductor will give the correct response. **All other judging issues are the responsibility of the judges and the conductor will refrain from any comments of any kind in reference to mistakes during the drill.**

Regular point judges will indicate a correct response by leaving the box blank. Judges will place a number (1-5) in the appropriate box to indicate a mistake. Each regular point judge will score the entire group.

Bonus Point Judge — On each call, **one bonus point** is scored by the participant who steps out first. In case of a tie, bonus points are given to each. The judge scoring bonus points will place a 1 in the appropriate box. If a person receiving a bonus point makes a mistake, cancel it with an X.

***NOTE:** Regular points are totaled & averaged then bonus points added.

Mistakes

1. Fails to STEP FORWARD within 8 seconds.
2. Gives an INCORRECT RESPONSE (includes any driller who raises a hand indicating an error). It is an error to step out, then step back, then step out again even if it is in the allotted time.
3. Fails to STAND STRAIGHT, keep his EYES ON THE CONDUCTOR, or BEGINS ANY MOVEMENT before the command "Start" is given.
4. Steps forward before the INDEX FINGER is on the correct response.
5. Fails to handle the Bible according to instructions or ABUSES THE BIBLE.

***NOTE:** At each drill level, scores are totaled, then averaged before bonus points are added.

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Drill Commands

In conducting a Bible Drill, conductors will use the following commands:

"Attention" - The participants will stand erect with one foot not extended in front of the other, hands by side, head up, eyes on the conductor, and Bible in either hand at side, spine side down.

"Present Bibles" - Participants bring the Bible to waistline. The Bible should be parallel to the floor with one hand flat on the top and one hand flat on the bottom with no thumbs or fingers extending over the edges. Following "Present Bibles", the conductor announces the call. ***The call is stated twice***, and no questions can be asked after the second call.

"Start" - This command is the signal for participants to begin searching. In the Book Drill, the index finger must be placed upon any verse in that book. In other drills, the driller finds the verse, places his index finger on the verse, and steps forward. It is a mistake to begin any movement before "Start" is called.

"Time" - ***A timekeeper calls out the word "time" at the end of 8 seconds. The full 8 seconds is given on each call. There is to be no "All Out" called to shorten the drill.*** This is to allow the participant the full measure of time to collect his thoughts before being called upon. No one may step forward after "time" is called, and all participants should stop searching. ***(When time is called, in the Bible answers drill, the conductor will instruct the drillers to close their Bibles).*** The conductor will call upon one driller to respond. **A participant will be expected to raise his hand when he has the wrong reference whether called upon or not.**

"Attention" - The conductor gives the command "Attention". The drillers return to their original positions, Bibles held at side, spine side down.

Church Drill Packet* Requests

Church Leader: To request a church drill packet, go to LouisianaBaptists.org/bibledrill or call 800.622.6549/318.448.3402.

NOTE: When a packet is requested, it will be mailed three (3) weeks prior to the suggested Church Drill date found in the brochure. Please indicate the number participating in your drills & the translation they are using.

* Drill packet contents: certificates and seals for EACH participant, one copy of the drill and one copy of the score sheet.

Drill Levels & Achievements

Church Drill

The church drill will be conducted at the church, before an audience of interested persons. A certificate & a church seal is presented to **ALL** participants in the church drill. Those having 65 or more points may advance to the District Drill. The person in charge of the church drill should completely fill out and send the "Church Report Form" to their **District Bible Drill Consultant** -NOT the State Office— **no later than March 22**. See District Drill assignments, locations, and contact information at LouisianaBaptists.org/bibledrill.

District Drill

The district drill is held at a time & place set by YOUR District Bible Drill Consultant. District Seals will be presented to **ALL** participants. Those having 75 or more points may advance to the State Drill. The District Bible Drill Consultant should completely fill out and send the "District Report Form" to the Youth Strategist Office at the Louisiana Baptist Convention, including each youth who qualifies. **This report must be postmarked no later than April 12**. Please don't forget to indicate three, six, and nine year participants.

State Drill

EACH participant will receive a **state seal** to be affixed to the certificate previously awarded at the church level. All participants receiving perfect scores (100 points by EACH REGULAR POINT JUDGE in their competition) shall receive a Perfect Score Seal.

National Invitational Tournament

Students (9th and 12th grades) competing to represent Louisiana at the National Invitational Tournament in June are required to complete the State Drill at Calvary Baptist Church in Alexandria.

9th Grade:

The student with the top overall score (minimum of 100) will be selected to represent Louisiana at the National Invitational Tournament. Date, location, and details will be provided at the completion of State Drills.

12th Grade:

The National Competitor with the top overall score (minimum of 100) will be selected to represent Louisiana at the National Invitational Tournament. Date, location, and details will be provided at the completion of State Drills.

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Types of Drills

The scriptures for Steps to Salvation Drill, What We Believe Drill, and Key Biblical Passage Drill are found on the High School (10th - 12th grades) and Youth (7th - 9th grades) scripture cards.

A complete drill consists of 5 types of drills with calls in each type. The Bible is used throughout the drill. The types of drills are listed, along with the number of calls and point value of each call. ****Time Limit: 8 seconds****

High School (10th - 12th grades)

Book Drill 5 calls/2 points

The conductor calls the name of any book in the Bible. At the command "Start," participants begin searching for that book. A participant places his index finger on any verse in that book and he steps forward. When called upon, he should be able to name the book preceding the book called, the book called, and the book following the book called.

Scripture Searching Drill 5 calls/4 points

The conductor 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. **Reading ability is not judged.**

Steps to Salvation Drill 6 calls/4 points

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 conductor 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.

What We Believe Drill 5 calls/5 points

The conductor will announce a question taken from the official What We Believe Drill verses (see card). A participant must correctly locate the verse listed that answers the question and place his index finger on the verse before he steps forward. When time is called, the conductor will instruct the participants to close their Bibles. When called upon, the participant must be able to quote the question, recite the correct verse(s), and state the Scripture reference.

Key Biblical Passage Drill 3 calls/7 points

The conductor 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. **State Level:** 10-12th graders will recite the title of the passage, give the reference and when called on will read the verse requested. 12th graders competing for **National** will, when called upon, close his Bible, recite the title of the passage, quote the complete passage, and give the reference.

Youth (7th - 9th grades)

Locating Books of the Bible 5 calls/2 points

The conductor calls any book in the Bible. At the command "Start", participants begin searching for that book. A participant places his index finger on any verse in that book and he steps forward. When called upon, he should be able to name the book preceding the book called, the book called, and the book following the book called.

Scripture Searching Drill 5 calls/2 points

The conductor 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. **Reading ability is not judged.**

Identifying Verses Drill 5 calls/3 points

The conductor quotes any part of a verse taken from the list of identifying verses (see card). It may be any part of a verse. A conductor, however, should quote enough of a verse to provide the participant with a reasonable clue. A participant must correctly locate the verse in the Bible before he steps forward. When called upon, he must be able to read the verse and state the Scripture reference. **Reading ability is NOT judged.**

Doctrinal Drill 5 calls/3 points

The conductor announces a doctrinal statement taken from the list of doctrinal verses (see card). A participant must correctly locate the verse listed with that doctrine before he steps forward. When called upon, he must be able to state the doctrine, read the verse, and state the Scripture reference. **Reading ability is NOT judged.**

Bible Answers Drill 5 calls/4 points

The conductor announces a question taken from the list of Bible answers verses (see card). Before he steps forward, a participant must correctly locate the verse listed that answers the question. When time is called, the leader will instruct the participants to close their Bibles. When called upon, the participant must be able to quote the question, recite the correct verse, and state the reference.

Plan of Salvation Drill 6 calls/5 points

The conductor asks the question or statement. Before he steps forward, a participant must correctly locate the verse listed that answers the question. When time is called, the leader will instruct the participants to close their Bibles. When called upon, the participant must be able to quote the question or statement, recite the correct response, verse, and state the reference.

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Special Tenure Medallion

A special tenure medallion will be presented to any student who has participated in the State Drills (including Children, Youth, or High School Bible Drills) for 3, 6, or 9 years.

3 year participant: Bronze Medalist

6 year participant: Silver Medalist

9 year participant: Gold Medalist

Louisiana College Scholarship/Awards

Louisiana College awards scholarships to High School participants that achieve a certain score. A representative from Louisiana College will contact each recipient to award the scholarship(s). A Bible Drill Scholarship cannot be combined with any other Louisiana College academic scholarship. Students can accept the scholarship that is of greater value. Please contact the Louisiana College Office of Admissions for more information.

1-Time Bible Drill Scholarship:

1st Place: \$1,000

2nd Place: \$750

3rd Place: \$500