

PROCEDURAL NOTES and COMMANDS:

The following apply to all the drill commands.

- Time Limit: children 10 seconds to respond, youth and high school 8 seconds
- Drillers hold their Bibles during the entire drill.
- Callers pause between the call and the "Start" command. During this time ONLY may a driller ask for the call to be repeated.
- **A driller may step forward only once during a call.** After stepping forward they must NOT step back until "Attention" is called, even though time remains for the call.
- When the Caller calls on a driller, all drillers not called upon must remain in position with **eyes on the Caller** until the respondent is finished. If Bibles are open, they remain so and **drillers do not read along while another gives a response.**
- The driller has the option of giving the reference at the beginning of the response or at the end. The reference must be given correctly at least once to complete the call.
- When searching the Bible, the index finger, rather than any other part of the hand, is used to indicate the Scripture's location.
- When called on, if the designated reference spans across multiple pages, drillers may request permission to turn the page before responding.

Commands during a drill are given in this order:

ATTENTION - Stand erect, but not rigid, both arms at the sides, one foot not extended in front of the other, and eyes focused on the Caller until the command "Start" is given. The Bible is held at the side (in either hand) with the Bible's spine down, and the hand under the spine.

PRESENT BIBLES - Following the "Present Bibles" command, bring the Bible to the waistline parallel with the floor. The Caller then announces the call. It is recommended that a driller who searches with his/her 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. A driller who searches with his/her left hand may hold the Bible in the right hand, Genesis up, with the left hand resting flat on the front of the Bible. After stepping forward, Bibles are not closed until "Attention" is called.

START - This command is the signal for driller to begin searching in their Bibles. It is a mistake to begin searching before this command is given.

TIME - A stopwatch is needed for the Timekeeper. Timing begins immediately after the command "Start" is finished. The timekeeper calls out "Time" at the end of eight seconds. **The stopwatch begins on 0 and is stopped when it clicks over to eight.** No one may step forward after the timekeeper calls "Time", and all drillers must immediately stop searching in their Bibles. The Caller calls on one driller by number who gives a response. The other drillers remain in position with eyes focused on the Caller while the one called upon responds.

CLOSE BIBLES - During those calls which require drillers to recite from memory, after "Time" is called, all the drillers are instructed to close their Bibles. The Caller then calls on one driller to respond.

THANK YOU - Acknowledgement given to a driller after a completed response, whether correct or incorrect. Do not call on another driller for a correct response if an incorrect one has been given. The Caller says, "Thank you" and proceeds with the drill assuming that all the others have responded correctly. The Caller acknowledges any drillers who have raised their hand (an admission of error), by saying "Thank you number ___."

ATTENTION - Close the Bible if it is open, return it to its original position at the side, and take one step back.

MISTAKES:

A driller receives no points if:

1. Driller fails to step forward within required seconds. Drillers who are in forward motion when time is called should not stop and step back but continue to step forward. The judges will determine if the driller has stepped out in time. Drillers must step forward confidently (no inching) so that the driller's position is correctly noted by the judges.
2. An incorrect response is given. If a driller realizes a mistake in quoting, he may restate his answer by saying, "correction" and start over. When a driller has stepped out and realizes he is in error, whether called upon or not, he is to raise his hand to indicate his error to the judges. Once acknowledged by the Caller, the driller should lower their hand and remain standing in that position. They will not be asked to respond to that call. Remember, no stepping back or closing Bibles until "Attention" is called.
3. Searching in the Bible before the command "Start" is given.
4. Driller fails to stand erect or keep his eyes on the Caller until the command "Start" is given. Any behavior which may disturb or distract other drillers, such as sliding or jumping forward, looking at other drillers, etc. is inappropriate and may be counted as an error.
5. Driller steps forward before the index finger is on the correct response. It is also a mistake if the driller has used the thumb or any other part of the hand, rather than the index finger, to indicate the located scripture in the Bible. It is a mistake to turn the page without the permission of the leader even if the designated reference appears on two pages. The driller may ask, "May I turn the page?" when responding.
6. Failure to hold the Bible correctly (with one hand flat on the top and one hand flat on the bottom with no fingers/thumbs extending over the edges) when the call "Present Bibles" is given. Abuse in handling the Bible is never correct. Examples of abuse in handling the Bible are:

- Holding the Bible with the spine up while at attention
- Carelessly dropping the Bible
- Slamming the Bible shut
- Opening or holding the Bible in a way that breaks the spine
- Excessive noise while turning pages
- Flipping or slapping pages
- Open handed flipping of pages
- Fanning pages from side or top of the whole Bible

NOTE: There is no rule for a mistake of dishonesty in drilling. This would require a judgment call on the part of the judges that cannot be verified without disrupting the drills. There might be a driller who would take a chance that they would not be called on, yet we trust this would not occur. We prayerfully hope that participating in Bible Drills will promote integrity and honesty and being honorable.