



Suggestions for Bible Drill Callers

1. The success of a drill is in the hands of the caller. Callers need to be familiar with all aspects of Mississippi Bible Drills before calling a drill. (Carefully review this year's Children and Student Bible Drill brochures.) A caller makes the difference between a good or bad experience for the drillers.
2. Make sure you understand the responsibilities of the judges and timekeeper. The judges and the timekeeper should be instructed prior to any drillers entering the drill room. One of the judges may also serve as the timekeeper.
3. Follow the instructions given in the Bible Drill pack for conducting the drill.
4. Practice. Pray. Practice. Be sure you know the cycle of commands. Giving the wrong command interrupts the train of thought for your drillers.
5. Speak loudly, distinctly, and in a manner which helps drillers feel at ease and have confidence in you.
6. Do not rush the drill. Be sure to pause before you give the command "Start" so drillers have a moment to think about what you said.
7. It is best for the drillers to hold their Bibles throughout all of the drills, even though they are not opened in the Quotation and Completion Drills. In Mississippi State Bible Drills children and students use their own Bibles.
8. Participants should be called on to respond in random order.
9. Learn to read the participants faces. If after missing a call the driller gets upset, pause and have them straighten the line, wipe their hands, take deep breaths, or something to take their mind off the mistake.
10. If a participant makes a mistake, the caller is to determine how much lenience to allow. In children's drills the caller can be more lenient. If a driller leaves out part of a verse, assure them they have the right verse but ask them to repeat it. Usually they will give the part they left out.
11. Bible Drill is not a contest. We do conduct drills to affirm and encourage drillers in Bible memory and Bible skill development. Our objective is to teach them more about God's Word and how to use it.
12. Be gracious to the participants, their parents, and their leaders. If there is a question on whether the student is right, give them the benefit of the doubt.
13. Help them leave on a positive note. Express to them how much you appreciate their attendance and the good job they did.
14. Thank parents and leaders who have helped the drillers.
15. Remember, as caller, you have the responsibility to "take hold" of every situation that arises in the drill. You are the captain of the ship.

Thank you for your willingness to help in the spiritual growth of our drillers. Your participation in previous years has made Bible Drills one of the largest events offered by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. If you have questions, e-mail dhicks@mbcb.org or go online to www.mbcb.org/bibledrills.

Special note about "6 Second Quick Drill"

All students in grades 7-12 scoring superior in the Student State Drills and representing a Mississippi Baptist Church can sign up at the registration desk for the Quick Drill. The purpose of the Quick Drills is to qualify students for either the Junior High Selection Tournament or the Senior High Selection Tournament depending on the Student's grade in school.

Thy word have I hid in mine heart