

Bible Sword Drill

- Review drill commands:
 - “Attention”-heels together, shoulders up, hands at side, face the leader
 - “Draw Swords”-Bring Bible to your waistline immediately in front of the body. Hands must be placed on the front and back covers of the Bible. **Thumbs and fingers must not extend over the edge of the Bible cover.**
 - “Assignment”- I will announce the drill twice.
 - “Charge”- is your command to begin your search and timing will begin. Please step forward when your finger is marking your place. If you need to move your finger; you need to step back and may not step forward again during this assignment.
 - “Time”-The timekeeper will call time after 20 seconds. When time is called searching stops and score is taken. No one may step forward after time is called.
- Types of drills
 - **Scripture Searching Drill**- a scripture verse is given and contestants must find the exact passage.
 - **Character Drill**- the name of a Bible character is given and contestants must find the name of the person in a Bible verse.
 - **Book Drill**-a book of the Bible is given and contestants must find the book and be ready to tell which book comes before and which follows it before stepping forward.
 - At the SCACS competition in March, contestants will also do Unfinished Quotation, Topical, and Doctrinal Drills.
- Scoring
 - 10 points will be awarded to the first contestant to step forward with the correct answer; 5 points for the second; and 1 point to the other contestants who step forward with the correct answer before time is called.
 - Penalty points:
 - If the Bible is held incorrectly, 10 points will be deducted from the contestant’s score. **Remember, thumbs and fingers must not extend over the edge of the Bible cover.**
 - Stepping forward is defined as any size step forward whether it is a full step forward to touch the line or a hesitant half step forward. If you step forward and realize you have the wrong answer, you may step back with no penalty. However, you may not step forward again during that drill. If you do steps forward a second time during the same drill, a penalty of 10 points will be deducted from your score.

Have contestants move into place and read the rules below as a review.

- Review:
 - Hold your Bibles correctly with your thumbs and fingers on the cover of the Bible. No fingers or thumbs may extend over the edges of the Bible or 10 penalty points will be given. Wait till I say, “charge” to begin. Beginning before I say charge counts as extending your fingers over the edges of the Bible with 10 penalty points.
 - When you have found the correct passage and your finger is marking the passage, step forward quickly to the taped line in front of you. If it is a Book of the Bible drill, please do not step forward until you are ready to tell me the book that comes before and after.
 - If you take a full step or a hesitate step forward and step back because you have the wrong answer, do not step forward again or you will be penalized 10 points.
 - Please stay on the line with your Bible open and finger marking the passage until your answer has been verified.
 - There will be 18 questions in each round. All contestants will compete in the first round. The top six scorers from the first round will compete in a second round. The two students with the highest scores in this final round will represent our school at the SCACS Elementary Fine Arts Festival and the third place winner will be the alternate.