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Dear Parent,

*We are so excited that your child has chosen to participate in Bible Drill 2023!*

We're excited about what the coming months hold for your child. We wanted to make sure that you had the following important information about Bible Drill and knew what to expect. Please take a few minutes to review the information and don't hesitate to let us know if you have any questions.

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**Bible Drill**  
**Sundays at 4:30pm**

**Important Dates for Bible Drill:**

Church Drill: Sunday, November 12

Championship Drill: Sunday, November 19

(Church and Championship Drills are for 4th-6th graders)

Bible Drill Store/Party: Sunday, December 3

## ***What is Bible Drill?***

Bible Drill focuses on teaching & equipping children to learn God's word, to develop skills to successfully navigate & handle the Bible, and to apply the Bible to their lives. While there is a competition aspect to Bible Drill, our intent is that children hide God's word in their hearts. Participating and doing well in the Church and Championship Drills is great, but if a Driller learns just one verse and is able to apply that verse to his/her life, then we count that as a success.

We never want a child to feel overly pressured or stressed about keeping up with the assigned verses/Key Passages. Learning God's word is an incredible tool for a child to grow in his/her faith, and it is our desire that Bible Drill provide an encouraging environment in which to do that.

## ***What to Expect:***

- Your Bible Driller will receive a folder with many important papers. Your child is responsible for keeping up with that folder and bringing it to Bible Drill each week. The schedule included in that folder will tell your child which verses to learn for which week.
- Each week, your child will have assigned verses and Key Passages to memorize. When he/she arrives to Bible Drill, helpers will be ready to listen to Bible Drillers say the assigned items. *Note: your child does not need to memorize the entire Key Passage, just the passage name & reference.*
- Drillers will receive Bible Bucks for attendance and for reciting verses, Key Passages, and Books of the Bible. Bible Bucks can be redeemed at the end of the year in the Bible Drill Store. It is your child's responsibility to keep up with Bible Bucks throughout the semester.
- Each week, leaders will have games & activities prepared. Drillers will be divided into groups and will go through different rotations to reinforce verses, Books of the Bible, and Key Passages.

## ***Types of Drills***

There are two types of Bible Drills that each 4th-6th grade child can choose from, a traditional drill or a written drill.

During a **traditional Bible Drill**, all participants stand behind a tape line on the floor. They will have 10 seconds to complete each call; if a Driller knows the correct response to the call given, he/she will step forward within those 10 seconds. The person calling the drill will choose one person to give the correct response. Once the correct answer is given, all drillers step behind the line to begin again with the next call. Each Bible Drill will consist of 6 calls in each of the following 4 types of drills:

During a **written Bible Drill**, all participants will be given a handout to complete in a certain amount of time.

- *Quotation Drill*: The verse reference will be given. Drillers must be able to recite the entire verse if called on.
- *Completion Drill*: The underlined portion of the verse will be given. Drillers must be able to recite the entire verse & give the verse reference if called on.
- *Book Drill*: A book of the Bible will be given. Drillers must find that book in the Bible, step forward, and give the book that precedes the book called, the book called, and the book that follows the book called. (Ex: If Luke is called, the correct response is “Mark, Luke, John”)
- *Key Passage Drill*: The title of a Key Passage will be given. Drillers must find that passage in the Bible, step forward, and read a requested verse if called on.

## ***Helping Your Child Succeed***

Your encouragement and support will help your child learn the assigned verses each week! There are several ways you & your family can work together to learn verses:

- Listen to the provided Bible Drill soundtrack. Music is a great way to help verses ‘stick’. Play the songs in the car as you drive to/from school, practice, etc.
- Write verses on sticky notes & hang them on the bathroom mirror, inside a school locker, or anywhere else you spend a lot of time!
- Challenge each family member to memorize a verse first—a little friendly competition with mom or dad can sometimes give extra motivation.
- Come up with motions that go along with the verse.