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In Step with the Master Teacher

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Practice makes perfect

Many children struggle to find their way around the Bible. This is a skill that can be developed with lots of practice. The more familiar they are with the Bible, the more confident they will be in reading it on their own.



Practical Tip

A fun way of helping children find their way around the Bible is to play Bible Drill (or Sword Drill). You can also link the game in with your teaching by using verses that will focus on a key word. If the children have different versions of the Bible, make sure the key word is found in all the versions the children are using or provide copies of one version for every child.

- Say, "Sheath swords" and the children place their Bibles under their arms, holding them by the spine (so they can't cheat and put their finger in the right page!).
- Then say, "Draw swords" and the children hold their Bibles in the air.
- Next say the Bible reference and the children should repeat it back to you.
- Finally, say "Charge" and the children race to find the verse in their Bibles.
- The first child to find the verse stands up and reads the first few words. They then come to the front of the group. Make sure they keep their Bible open at the right page. They can not join in the next rounds but will take place in the final.
- After you have given several verses and there are several children in front of the group, ask each one to read their verse aloud. The other children should listen carefully to the verses to see if they can spot the key word that is the same in every verse.
- You can then finish with a final round for the children who are at the front. This will determine the overall winner.
- If you have children of different ages you may want to limit some rounds to younger children to give them a chance to find the verse before older children.
- Be aware of children with reading difficulties and help them as necessary.

BCM UK's vision is for more and more children and young people to come to know, love and obey God.

To learn more, we recommend the ISMT training session:

Helping children discover the Bible

[They] studied the Scriptures every day to find out if these things were true.
Acts 17:11

(International Children's Bible - NCV)



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