

TEXAS BIBLE BOWL COACH'S GUIDEBOOK

We strive to *MAKE GOD'S WORD IMPORTANT* and that is the center of all we do. In this guide you will find all you need to create and implement your own Bible Bowl program within your own congregations. We have included our Rules and Regulations, Testing Guide, Test Samples and Questions, as well logistics and planning information for our weekend competition. At the end you will find the contact information for our Leadership Team whom you can reach out to with any additional questions you may have.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

BIBLE TEXT USED	Page 1
SUBJECT	2
BIBLE VERSION	2
DOWNLOAD VS PRINTED BIBLE	2
HIGHLIGHTING AND NOTE TAKING	2-3
EXAMPLES	3-4
ADDITIONAL STUDY AIDES	5
TEAMS AND AGE DIVISIONS	5
AGE DIVISIONS / EXPERIENCE LEVELS	5
TEAMS	5-6
SCORING	6-7
TESTING	7
ROUND DESCRIPTIONS WITH SAMPLE QUESTIONS	7-9
QUESTION ANSWERING	9-10
TESTING PROCEDURES	10
PLACEMENT AND AWARDS	10
INDIVIDUAL SCORING/PLACEMENTS	10
TEAM SCORING/PLACEMENTS	10
AWARDS CEREMONY	10
SCHOLARSHIPS	10-11
ADDITIONAL WEEKEND INFORMATION	11
DATE	11
SCHEDULE SAMPLE	11
LOCATION AND CAMP FACILITIES	11
REGISTRATION	12
MEALS AND ACCOMMODATIONS	12-13
TEXAS BIBLE BOWL LEADERSHIP TEAM AND CONTACTS	13

1. BIBLE TEXT USED

A. SUBJECT

We operate with a 10 Year Subject Rotation and match the subject material for other organizations so participants may compete in several places. Our rotation of subjects is:

Genesis
Matthew
Life of Moses (Exodus 1-20, 32-34; Numbers 1-3, 10-14, 16-17, 20-27, 31-6; Deuteronomy 31-34)
Luke
Joshua, Judges, Ruth
Acts
1st Samuel
John
2nd Samuel
Revelation

B. BIBLE VERSION

- All questions are taken from the English Standard Version (ESV) Text Edition: 2016. Copyright 2001. ESV text notes (footnotes) can be considered as part of the text. For more information on this please refer to the **Why the ESV?** page on our website.
- Texas Bible Bowl provides a copy of the text for use by participants under the Download section on our website. *Please note that the test will be created using the version of the text that is provided on the website.* Any variations or “updates” to the text on other digital websites will not be considered accurate for testing purposes.
- Each participant must provide their own copy of the text for studying and use on the test.

C. DOWNLOAD VS PRINTED BIBLE

- Photocopied or printed copies of the text are allowed.
- Printed and copyrighted Bibles are also allowed to be used for study and the test. (Please make note above of the version used to create the test).

D. HIGHLIGHTING AND NOTE TAKING

- The text used by participants may be formatted and highlighted using the following parameters:

i. MARGINS / PAGES

- Page margins **MUST NOT BE MORE THAN 1”** on all four sides.
- Page breaks **MAY NOT BE USED** between chapters. This creates more than a 1” bottom margin in some cases and is **NOT** allowed.
- A header/footer with the Books, Chapter Number and/or page number is allowed
- Tabs may be used to locate chapters/books.

TEXAS BIBLE BOWL COACH'S GUIDEBOOK

ii. NOTE TAKING

- Note taking of ANY KIND is allowed within the 1" margins of the text.
- Notes must be HANDWRITTEN by the owner of the text and may NOT be provided ahead of time by the coach/teacher.
- Most Bible students scribble notes, references and comments in the margins of their Bibles. This aspect of study should not be discouraged. Each student is free to write notes, comments, scribbles, drawings or references in the 1" margins.

iii. HIGHLIGHTING / COLOR CODING


- PEOPLE, PLACES, NUMBERS, KEY VERSES, ONE TIME WORDS, ETC These may be colored coded or highlighted however you like. TBB provides a copy of the highlighted text on the downloads page for your use.

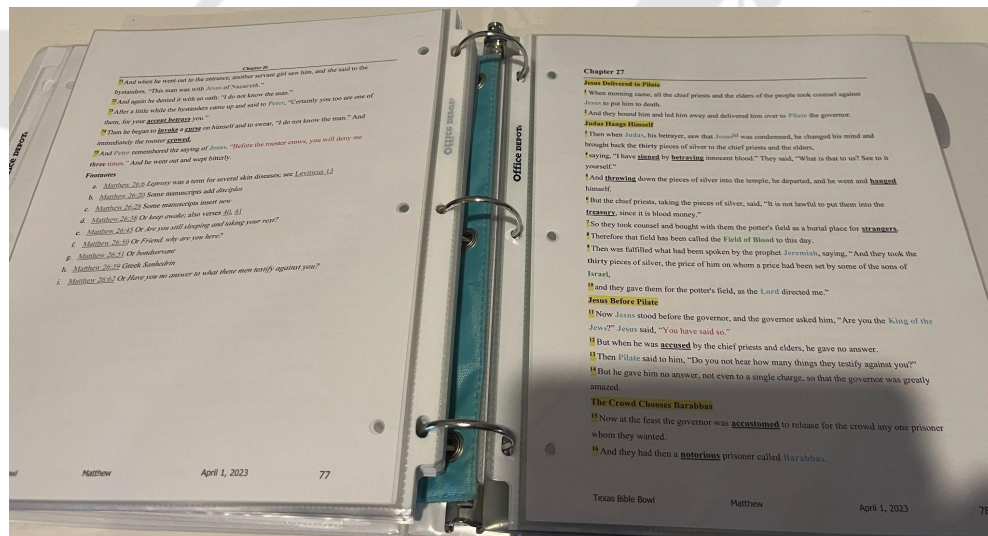
E. PICTURES AND ARTWORK

- Pictures, art, doodling is permitted within the 1" margins of the page.
- Drawings must be done by the owner of the text and may NOT be provided ahead of time by the coach/teacher.

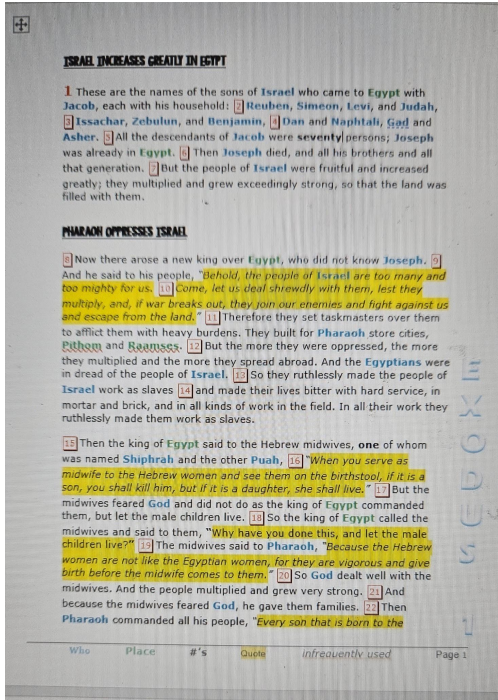
F. EXAMPLES

Below you will find some examples of what is and is not acceptable for your text. These examples are meant to clarify and not to single anyone out.

 This is NOT ACCEPTABLE. It shows a larger bottom margin where the chapter has been pushed to the next page. Chapter breaks are not allowed.

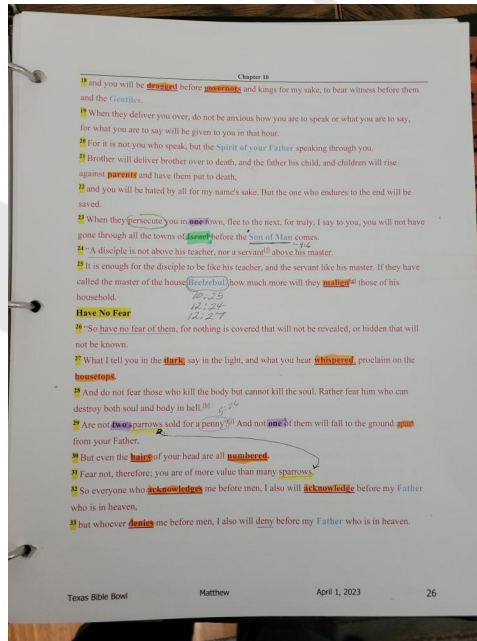
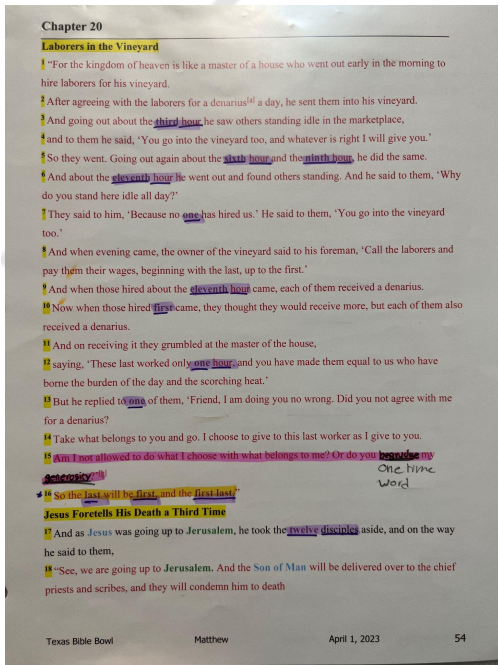


TEXAS BIBLE BOWL COACH'S GUIDEBOOK



👍 This is ACCEPTABLE. The coach has provided a text that is already highlighted to the participant.

👍 These are both ACCEPTABLE. The participant has highlighted it and made their own notes in the margins



G. ADDITIONAL STUDY AIDS

- Coaches can use and provide any additional study aids they want when preparing for the test. Chapter Heading Lists, Maps, Family Trees, Flash Cards, Indexes, etc. are allowed for use AT HOME.
- All additional study materials as mentioned above MUST BE REMOVED from your binder or book before the test. Only the text pages with your handwritten notes are permitted for use on the open book test.
- You may find additional study materials and guides under the DOWNLOADS tab on the website.

2. TEAMS AND AGE DIVISIONS

A. AGE DIVISIONS / EXPERIENCE LEVELS

- The competition shall consist of various individual divisions based on grade and experience. The four grade divisions are as follows:
 - The Elementary Division shall consist of students in grades 3-6.
 - The Junior Division shall consist of students in grades 7-9.
 - The Senior Division shall consist of students in grades 10-12.
 - The Adult Division - anyone who is 18 years or older or has completed high school.
- With the exception of the Adult division, each of the grade divisions are subdivided into “Inexperienced” and “Experienced” divisions. The “Inexperienced” division is for participants who have not yet competed in Texas Bible Bowl. The “Experienced” division includes everyone who has previously competed in Texas Bible Bowl.

B. TEAMS

- In addition to Individual Divisions, the Junior and Senior Divisions are eligible to compete in a teams competition.
- Each team will compete at the highest division AND experience level of the four team participants.
- If you have a student younger than 7th grade that you feel would enhance your team, you may use him/her with the understanding that the tests will be designed for the upper grades.
- Adults will not compete in the teams competition.
- A team consists of (4) students and is formed **prior** to the beginning of the competition. Churches may form teams of 4 within their own group of students or you may consult with other coaches to form joint teams where you are short members.
- Teams may be formed by elevating an individual to a higher age division and/or experience level, but no student may compete lower than their age division or experience level.

TEXAS BIBLE BOWL COACH'S GUIDEBOOK

- For example: a 6th grader may elevate to compete on a Junior Team. A 9th grader may elevate to compete on a Senior Team.
- Teams will compete based on the experience level of the most experienced member of the team.
 - For example: If an Inexperienced 9th grader elevates to compete with a Senior Experienced Team that team will compete in the Senior Experienced Division.
- Students may compete in different age and experience levels in the same competition year.
 - For example: An Inexperienced 9th grader would compete Junior Individual Inexperienced, but if they join a Senior Experienced Team (as given in the example above) then their team division would be Senior Experienced.

Please refer to the following matrix for a listing of all divisions and experience levels.

Division	Elementary Division 3rd - 6th Grade	Junior Division 7th - 9th Grade	Senior Division 10th - 12th Grade	Adult Division
Individual - Inexperienced	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Individual - Experienced	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Team - Inexperienced	No*	Yes	Yes	No
Team - Experienced	No*	Yes	Yes	No

** May be placed on a higher level team if you feel they will help your team.*

C. SCORING

i. Individual Scoring

- Each test is scored independently with each correct answer worth 1 point.
- Individual scores are determined by performances in Rounds 1-5 and the Power Round.
- A total score of 250 points is possible for Individuals (See Round Descriptions for more Information)
- Elementary aged individuals do not take the Power Round test and therefore have a total possible score of 200 points. If an Elementary student chooses to take the Power Round test it will NOT BE SCORED for their final total and will not affect their placement.

TEXAS BIBLE BOWL COACH'S GUIDEBOOK

ii. Team Scoring

- Team scores are determined by performance in Rounds 1-5, with no regard to the Power Round.
- A total score of 200 points is possible for individuals as a contribution to a total team score possibility of 800 points. (See Round Descriptions for more Information)

3. TESTING

A. ROUND DESCRIPTIONS WITH SAMPLE QUESTIONS

POWER ROUND (Optional for Elementary Division participants)

The Power Round will be administered with no prior indication of its nature. The test will be very difficult and should be taken by well-prepared students.

Possible Score: 50 Round Time: 25 minutes Bible: CLOSED

SAMPLE QUESTIONS: Power Round is unpredictable in its questions from year to year. Refer to the DOWNLOADS page to view a copy of a previous year's test for preparation.

FIND THE VERSE (ROUND 1) Participants will locate verses from the text, by giving chapter and verse numbers. Single words will not be cited.

Possible Score: 40 Round Time: 25 minutes Bible: OPEN

SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

"Everything that lives and moves will be food for you" _____:

"Now leave this land at once..." _____:

FACT FINDER (ROUND 2) Participants will answer multiple-choice questions by marking one of three multiple-choice answers.

Possible Score: 40 Round Time: 20 minutes Bible: OPEN

SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

How many times did Noah send birds out of the ark?

Three b. Four c. Five

Before Abram had any children, who was to receive his estate?

TEXAS BIBLE BOWL COACH'S GUIDEBOOK

Eliezer b. Eliazar c. Eleazar

IDENTIFICATION (ROUND 3) Participants will answer multiple-choice questions by marking one of five multiple-choice answers (persons, places, things, times, numbers, etc.)

Possible Score: 40 Round Time: 20 minutes Bible: OPEN

SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

The brother of Simon (Peter) is

A. James B. Andrew C. Bartholomew D. All of these E. None of these

Who was less than 900 years old at their death?

A. Adam B. Noah C. Seth D. All of these E. None of these

KNOW THE CHAPTER- QUOTES (ROUND 4) Participants will locate, by chapter number only in multiple choice format, quotations from the text. Quotations may be drawn from narrative or discourse.

Possible Score: 40 Round Time: 15 minutes Bible: CLOSED

SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

"Ah, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field that the Lord has blessed"

A. 24 B. 25 C. 26 D. 27 E. None of these

"But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?""

A. 2 B. 3 C. 4 D. 5 E. None of these

KNOW THE CHAPTER- HEADINGS AND EVENTS (ROUND 5)

Participants will locate, by chapter number only in multiple choice format, chapter headings and events from the text.

Possible Score: 40 Round Time: 10 minutes Bible: CLOSED

SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

Abraham Pleads For Sodom

A. 18 B. 19 C. 20 D. 21 E. None of these

Jacob Blesses His Sons

A. 45 B. 46 C. 47 D. 48 E. None of these

B. QUESTION ANSWERING

- Each test is scored independently with each correct answer worth 1 point.
- For Power Round and Find the Verse answers are marked directly on the test paper in short answer format.
- For Rounds 2-5 answers will be marked on a scantron and graded digitally.
- Students may also mark answers on their test sheets but these will not be used for grading.
- Questions are only provided in written form and will not be asked orally.

C. TESTING PROCEDURES

i. GENERAL

- All participants across all divisions and experience levels receive the same tests
- Participants may not consult at any time during the testing.
- Study questions may not be used in any part of the testing.
- Only the TEXT (which may include footnotes) of the Bible may be used during testing. (SEE TEXT RULES ON PAGES 2-4)
- Time limitations are part of the testing procedure.
- In each round, each student will receive the questions in written form. Questions will not be asked orally.
- If cheating, or the appearance of cheating, is understood by a proctor or monitor to have occurred, the student will receive a score of zero for that round. Judgment of the official is final and not subject to discussion. This includes the sharing of answers or the use of non-approved study aides.
- No student is allowed to take tests early for any reason.

ii. SEATING

- Participants will sit at tables away from others from their own teams or congregations
- You must remain in your same seat for the duration of the testing
- Participants are expected to remain seated while others are taking the test so as not to disturb others around them. You may not move around the room while the test is being administered
- Breaks will only be given after Power Round and Round 2.
- All testing will take place in the designated testing room(s). No one is permitted to take the test in another location and have it scored with the group.

iii. FOOD AND DRINKS

- Food will not be permitted in the testing area.
- Any drinks must have a lid and be placed on the floor near you. No drinks will be allowed on the tables.

iv. SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

- We understand that some participants have special accommodations for testing at school and outside of Bible Bowl. Unfortunately, we are not equipped to accommodate all of these. You may make special requests to the proctor for your area, but in most cases we will not be able to accommodate those.

4. PLACEMENT AND AWARDS

A. INDIVIDUAL SCORING/PLACEMENTS

- Individuals are awarded placements of 1st place through 10th place based on performance and scores from other participants.
- Each division will award placements. See Section 2 Teams and Age Divisions for more information.

B. TEAM SCORING/PLACEMENTS

- Teams are awarded placements of 1st place up to 10th place based on performance and scores from other participants.
- Awards for 10th place will be awarded when 12 or more teams are participating in that division and experience level. When there are less than 12 teams in a division, we will award 2 fewer places than the numbers of teams participating.
 - For example: If there are 10 teams competing in that division, the top 8 teams will be awarded.
- Each team division will award placements. See Section 2 Teams and Age Divisions for more information.

C. AWARDS CEREMONY

- The awards ceremony will take place on Saturday evening after dinner. We will give awards for all divisions at that time.

D. SCHOLARSHIPS

i. TEXAS BIBLE BOWL SCHOLARSHIP

Texas Bible Bowl will offer a scholarship to High School Seniors each year who are participating in the competition. The application for the scholarship will be essay based. The essay should include the participant's name, home congregation, and the number of total years they have participated in Texas Bible Bowl. The essay topic will be posted to the website in January each year and submissions are due back by the date specified.

ii. CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIPS

Several Christian Universities sponsor scholarships to be awarded to the top-scoring Senior High Individuals each year.

iii. MARY ORBISON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Mary Orbison Memorial scholarship is open to graduating seniors (12th grade) participating in Texas Bible Bowl, and the funds will be

TEXAS BIBLE BOWL COACH'S GUIDEBOOK

awarded to individuals who demonstrate a strong commitment to studying and understanding God's word. The recipients of the scholarship will be chosen based on their dedication, passion, and overall involvement in the Bible Bowl program. Referrals from coaches and other church leaders will be accepted as nominations for the scholarship.

5. ADDITIONAL WEEKEND INFORMATION

A. DATE

Texas Bible Bowl takes place during the first weekend in April unless that weekend is Easter. If Easter falls on that weekend then we will push the competition to the second weekend in April.

B. SCHEDULE SAMPLE

This is an example of our typical weekend schedule. It is subject to change. The current schedule can always be found in the Downloads section of the website.

FRIDAY 5:00 pm Arrival and Registration at Camp Bandina
6:00 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Welcome/Tribe Intros
7:15 pm Tribe Time
7:45 pm Game Time
8:30 pm Devotional
9:15 pm Study Time
10:45 pm Lights Out

SATURDAY 7:00 am Breakfast
8:30 am Devotional and Test Comments
9:00 am Bible Bowl Test
12:30 pm Lunch
1:30 pm Tribe Sports
3:00 pm Singing
4:00 pm Snack & Free Time
5:30 pm Coach's Meeting
6:30 pm Dinner
7:30 pm Awards Banquet & Devotional
10:45 pm Lights Out

SUNDAY 7:15 am Breakfast
8:00 am Worship
9:00 am Clean Up (Dismissed once you check out)

C. LOCATION AND CAMP FACILITIES

Texas Bible Bowl takes place at Bandina Christian Youth Camp in Bandera TX. You can find the website for it at <https://bandinachristianyouthcamp.com/> .

Here you can view the camp's facilities and grounds.

TEXAS BIBLE BOWL COACH'S GUIDEBOOK

D. REGISTRATION

- Registration for Texas Bible Bowl opens in January each year and will remain open for 30-45 days.
- Registrations are due by March 1st. Changes cannot be made after March 15th.
- In order to register your participants you will need to know their full name, age, grade (or adult), gender, whether they are taking the test or not, and their t-shirt size.
- Prices are as follows: \$45 for children 3-8 who are not taking the test and \$85 for test takers and other adult attendees. Your registration fee includes the cost of your lodging for 2 nights, 5 meals, and a t-shirt. We do not offer prorated amounts for those who will not be utilizing our lodging or food offerings.

DI. WHAT TO BRING

- BIBLE! (Text used for testing)
- Sleeping Bag / Bedding for Bunks
- Towels
- Pillow
- Flashlight
- Shower Shoes
- Tennis Shoes
- Change of Clothes (casual)
- Toiletries
- Refillable Water Bottle w/ Lid
- Umbrella or Bug spray (as needed)

DII. MEALS AND ACCOMMODATIONS

i. CABINS

The cabins provided are standard camp cabins with in-suite restrooms, wooden bunk beds, and AC/Heat. In most cases we keep congregations in the same cabin together by gender. You may share with other congregations depending on the size of your group. For more information about cabin placement or to make special requests please email Jessica Hooks (see below).

ii. MEALS

- Texas Bible Bowl provides 5 meals during the weekend of the competition. Dinner on Friday, 3 meals on Saturday, and a light continental-style breakfast on Saturday.
- We do our best to have meals that are nutritionally balanced and give choices for participants.

TEXAS BIBLE BOWL COACH'S GUIDEBOOK

- We understand that you may have certain dietary restrictions. At this time we are unable to provide special meals based on restrictive diets, but we can however provide you with a refrigerator and kitchen where you can bring and prepare your own meals. For more information on this please contact Daesha Hendrickson.

6. TEXAS BIBLE BOWL LEADERSHIP TEAM AND CONTACTS

Name	Congregation	Email	Responsibilities
Paul Hendrickson	League City	hosea66@gmail.com	Team Leader Worship Coordinator
Donnie Carnathan	West Erwin	drc71@hotmail.com	Award Ceremony Testing Rules and Procedures
Lisa Kirkwood	McDermott Road	kirkwoods@sbcglobal.net	Social Media Marketing Study Materials Prep Games
Daesha Hendrickson	League City	daeshacuttrell@gmail.com	Bookkeeping Registration Meals Scholarships
Jessica Hooks	Woodland Oaks	jessicahooks@gmail.com	Rules and Procedures Tribes Cabins
Mollie Drew	West Bexar County	molliedrew@gmail.com	Scholarships Study Materials Prep Volunteers
Brad Colliander	Memorial	bcolliander2003@gmail.com	Rules and Procedures Website
Bill Georgen	McDermott Road	thegeorgens@gmail.com	Scoring and Grading
Raymond Walker	Woodland Oaks	rwalk4@outlook.com	Elder
Jana Smith	New Braunfels	jsmith78132@hotmail.com	Volunteers