

## 2024 Bible Bowl - Facts of the Bible Part 1

Weber Road's Bible Bowl will be here before you know it. I hope you are looking forward to studying "Facts of the Bible, Part 1." In a world where young people are looking for direction, God's Word provides the direction they need. Bible Bowl can serve as a tool to help them understand and live the Word of God. Remember David's words found in Psalm 119:105, "**Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**" (NKJV) Our hope is that every teacher, parent and coach will be excited about studying. This attitude will rub off on each student. Do not underestimate the memory of children! At one Christian school third graders memorize Hebrews 11. Three and four year olds can memorize Books of the Bible and the Ten Commandments among other things. Do not put limits on them as you challenge and encourage them. Their confidence and desire will grow as they learn.

The Weber Road Church of Christ's will host the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Bible Bowl competition on Saturday, November 9, 2024. The competition is for 2<sup>nd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades while 1<sup>st</sup> graders may participate as non-competitors. Trophies are given to the top five places in each age division. Ribbons are awarded to the 6<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup> place in each division. Age groups are divided as follows: 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades, 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grades and 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Competition consists of several tests which may include a Scripture Search, Multiple Choice, Matching, Memory Verses and Memory Work. Samples for all formats of tests can be found on the Weber Road Church of Christ website. Different ages are required to take different tests that are more age appropriate.

For the Scripture Search test, students in 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades are encouraged to know the Books of the Bible as they will be expected to find scriptures quickly. The New King James Version of the Bible will be used on the Scripture Search test. Students are encouraged to highlight their Bibles in preparation, but they will not be allowed to use a Bible with TABS or use the TABLE OF CONTENTS during the Scripture Search test. This is the ONLY test in which a Bible may be used for the day's competition. For the 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades this year, Memory Verses at the end of the Study Guide will be used for this part of testing and NO BIBLE WILL BE ALLOWED during the test. Know the 30 verses by memory to do well on this part of the test.

Multiple Choice, Matching and Memory Work tests will come from the Study Guide provided by the Weber Road Church of Christ on the church website in PDF format. *Test questions in some cases may be reworded from the Study Guide in order to test students knowledge.* For the Multiple Choice tests we will utilize a Scantron machine to make grading quicker. Please prepare your students to fill out a scantron form, readily available by an internet search.

Refreshments will be provided in a hospitality room for adults and younger children. Lunch will also be provided for all who participate or come with the congregations involved. The participant fee is \$10 each and all others will be asked to give \$5 each. Fees will help to plan for refreshments and lunch as well as offset the cost of awards and other incidentals. Payment can be made on our website or by check. Registration forms should be fill out and submitted before day of Bible Bowl. Please inform Weber Road of the total number of participants and non-participants.

We have been blessed to have opportunities to provide competition for over 40 years and look forward to many more years. Until further notice, contact Mark Hammitt with any questions about Bible Bowl. May the Lord bless your efforts to prepare children and teens for a lifetime of service to the Lord!

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