Ways to Choose Sword Drill Participants

One week, choose those with first names starting with A through J... The next week, choose those with first names starting with K through Z...

One week, choose those with Last names starting with A through J...

The next week, choose those with last names starting with K through Z...

One week, choose those with those who have a brother...

The next week, choose those who have a sister...

The next week, choose those who are an only child...

One week, choose those with those in specific grades...

One week, choose those with those with birthdays in January-March...

Then those with birthdays in April-June ...

Then those with birthdays in July-September...

Then those with birthdays in October-December...

One week, choose one from each grade, and have them set Bibles on one side of the room and then race across and pick up their Bibles and look up the verse... You could also choose 3 from one class or a couple from a couple of classes...

One week, choose all those who were born in a certain state...

Then all those born in another state...

One week, choose those with a dog or bird...

Then those with a cat or hamster...

Then those with any other kind of pet...

Just randomly read the verse reference out loud and see who can find it first. It pays to always be ready...

One week, choose those who came to church in a car or bus or walked...

Then truck or van or anything else...

One week, choose those who have the vowels "a," "o," or "y" in their first name...

Then those who have an "e," "i," or "u" in their first name...

One week, choose those with white socks...

Then those with any other color socks...

One week, choose those who have shoelaces on their shoes...

Then those who have no shoelaces or have sandals on...

One week, choose those with Brown or black hair...

Then those with red or blond hair...

For flashlight night - 3 teams with 2 kids on each team. One child holds the flashlight and one holds the Bible and they work together to find the verse...

Little one lead - let the 1st and 2nd graders start first, and then 3rd and 4th graders start a few moments later, and then 5th and 6th graders join in a few seconds later...

One week, have the leaders look them up...

One week, trade your Bible with another person who has a Bible and look the verse up in someone else's Bible.

One handed - Have 3 teams with 2 kids on each team. One Bible per team, each child on the team can use only one of their hands to flip through the Bible (their other hand must be behind their back...

One bit, two bit - Start by saying what book of the Bible the verse is found in and give them 15 seconds to find that book, then tell them the chapter and give them 15 seconds to find that chapter...Finally read the first three words of the verse and have them stand when they find the verse... or say "I'm looking for a verse that ends with the word