

Children's Book

PURPOSE: In today's world, there is a need for children's books that convey a Christian message. This event encourages those who enjoy creative writing and drawing to use their skills in a Christian arena.

Questions? Contact us and we'll connect you with the Event Coordinator.

PROCESS:

Each Participant will:

- Be certain that the participant is registered for this event no later than the registration deadline.
- Write a children's story that reflects the current year's LTC theme or Bible Bowl study book(s).
- Mail the entry to the Event Coordinator on or before the pre-convention event deadline.

The Event Coordinator will:

- Assume responsibility for the Mid-West LTC Children's Book Event.
- Find adult volunteers to evaluate the projects. Be certain that each project is evaluated by **at least** two volunteers.
- Report results and provide critique sheets to the Awards Committee.

GUIDELINES

Participant Eligibility

- This event is available to students in grades 3 through 12. Children's Books will be evaluated with the grade level of the participant in consideration.
- *Individuals & Teams:* Participants may work on a project individually or as a team. One person may write the story and another may illustrate.

Writing Assignment

- The story must be submitted in book form (bound with staples, thread, glue, comb binding, etc.). Consider looking online for ideas on how to make homemade books.
- The story must be illustrated (drawing, cartoon, photographs, digital art) with original (no use of copyrighted) art work.
- The story may be written in any form of fiction/non-fiction (e.g. mystery, action, humor, fable, etc.) as long as it reflects the current year's LTC theme or Bible Bowl study book. The connection to the LTC theme or Bible Bowl study book may be reflected anywhere in the story, climax or conclusion, as long as it is clearly and accurately taught or presented.
- Handwritten work is admissible if legible and neatly presented. Software and/or online tools may be used.

Writing Tips:

- *Use of detail: In creative and personal writing, describe with specific*

detail, trying to create an experience in your reader's mind, with colors, sounds, textures, etc. Stories should use dialogue and develop believable characters.

- *Language: Creative and vivid; correct use of words; grammatical correctness; use of figurative language (metaphors, similes, etc.).*
- *Structure: Every piece of writing should have a flow from beginning to middle to end that carries your reader through and holds his/her interest. Stories should have a carefully developed plot.*

Submitting Project

- Mail the book no later than the Pre-Convention Event Deadline to the following address:

**ATTN: MWLTC Children's Book
Center Rd Church of Christ
899 W 300 S
Kokomo, IN 46902**

TThe first page inside the front cover should include the following information:

Participant Name(s)
Participant Grade(s)
Congregation
Congregation City, State
Title of book

Evaluation Criteria: (Below)

CHILDREN'S BOOK Instructions for Evaluators 1. Place bar code label or write student info. 2. Mark appropriate boxes for each criteria. 3. Write additional comments.		<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> Participant Name(s): Grade: Congregation: </div>			
		Event Coordinator's award: Gold Silver Bronze			
	Exemplary	Competent	Developing		
Connection to LTC Theme	<input type="checkbox"/> The story's connection to the LTC theme/ Bible study book is very clear.	<input type="checkbox"/> The story's connection to the LTC theme / Bible study book is clear.	<input type="checkbox"/> Attention is needed to strengthen the evidence of the connection to the theme / Bible study book.		
Strength of Story	<input type="checkbox"/> Story is engaging and thought provoking. <input type="checkbox"/> Story is spiritually inspiring. <input type="checkbox"/> Length of book is appropriate.	<input type="checkbox"/> Story is somewhat engaging and thought provoking. <input type="checkbox"/> Story is somewhat spiritually inspiring. <input type="checkbox"/> Length of book is somewhat appropriate.	<input type="checkbox"/> More could be done to make this entry more engaging and thought provoking. <input type="checkbox"/> More could be done to make this more spiritually inspiring. <input type="checkbox"/> Length of book needed to be longer.		
Use of English Language	<input type="checkbox"/> Sentence structure is correct and complete. <input type="checkbox"/> Punctuation is correct. <input type="checkbox"/> Proofreading is evident.	<input type="checkbox"/> Sentence structure is mostly correct and complete. <input type="checkbox"/> Punctuation is mostly correct. <input type="checkbox"/> Proofreading is adequate.	<input type="checkbox"/> Attention to sentence structure is needed. <input type="checkbox"/> More attention to punctuation is needed. <input type="checkbox"/> More attention to proofreading is needed.		
Readability	<input type="checkbox"/> Story is engaging and enjoyable to read.	<input type="checkbox"/> Story is somewhat engaging and enjoyable to read.	<input type="checkbox"/> Story needs a bit more to keep reader engaged.		
Illustrations	<input type="checkbox"/> Illustrations strongly assist in telling the story.	<input type="checkbox"/> Illustrations assist in telling the story.	<input type="checkbox"/> More attention is needed to the illustrations to assist in telling of story.		
Book Cover	<input type="checkbox"/> Cover is eye catching. <input type="checkbox"/> Cover creates interest in book	<input type="checkbox"/> Cover is attractive. <input type="checkbox"/> Cover is somewhat interesting.	<input type="checkbox"/> More attention to the cover is needed. <input type="checkbox"/> Attention is needed to make the cover more interesting.		
Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Sturdy construction. <input type="checkbox"/> The construction added to the appeal of the entry.	<input type="checkbox"/> Adequate construction. <input type="checkbox"/> The construction neither added to nor detracted from the appeal of the entry.	<input type="checkbox"/> Flimsy construction. <input type="checkbox"/> The construction detracted from the appeal of the entry.		
Format and Submission	<input type="checkbox"/> Proper format for submission per manual.	<input type="checkbox"/> Submission mostly proper per manual.	<input type="checkbox"/> Lacks proper submission requirements per manual.		
Spirituality	<input type="checkbox"/> This book is spiritually encouraging and / or thought provoking	<input type="checkbox"/> This book is somewhat spiritually encouraging and / or thought provoking.	<input type="checkbox"/> Attention is needed to make story more spiritually encouraging and /or thought provoking.		
Evaluator's comments:					
Please help us improve this rubric each year by submitting Feedback on the website within 30 days of the end of the convention.					