

Children's Book

PURPOSE:

In today's world, there is a need for children's books that convey a Christian message as an alternative to the children's books of this age that are sometimes atheistic and amoral in nature. This event encourages those who enjoy creative writing and drawing to use their skills in a Christian arena.

GUIDELINES:

1. The story must be submitted in book form (bound with staples, thread, glue, etc.). Handwritten work is admissible if legible and neatly presented.
2. The story may be written in any form of fiction/non-fiction (e.g. mystery, action, humor, fable, etc.) so long as it reflects the current year's LTC theme. The theme may be reflected anywhere in the story, climax or conclusion, so long as it is clearly and accurately taught or presented.
3. The story should use correct grammar (including spelling) and proper punctuation. It should also include elements appropriate for fiction/non-fiction, such as plot and character development.
4. Adult assistance should be mainly verbal. Adults may discuss the theme and its applications and make verbal suggestions on content and style. Adults may also note editorial corrections on the participant's written work.
5. Each participant(s) may submit only one entry.
6. The book must be illustrated (drawing, cartoon, photographs, or computer-generated) with original (no use of copyrighted) art work.
7. One person may write the story and another may illustrate, or one person may complete the entire project. Therefore, a team may be made up of either one or two people. If done as a team, print a team sheet from the registration website and enclose it with the entry.
8. Grade Levels 3-12.

SUBMISSION OF BOOKS: Typed cover sheet shall follow the format of this example:

Name	A. Christian
Grade	9th Grade
Congregation	Anywhere Church of Christ
Congregation number	999
Congregational Coordinator	B. Saved
Congregation Address	1234 Church Street
City, State, Zip	Any City, State 00000
Title of Composition	"(your title)"
Congregation phone number	214-555-1212

AWARDS: Gold, silver, or bronze will be given according to the judging criteria listed.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

- **Theme**- Is the LTC theme clearly and accurately taught or presented in the story?
- **Usage of Language/Punctuation** - Does the participant use correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation?
- **Readability** - Is the story readable? Does the plot flow easily, or is the story confusing? Does the story catch and hold the reader's attention?
- **Illustration** - How do the illustrations enhance the story line?
- **Format/Submission** - Did the participant follow instructions for formatting and submitting the entry?

COACHES AND CHURCH COORDINATORS:

- Guide the students as they write a children's story that reflects the current year's LTC theme.
- Make certain that the student is correctly registered in this event.

- Help the students prepare and mail a cover sheet with the book (Include a printed team sheet from the registration website if the entry is a team effort) to the event coordinator before the [Pre-Convention One Event deadline](#).
- If you want confirmation of receipt, please send by trackable courier (i.e.; UPS, FedEx, DHL, USPS).
- Be certain to pick up the book at the Convention.