

# 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 often atheistic and amoral in nature. This event encourages those who enjoy creative writing and drawing to use their skills in a Christian arena.

## PROCESS:

Each Participant will:

- Write a children's story that reflects the current year's LTC theme.
- Mail the entry to the Event Coordinator on or before the pre-convention event deadline.

The Church Coordinator or coach will:

- Complete all General Event Rules (p 19) and Pre-Convention Event Rules (p 20).

The Event Coordinator will:

- Complete all General Event Rules (p 19) and Pre-Convention Event Rules (p 20).

The Judge will:

- Complete all Pre-Convention Event Rules (p 20).

## RULES:

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. The story must be illustrated (drawing, cartoon, photographs) with original (no use of copyrighted) art work.
5. One person may write the story and another may illustrate.
6. A cover sheet shall be on the front of each entry. Creativity is encouraged on this sheet.

## SUBMISSION OF ENTRY:

Cover sheet must include this information:

<i>Format:</i>	<i>Example:</i>
Name(s)	A. Christian
Grade(s)	9th Grade
Congregation	Anywhere Church of Christ
Congregation City, State	Any City, State
Congregation Number	2345
Title of Book	"(your title)"
Category	Children's Book

<b>Children's Book</b> <b>2012 Heart of America</b> <b>Leadership Training for Christ</b> <b>"Journey of Faith"</b> <b>Genesis</b>		Event Coordinator's award:		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
	Exemplary	Competent	Developing	
<b>Connection to LTC Theme</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Theme stands out and is strongly supported by story and illustrations.	<input type="checkbox"/> Theme is evident and supported by story and illustrations.	<input type="checkbox"/> Attention is needed to strengthen the evidence of theme.	
<b>Strength of Story</b>	<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.	
<b>Use of English Language</b>	<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.	
<b>Readability</b>	<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.	
<b>Illustrations</b>	<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.	
<b>Book Cover</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Cover is eye catching. <input type="checkbox"/> Cover creates interest in book <input type="checkbox"/> Thought and time was put into cover.	<input type="checkbox"/> Cover is attractive. <input type="checkbox"/> Cover is somewhat interesting. <input type="checkbox"/> Some thought and time was put into the cover.	<input type="checkbox"/> More attention to the cover is needed. <input type="checkbox"/> Attention is needed to make the cover more interesting. <input type="checkbox"/> More thought and time is needed on the cover.	
<b>Construction</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Sturdy construction. <input type="checkbox"/> Unique and interesting.	<input type="checkbox"/> Adequate construction. <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat unique and interesting.	<input type="checkbox"/> Flimsy construction. <input type="checkbox"/> Attention is needed on the construction of the book.	
<b>Format and Submission</b>	<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.	
<b>Spirituality</b>	<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.	
<b>Judge's comments:</b>				
Please help us improve this rubric each year by submitting Feedback on the website within 30 days of the end of the convention.				