

BIBLE READING

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PURPOSE: This event provides an opportunity for young people to motivate one another and develop skills through the oral reading of the Scripture.

PROCESS: Each participating group will:

- Properly register each participant.
- Have participants present themselves ready to read the Bible at the assigned time.
- Provide one Judge for every four Bible reading participants.

The Event Coordinator will:

- Oversee judging and rooms.
- Review judging forms.
- Have the judging forms to the Tally Room at the end of each hour.
- Each room coordinator will be responsible to assign an award category for each participant (Gold, Silver, Bronze, Participation)

RULES:

1. A brief introduction is required.
2. The following table will be used to determine what scripture will be read:
 - 3rd – 5th grade:** The participant will select, practice, and present a bible reading of his/her own choosing. The scripture must be between 1 and 2 minutes including the introduction. A penalty will be assessed if outside these limits.
 - 6th – 8th grade:** The participant will be **assigned** a scripture at the time of check-in at the convention. They will have that evening to practice the reading. No penalty will be assessed for time. However, if the reader does not read the assigned reading, a penalty may incur.
 - 9th – 12th grade:** The participant will be assigned a scripture approximately 5 minutes before their reading. They will use that time to read the scripture prior to presentation. No penalty will be assessed for time.
3. There will be three Judges and a Timekeeper. An award rating will be assigned based on the point average between the three Judges.
4. Spectators may not leave or enter the room while participants are speaking. This is NOT a “come and go” event.

5. Video or audio equipment must be set up prior to the event and must be stationary. No participant may be taped without their advance approval and appropriate notification to the Judges.
6. The participant should not attempt to explain or interpret the passages. Though a brief introduction is required, participants should place major emphasis on the actual Bible reading and not on prepared statements.
7. *Identification of the passage, the translation, and the setting of the passage together should not exceed 20 seconds.*
8. Participants will be penalized if the identification and introduction exceeds 20 seconds. Participants will also be penalized if they omit identification of the passage and translation. Memorization is neither required nor encouraged. Your ability to read the passage is what is being judged.
9. **All Bible Reading will be done Saturday morning from 8:00 to 9:30. All grades will participate at that time.**
10. **Awards for this event will be given during the Chorus event 9-12th grade on Saturday evening.**

AWARDS:

1. Participants will be judged as individuals.
2. There will be three Judges. Comment sheets will be provided for each participant in the Take Home Packet. An award rating will be assigned based upon the three Judges scores on a 5 point scale:

5 = Excellent, 4 = Good, 3 = Average, 2 = Below Average, 1 = Needs work
3. Participants will be assigned a Gold, Silver, Bronze, or Participation Rating based upon the judges scores and will receive an appropriate-colored engraved plate for the individual's award plaque.

