

CHILDREN'S BOOK
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PURPOSE: To encourage the use of creative writing and drawing in a Christian arena.

PROCESS: Each participant will:

1. Write a children's story reflecting some aspect of the current year's LTC theme.
2. Label your work as fiction or non-fiction.
3. Deliver entries to the Children's Book Event Coordinator **on or before March 12, 2010.**

The Event Coordinator will:

- Send a confirmation of receipt of the book to the Church Coordinator.
- Fill out top portion of judging forms with name, grade, and congregation of participant.
- Organize the books for judging.
- Provide a Judge's Score Sheet for each book for the three Judges.
- Compile judging sheets and assign award category G, S, B, P.
- Mail all judging sheets, comment sheets, and award recommendations to the Pre-Convention Coordinator **March 22, 2010.**
- Books will be displayed at the Convention.

RULES:

1. The story must be submitted in book form (bound with staples, thread, glue, etc- No 3-Ring binders). Handwritten work is admissible if legible and neatly presented. The first page must be the title page which gives the title of the book, name of author, name of illustrator.
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. This is a **Children's Book** event. Please indicate the age group the book is intended for: Pre-school, Elementary or Middle School. Books should be written for one of these 3 age groups only.
4. Adult assistance should be mainly verbal. Adults may discuss the theme and possible 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). All illustrations must be original work. IT is unlawful to use copyrighted works.
7. This may be a team event, or individual event, with one person writing the story and the other illustrating. A team is limited to two people in this event.
8. The book must include a title page that includes the name of the book and the author and illustrator.
9. There are five grade categories for the event: Grades 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12

SUBMISSION OF BOOK

1. **ONE** typed cover sheet should be in the following format. This can be attached to the outside of the book or inserted loosely inside the front cover.

Name(s)
Grade(s)
Story is written for Pre-school, Elementary or Middle School (choose one)
Congregation
Congregation Address
Congregation Phone Number
Name of Church Coordinator
Church Coordinator Email Address

2. Books are to be sent to the Children's Book Coordinator at the address at the top of these instructions. Books are to be **postmarked by March 12, 2010**. Any late entries will not be judged and can only receive a participant award.
3. All materials that are submitted for judging become the property of LTC. It is understood that LTC reserves the right to use materials for promotion, instruction, or any other manner deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

AWARDS:

1. There will be three Judges. Comment sheets will be provided for each participant in the Take Home Packet.
2. 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.