

HOALTC Event: Children's Book

Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage youth to use their writing and artistic talents to create a children's book that conveys a Christian message.
Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaches and participants will familiarize themselves with the expectations in the event rubric prior to beginning the project. If any participant needs special consideration, please see page 8 and complete the form by the registration deadline. Students are registered by age divisions for judging purposes: grades 3 - 6; 7 - 9; or 10 -12. If working as a team, the entry should be registered and judged at the level of the oldest participant. Each participant is allowed only one entry in this event. Participants will write and illustrate an original children's book. One person may write the story and another may illustrate it. The story may be written in any form of fiction (e.g. mystery, action, humor, fable, etc.) and should include elements such as plot and character development. Handwritten work is admissible if legible and neatly presented. Software and/or online tools may be used. The story must be illustrated (drawing, cartoon, photographs, digital art) with original (no use of copyrighted) art work. Space is available in the Display Events area (Gillham Hall) for participants to display their entry if they choose to do so. Be aware there have been incidents in the past where displayed entries have gone missing. While HOALTC staff are present part of the time, they are not responsible for the accountability of displayed entries for the entirety of the convention.
Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The entry must highlight the current year's theme or content from the Bible text covered in the current year. The theme may be reflected anywhere in the story as long as it is clearly and accurately presented. The story will be evaluated on the use of the English language, including correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Illustrations will be evaluated on how much they assist in telling the story. The story must be submitted in book form (bound with staples, thread, glue, etc.). The book cover will be evaluated on how well it grabs the reader's attention. The construction of the book will be evaluated on both durability and creativity.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each entry will be evaluated on its overall format in relation to the expectations, rules, and submission instructions. • The strength of the story will be evaluated on if it is engaging, thought provoking, and inspiring to the reader. The strength of the story will also be evaluated for its length and content in relation to the targeted age group.
<p>Submission Instructions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register each entry no later than the pre-convention event deadline. • Entries should be mailed to the Event Coordinator on or before the pre-convention event deadline. • Congregations are encouraged to mail all entries together and send them prior to the pre-convention event deadline to maximize time for the Event Coordinator and Judges. • A cover sheet will be placed at the front of each entry, separate from the book cover. The cover sheet will include the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Category (Children’s Book) ○ Name(s) ○ Grade(s) ○ Congregation Name ○ Congregation City, State ○ Congregation Number ○ Title of Book ○ Target Age for Book

CHILDREN'S BOOK 2018 HOALTC Chosen! 1 Samuel		Event Coordinator's award:		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
	Exemplary	Competent	Developing	
Connection to LTC Theme	<input type="checkbox"/> Theme or Bible text stands out and is strongly supported by story and illustrations.	<input type="checkbox"/> Theme or Bible text is evident and supported by story and illustrations.	<input type="checkbox"/> Theme or Bible text needs more attention to be evident in the story and illustrations.	
Use of English Language	<input type="checkbox"/> Sentence structure is correct and complete. <input type="checkbox"/> Spelling is correct. <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"/> Spelling is mostly correct. <input type="checkbox"/> Punctuation is mostly correct. <input type="checkbox"/> Proofreading is adequate.	<input type="checkbox"/> Sentence structure needs more attention. <input type="checkbox"/> Spelling needs more attention. <input type="checkbox"/> Punctuation needs more attention. <input type="checkbox"/> Proofreading needs more attention.	
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 more development 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"/> Illustrations need more attention to assist in telling the story.	
Book Cover	<input type="checkbox"/> Cover is eye catching. <input type="checkbox"/> Cover creates interest in the book. <input type="checkbox"/> Thought and time was put into the cover.	<input type="checkbox"/> Cover is attractive. <input type="checkbox"/> Cover creates some interest in the book. <input type="checkbox"/> Some thought and time was put into the cover.	<input type="checkbox"/> Cover needs more attention to appeal to the reader. <input type="checkbox"/> Cover needs more attention to create interest in the book. <input type="checkbox"/> Cover needs more thought and time put into it.	
Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Book is durable and will last for numerous readings. <input type="checkbox"/> Book construction is creative.	<input type="checkbox"/> Book is somewhat durable and will last for a few readings. <input type="checkbox"/> Book construction is somewhat creative.	<input type="checkbox"/> Book needs more attention to be durable and last multiple readings. <input type="checkbox"/> Book construction creativity needs attention.	
Format and Submission	<input type="checkbox"/> Submission requirements were fully met.	<input type="checkbox"/> Submission requirements were mostly met.	<input type="checkbox"/> Attention is needed to submission requirements.	
Strength of Story	<input type="checkbox"/> Story length fits target age group well. <input type="checkbox"/> Story content fits target age group very well. <input type="checkbox"/> Story is inspiring and encouraging. <input type="checkbox"/> Story is engaging and thought provoking.	<input type="checkbox"/> Story length mostly fits target age group. <input type="checkbox"/> Story content mostly fits target age group. <input type="checkbox"/> Story is mostly inspiring and encouraging. <input type="checkbox"/> Story mostly engaging and thought provoking.	<input type="checkbox"/> Story length is too short or too long for target age group. <input type="checkbox"/> Story content needs attention to fit target age group. <input type="checkbox"/> Story is somewhat inspiring and encouraging. <input type="checkbox"/> Story is somewhat engaging and thought provoking.	
Judge'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.				