Children's Book

Purpose

Many of our students are talented, creative writers and artists. We want to encourage those students to discover and develop their talent by writing and illustrating a Children's Book that conveys a Christian message.

Grade Levels

There will be four grade levels in this event: 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-12.

Process

- Participants will:
  - Write a children's story that reflects the current year's LTC theme.
  - Complete a Pre-Convention form (in the Forms Section)
  - If more than 1 student works on the presentation, print out Team Sheet from the on-line registration portal. (reg.seltc.org)
- The books, Pre-Convention form and Team Sheet, if applicable, should be sent to SELTC by the pre-convention deadline. Each book will be judged and returned, along with judges' sheets, to the students at the convention.

Rules

- The story must be submitted in book form (bound with staples, thread, glue, etc.). Handwritten work is admissible if legible and neatly presented.
- The story may be written in any form of fiction/non-fiction (e.g. mystery, action, humor, fable, etc.). The current year's theme should be clearly and accurately taught or presented in the story.
- The story should not be a direct copy of a Bible story but may utilize Bible characters to convey the message. Be creative.
- The story should use correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation. It should also include elements appropriate for fiction/non-fiction, such as plot and character development.
- Adult assistance should be mainly verbal. Adults may discuss the theme and its possible applications and make verbal suggestions on content and style. Adults may also note editorial corrections on the participant's written work.
- Each participant may submit only 1 entry.
- The book should be illustrated (drawing, cartoon, photographs, or computer-generated) with original (no use of copyrighted) art work.
- One person may write the story and another may illustrate.

Awards

There are 3 ratings available in each grade level – Gold, Silver or Bronze.

If there is an author and an illustrator, the book will be judged in the level of the oldest participant.

Southeastern Leadership Training for Christ		*CHILDREN'S BOOK* **Award: Gold Silver Bronze**	
	Exemplary	**Competent**	**Developing**
Connection to LTC Theme	☐ Theme stands out and is strongly supported by story and illustrations. ☐ The theme is accurately taught.	☐ Theme is evident and supported by story and illustrations. ☐ The theme was mostly accurately taught.	☐ Attention is needed to strengthen the evidence of theme. ☐ Attention is needed as to the accuracy of the theme.
Strength of Story	☐ Story is engaging and thought provoking. ☐ Story is spiritually inspiring. ☐ Length of book is appropriate.	☐ Story is somewhat engaging and thought provoking. ☐ Story is somewhat spiritually inspiring. ☐ Length of book is somewhat appropriate.	☐ More could be done to make this entry more engaging and thought provoking. ☐ More could be done to make this more spiritually inspiring. ☐ Length of book needed to be longer.
Use of English Language	☐ Sentence structure is correct and complete. ☐ Spelling is correct. ☐ Grammar is correct. ☐ Punctuation is correct.	☐ Sentence structure is mostly correct and complete. ☐ Spelling is mostly correct. ☐ Grammar is mostly correct. ☐ Punctuation is mostly correct.	☐ Attention to sentence structure is needed. ☐ More attention to spelling is needed. ☐ More attention to grammar is needed. ☐ More attention to punctuation is needed.
Readability	☐ Story is engaging and enjoyable to read. ☐ The plot flows easily.	☐ Story is somewhat engaging and enjoyable to read. ☐ The plot is mostly easy to understand.	☐ Story needs a bit more to keep reader engaged. ☐ The story needs a little more attention to the plot to keep the story from being confusing.
Illustrations	☐ Illustrations strongly assist in telling the story.	☐ Illustrations assist in telling the story.	☐ More attention is needed to the illustrations to assist in telling of story.
Construction	☐ Submitted in book form.		☐ Not submitted in book form.
Format and Submission	☐ Proper format for submission per manual.	☐ Submission mostly proper per manual.	☐ Lacks proper submission requirements per manual.
Judge's Comments:			