



## *Bible Olympics*

### Category List

#### K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grades

**Bible Memorization:** Scripture passage chosen should be approximately 50 words for K-1st Grade, 75 words for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and 100 words for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. Maximum length should be 125 words. Memorize the Scripture and present it with the Scripture address at the beginning & at the end. Students should use facial and vocal expressions. The presentation may not be dramatized. Notes may not be used.

**Poetry:** Students begin their presentations by announcing the title and author of their poem. Students should work at making the poem come alive through their facial and vocal expressions. Some "body" movements are allowed but not required and should not distract from the presentation. Select any poem written by a Christian poet that glorifies God like Amy Carmichael, Helen Steiner Rice, or John Donne. The time allotted for each presentation is 1 to 3 minutes. Original poetry may be memorized and presented, as well, as long as it meets the requirements stated above.

#### 4th - 12th Grades

**Creative Writing Category:** Students are encouraged to use their God-given talents to create a poem, a short story, a child's story, an exhortation, an essay, a Bible tract with graphics, or a devotion. The 250-500 word entry should inspire the audience to glorify God. This should be an original work written by the student. It is permissible for a student to enter a work that was written last year or before. The entry must be on 8 1/2 X 11 paper, typed, double spaced, with at least 1 inch margins. A separate title page should be attached that includes the title, the author, and the author's school and grade.

**Bible Jeopardy:** Some students may elect to compete with other students in Bible Jeopardy. Students will be asked Bible questions in a timed competition for a chance to win the game. Notes will not be allowed during the competition.

**Bible Memorization:** Select a portion of Scripture that has ministered to you lately or you have been applying to a situation in your life. Memorize the Scripture as well as give an inspirational talk about what the Holy Spirit has revealed to you. You should share at least 3 minutes and the maximum length of time for your presentation should be 5 minutes. Students should use facial and vocal expressions. The presentation may not be dramatized. Notes may not be used.

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## 6th - 12th Grades

**Speech:** A speech must be delivered by only one student. Dramatic interpretations may include 2 to 3 students. It should be approximately 250-500 words in length. The presentation must relate to Christian principles or Christian influence, or presenter must include his or her own spiritual application to the presentation. The presentation of the speech should include facial and vocal expression and good speech techniques. Gestures should be kept to a minimum and used for emphasis only. The student should announce both the speech topic and the speech title. Three copies of the original speech must be faxed or emailed to the CCEA Activities Coordinator at least eight days prior to the Bible Olympics. The student's name and grade level must be attached, not written on the copies. This category includes dramatic interpretation, apologetics, persuasive speeches, devotions, short sermons, Bible teaching, storytelling, testimonies. If there is something you wish to present that doesn't seem to fit in a category, please contact [jlmatranga@calvarydowney.org](mailto:jlmatranga@calvarydowney.org).

**Original Speech:** The speech must be written and delivered by only one student. Speech topics are to be chosen from the list below. Students are not allowed to use more than 60 quoted words. Quotations from the Bible or founding fathers should be convincing. It should be approximately 250-500 words in length. The speech must relate to Christian principles or Christian influence. The presentation of the speech should include facial and vocal expression and good speech techniques. Gestures should be kept to a minimum and used for emphasis only. The student should announce both the speech topic and the speech title. Three copies of the original speech must be faxed or emailed to the CCEA Activities Coordinator at least eight days prior to the Bible Olympics. The student's name must be attached, not written on the copies.

Some suggested Original Speech Topics:

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| 1. Church                  | Where Do I Fit                        |
| 2. Historical              | The Founding Faith of Our Country     |
| 3. Relationships           | No Greater Love Has Any Man Than This |
| 4. Entertainment           | Does This Feed My Flesh or My Spirit  |
| 5. Personal Christian Walk | Follow Me                             |
|                            | Do It As Unto The Lord                |

**Founding Fathers Oration:** This category is for material written by or presented by men or women that contributed to the founding, preserving, or strengthening of our country based upon their faith in God. Students should use facial and vocal expressions and good speech techniques. Gestures are allowed, but should be appropriate. The student should give the title and some background information regarding their selection. The selection must be memorized. The length of the selection should be 250-500 words. No poems are allowed.

**Devotion:** Prepare an oral devotion from a section of Scripture. The presentation of the devotion should include facial and vocal expression and good speech techniques. Gestures should be kept to a minimum and used for emphasis only. The Scripture and the theme of the devotion should be announced prior to presentation. The maximum time for a Senior High presenter is 7 minutes. The maximum time for a Middle School students is 5 minutes. The minimum time for each presentation is 3 minutes.

**Object Lesson:** Use an object to present your devotion. The presentation of the object lesson should include facial and vocal expression and good speech techniques. Gestures should be kept to a minimum and used for emphasis only. The Scripture and the theme of the object lesson should be announced prior to presentation. The maximum time for a Senior High presenter is 7 minutes. The maximum time for a Middle School students is 5 minutes. The minimum time for each presentation is 3 minutes.

**Sunday School Lesson or Children's Story:** Prepare a Sunday school lesson or a children's story illustrating a spiritual truth that you would give in your home or with a Sunday school class. Use facial and vocal expression as well as gestures along with good speech techniques. The maximum time for a Senior High presenter is 7 minutes. The maximum time for a Middle School student is 5 minutes. The minimum time for each presentation is 3 minutes.

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