

BIBLE STORY TELLING COMPETITION GUIDELINES (MALE & FEMALE)

PERFORMANCE EVENT

PLEASE REFER TO PLATFORM GENERAL GUIDELINES BEFORE PRAPARING FOR THIS ENTRY

The contestant tells spontaneously a story from the Bible. Stories can be downloaded from <https://www.bibletelling.org/> or for more tips on bible story telling you can buy from SOTP the book of Mr. John Walsh on Bible Storytelling.

1. The story must be from the Bible.
2. Story must be appropriate to target assigned. The contestant must indicate to judges to which group he/ she is speaking.
3. The story must not be memorized nor be read.
4. The contestant must not record his/her voice in place of live speaking.
5. Costumes are not allowed.
6. Hand movements and facial expression are allowed but dramatization is prohibited (the performer shall not use any props and shall remain in one location).
7. The duration of the story shall not exceed 6 minutes and the minimum is four (4) minutes. If competition piece does not meet the four (4) minute minimum or exceeds the six (6) minutes maximum time limit, the contestant will receive a .5-point deduction for any portion of thirty (30) second increments outside the allotted time.
8. Story telling shall be graded on the following criteria:

Content – How well the story adheres to the Biblical passages it is taken from and its appropriateness to the target audience.

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| A. Effectiveness of overall narrative | (1-10) points |
| B. Story appropriateness to audience assigned. | (1-10) |
| C. Flow of the Story | (1-10) |

Clarity – Annunciation and pronunciation of words and voice strength.

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| A. Annunciation | (1-5) |
| B. Pronunciation/Diction | (1-10) |
| C. Voice projection and inflection | (1-5) |

Presentation – Delivery, audience contact, body language, and gestures.

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| A. Approach/departure | (1-5) |
| B. Posture and gestures | (1-10) |
| C. Poise /self-confidence | (1-5) |
| D. Facial expressions | (1-10) |
| E. Audience rapport | (1-10) |
| F. Delivery | (1-5) |

Proper documentation submitted	(1-5)
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9. Scoring of the judges will be final.