

IFCA INTERNATIONAL • YOUTH CONVENTION
**NATIONAL BIBLE STORY TEACHING
MINISTRY TRAINING AREA (MTA)**

Rules & Guidelines

➤ **PURPOSE**

To encourage and tool students for the purpose of effective and proper teaching of Bible stories to be used in children's ministries in the local church. (i.e. Sunday School, Junior Church, etc.)

➤ **RULES**

1. All entries must consist of Bible passages.
2. The Junior High Division shall be limited to those students in grades 7-9, and the Senior High Division to those in grades 10-12.
3. All entrants must provide three copies of an outline representing the story they will be teaching, a schedule of time with class, a list or examples of extras going to be done during time and three Evaluation Forms. No exceptions. Please **DO NOT SEND** your script prior to convention.
4. The presentation will consist of only the Bible Story. The entrant will also need to include a list of the materials and schedule of activities that will be completed to help fill the rest of the time that would normally constitute a Sunday School or Jr. Church time. The time needed to be filled, which includes the time of the Bible story would be between 45 and 60 minutes. Activities could include but are not limited to: activities sheets; games; memory verse time; snacks; etc. The activities need to help reinforce the lesson which is being taught.
5. The same presentation must be used throughout the Regional and National MTA's.
6. The Bible Story must be one that has not been previously evaluated by the entrant at the IFCA National Youth Convention.

➤ **EVALUATION**

1. A panel of 3 persons will evaluate each entry. There are 6 categories of evaluation on the Bible Story Teaching Ministry Training Area Evaluation Form. Each evaluator will assign a division 1, division 2 or division 3 rating for each category. The overall score will be calculated by taking an average of the scores awarded from all 3 evaluators.

Final Division Rating	Average Score
Division 1	1.0 – 1.5
Division 2	1.6 – 2.4
Division 3	2.5 – 3.0

Note: The National Ministry Training Area evaluators are advised to consider the age and experience of the entrant in the evaluation process and score accordingly.

2. Each delegate must make an introduction. The introduction must include the name of participant, church, target age group, Bible story title and passage.

3. The lead evaluator will be the official timekeeper. The length of each message should be long enough to present the story and help the target audience know how to apply the principle to their life but it should not exceed 20 minutes. Time does not include the introduction before the message, or prayer.
4. The schedule and extra material that would be used while actually teaching a class will be turned in at the time of registration. The evaluators will discuss the use of these materials, the schedule and the Bible Story during the debriefing time following the Bible Story Presentation.
5. Dress Guidelines

Boys: Dress pants, dress shirt with collar, and dress shoes. No flip-flops.

Girls: Loose fitting dress or loose fitting dress shirt with skirt and dress shoes.

Questions? Contact:

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