

2018 Focus Scriptures and Age-Specific Speech Prompts

“That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Philippians 2:10,11 (KJV)



“And let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t get discouraged and give up.

Galatians 6:9 (TLB)

[6-7 year olds]

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. has often been referred to as “the drum major for peace.” Has there ever been a time when you have demonstrated that you can also be a “drum major for peace?”

[8-9 year olds]

Do you believe dreams can come true? Do you believe any portion of Dr. King’s dream has come true? If yes, please indicate which one(s) and why you believe so.

[10-13 year olds]

Based on the teaching/writings of Dr. King, how would he respond to the “Black Lives Matter” movement if he were alive today? Would he view it as a valid position for the “struggle of Civil Rights?”

[14-17 year olds]

and
[18-Adult]

If Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. were alive today, based on his speeches and/or writings how would he respond to Colin Kaepernick and the current NFL protest in the form of “taking a knee?” How does the work of Dr. King influence you in answering the following questions:

- (1) Should Christians participate in acts of civil disobedience?
- (2) Is civil disobedience equal to disobedience to God?”

FAIRFAX CENTRAL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION

30th Annual Oratorical Ministry Showcase

Saturday, March 24, 2018

10 a.m.

Host Church:
First Baptist Church
of Merrifield
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Falls Church, VA 22042
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Senior Pastor
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oratorical
adjective | *or·a·tor·i·cal*
*of, relating to, or characteristic
of an orator, a public speaker
noted for skill and
power in speaking
(Merriam-Webster.com)*

Pre-Registration Deadline: Friday, March 16, 2018

ORATORICAL MINISTRY GUIDELINES

1. Each church is only allowed one participant per age category. Up to five participants will be allowed from each church. (Participant's age qualification will be the age of the participant as of December 2, 2017.)
2. ALL speeches must be memorized and performed orally.
3. Singing is not oratory and will disqualify the participant.
4. Time limits of speeches:

AGE	MINIMUM TIME	MAXIMUM TIME
6-7	1 Minute	1.5 Minutes
8-9	1.5 Minutes	2 Minutes
10-13	2 Minutes	2.5 Minutes
14-17	2 Minutes	2.5 Minutes
18- Adult	2 Minutes	2.5 Minutes

Each participant will have 30 seconds to conclude his/her speech after the green card has been shown; otherwise, there will be a 10-point penalty assessed against the total points earned. Contestants in age categories 6-7 and 8-9 will NOT be penalized for not meeting the time allowed or exceeding it.

A timekeeper will use the following color card scheme to assist participants with the time:

Green Card:

Participant has completed minimum time limitation and has 30 seconds to end speech.

Red Card:

Participant receives signal to STOP the speech immediately.

5. A panel of judges will score speeches using the criteria below:

Proper Posture
10 points maximum

Proper Use of Grammar
20 points maximum

Speaking Voice and Delivery
20 points maximum

How the Speech Relates to Theme
50 points maximum

6. A participant may receive a maximum of 100 points from each judge. The participant with the highest total point score from all the judges will be declared the winner for that group.
7. All participants must be registered no later than 10 a.m. the day of the showcase.
8. All registration forms **MUST** be completed, including the superintendent's signature, **PRIOR** to participant's arrival to the registration table on the day of the event. Non-compliance may result in denial to participate.

2018 TOPIC:
"IF NOT US, WHO?"

In April 2018 our nation will observe the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Let us take a moment to reflect upon the evolution of civil rights for people of color in this country since his death and the current condition of Dr. King's dream. He sacrificed his life to end racism and champion peace. Are we carrying the baton in a way that honors his legacy, or did we drop it?

Focus scriptures and prompts are on the next page.

