

## JV Bible Story Impromptu

**Description:** *Bible Story Impromptu allows students to learn Bible stories and give a brief, but knowledgeable summary. They will also explain why the story is important and what we can learn from it.*

**Goal:** *To motivate participants to study their Christian faith and to prepare them to articulate a defense of what they believe by presenting factual, heartfelt information in a reasoned, persuasive and winsome manner.*

**Preparation:** Speakers research each of the following Bible stories.

The Good Samaritan  
Tower of Babel  
Fall of Jericho  
Christ is born  
Joseph and his colorful coat  
Noah's ark  
The burning bush  
David was chosen by God  
Jesus walks on water  
Elijah and the priests of Baal  
Daniel in the lion's den  
Jesus feeds 5,000 people

1. The speaker may prepare note cards in advance and bring those cards into the competition room to use during prep time. Bibles may not be used during prep time.
2. The speaker may use a prepared note card during preparation time, but he may not use or refer to the notes during the speech.
3. The speaker may approach the story in any way he chooses, but the topic must be the central theme of the speech and not peripheral to it.
4. In the room, the speaker will receive three single topics from the judge, choose one, and return the other two topics before leaving the room.
5. The speaker may refer to his topic slip when announcing his topic during the speech. The speaker may not write notes on the topic slip.
6. Each speech should be a fresh, original presentation, developed from one of the topics given and prepared on the spot.
7. The speaker must state his topic early in the speech and adhere to the chosen topic.
8. No audio or visual aids or props may be used.
9. No computers, Kindles, iPods, cell phones, or other electronic media devices may be used for JV Bible Story Impromptu preparation or presentation.
10. The speaker must not listen to other JV Bible Story Impromptu competitors speaking before him. The speaker may stay after having given the speech to listen to subsequent speakers.

### **Presentation Rules:**

1. At least one judge in each room will be given instructions and the envelope of topics to distribute to the participants.
2. In the room, the speaker will receive three single topics from the judge, choose one, and return the other two topics before leaving the room.
3. A two-minute preparation time begins as soon as the student receives the topic choices. The timepiece should be **facing toward the competitor**
4. During prep time, the speaker may access card files, and write additional notes on note cards.
5. During the speech, the speaker may refer to the topic slip in hand. No notes may be written on the slip.
6. All directly quoted and/or paraphrased material should be properly cited in the speech.
7. Apologetics judges should be sympathetic to the ideals of CCoFSE.
8. Speeches should not exceed five (5) minutes. However, no student will be penalized for going over the suggested time, and there is no minimum speaking time.
9. The speech should be well-organized, including an introduction, in which **the story chosen must be stated**, 2-3 main points, and a conclusion.

Preparation time – two (2) minutes. Speaking time – five (5) minutes. No minimum time.