

RGV Children's Arts Festival Guidelines – 2018-19

1. Eligibility: Children ages 5-12 who reside or attend school in the Rio Grande Valley (Hidalgo, Cameron, Starr & Willacy counties) may enter the RGV Children's Arts Festival by answering and illustrating one or more of three festival questions about the Gospel of John. There is no entry fee. **(Schools & Churches: please be sure to read the section at the bottom of the next page.)** Only the first name, initial of the last name and age of each semi-finalist and finalist will be published online, except grand prize winners. Pictures and first and last names of winners will be used in publicity and if selected for art published in *Kids Color Me Bible Gospel of John*. Artwork and writing may appear in other places such as, but not limited to, the *Kids Talk About God* syndicated newspaper column, online art gallery, etc.
2. Prizes: The deadline for entering is December 12, 2018. Two grand prizes will be awarded. Previous grand-prize winners cannot win again, nor can their siblings win. The winners and immediate families, up to four people per family, will receive a vacation at either Isla Grand Beach Resort or Schlitterbahn Waterpark & Resort on South Padre Island for a week (6 nights, 7 days). Festival organizers plan to award one vacation to a younger child (third grade or younger, down to age 5) and one vacation to an older child (fourth grade or older, up to age 12). If a child or parent/guardian is unable to accept the prize in its entirety during the time allotted for the prize, the prize will be awarded to another child.
3. Publicity: KTAG wants to generate goodwill for the sponsors who help make this arts festival possible. Winners and their families are expected to work with Kids Talk About God in this effort. The family of a child who wins a vacation package will be asked to take pictures and write about the vacation. A video of the vacation could be produced and displayed on the Internet. Furthermore, a surprise visit and announcement of each winner is planned.
4. Liability: KTAG will do its best to present each prize as sponsors represent it to us. KTAG must rely on promises in writing from SPI resort owners and managers. If an SPI resort fails to provide a promised prize as agreed to in writing, KTAG will exclude that resort from any further participation in its arts festivals. If this unfortunate event occurs, the prize recipient agrees to hold KTAG harmless from any damages and legal action. Furthermore, prize winners and their families agree to hold KTAG and sponsors harmless from injury resulting from vacations or any activities associated with prizes received through the festival.
5. Rights: All artwork and writing submitted for the festival will be considered the property of Carey & Lisa Kinsolving and Kids Talk About God. Artwork and writing will not be returned.
6. Mailing Address & Deadline: The RGV Children's Arts Festival deadline is December 12, 2018. All entries must be postmarked on or before December 12, 2018. Sign up for the Festival Update newsletter at www.KidsTalkAboutGod.org/rgv. Please mail all art and writing entries to Kids Talk About God, 605 N. McColl Circle, McAllen, TX 78501.
7. Writing: All writing entries must be submitted in English. Children ages 5-6 may speak their answers to someone who can write them. Please don't coach. From younger children, we're looking for childlike answers, not necessarily correct answers. Writing is important because the artwork will be illustrative of a child's written answer. Please write the full name of the child and age on the front of all written answers. If the entry is through a school or church, please write that as well. Each written answer should be on a separate sheet of paper along with the illustrative artwork. Please paper-clip the writing and artwork that belong to the same question together. No staples please. If a child answers and illustrates additional festival questions, **one signed entry form for all entries is sufficient as long as all of that child's work is paper-clipped together with the entry form on top**. For second through sixth grades, place a zero after the grade to determine the minimum number of words to be written. For example, second graders would write at least 20 words. The maximum number of words per answer is 100.

8. Art: All art must be submitted on white **8.5" X 11"** paper. Colored markers and thick paper are preferred. Other media such as pastels, watercolor and other types of paint can be used. Please do not use colored pencils or crayons except as accents. In most cases, big, bold images work better than several smaller images. Any text that is part of the artwork should be printed clearly and large enough to read easily. **Please color in the background. Do not leave it white.** On the back of each art entry, please print in pencil the question being illustrated, child's name, age and parental/guardian contact information such as phone number and email.

9. Festival Questions (Two sets for two age groups):

Kindergarten through third grades festival questions (beginning at age 5):

1. What can we learn from Jesus healing a man born blind (John 9:1-12)?
2. How is Jesus like a door (John 10:1-10)?
3. How has Jesus been a good shepherd in your life (John 10:11-21)?

Fourth through sixth grades festival questions (must be under 13 years old):

1. How did God the Father honor Jesus (John 8:48-59)?
2. How can religious rules keep us from knowing God (John 9:13-23)?
3. What does it mean to be spiritually blind (John 9:24-41)?

Special Information for Participating Christian Schools & Churches

We strongly recommend that participating schools and churches have all students ages 5-12 answer and illustrate **all three** of the current festival questions for their age group. For schools participating as anchor schools, children should illustrate a minimum of two questions and answer all three questions.

Please submit ALL the entries to us. Do not try to pick out the best ones. If the cost of shipping them to us is too great, call us. We may be able to pick them up. Phone: 956-433-1300.

Each student's written answer should have the question they're answering written at the top of the page, along with their name and age. The art question should be written on the back of the art in pencil.

Also, please be sure to read the art guidelines. All artwork should be done on 8 ½" x 11" paper. If the paper is too large, we are forced to physically trim off part of the artwork in order to get a good scan. Also, we have gotten art with objects (glitter, beads, etc.) glued on, which is creative and pretty, but doesn't come through online at all, and also doesn't scan well. We want each child's work to look its best online and in print. **We also discourage the use of pencils and crayons.** These art media don't show up as well online as colored markers and paint do.

www.KidsTalkAboutGod.org/rgv
RGV Children's Arts Festival – 2018-19 School Year
Official Entry Form to Win a South Padre Island Beach Family Vacation at
Isla Grand Beach Resort or Schlitterbahn Waterpark & Resort
Deadline: Dec. 12, 2018

Please print or type. Fill out this form completely. (Permission granted to copy this form.)
Please place this signed form on top of all entries from a child and secure with a paperclip.

Attention Participating Schools: If securing parental signatures is too cumbersome, you may wait and secure signatures only from parents whose children are selected for the finals.

Child's Name.....Age.....

Parent/Guardian Name.....Phone.....

Parent/Guardian Email (required).....

Mailing Address.....

City/State/Zip.....

Organization (if entry is submitted through a church, school, Bible Club, etc.).....

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Sending Instructions:

- 1) An arts festival entry consists of one written answer to a question (chosen from five festival questions) and illustrative art. Please keep them together by paper clip. No staples.
- 2) Student's name, age and contact information should be written in pencil on the back of each art piece and on the front of each written answer.
- 3) Each group of entries of writing and art should be accompanied by this official entry form signed (below) by the child and parent/guardian. Please paper-clip to top of entries.
- 4) If not working through a school or church, please mail signed entry form, art and writing to: Kids Talk About God, 605 N. McColl Circle, McAllen, TX 78501.

Register to receive free, festival updates by email at www.KidsTalkAboutGod.org/rgv.

I affirm that this is my own original work. I did not trace, copy or imitate another artist's work. I give Carey Kinsolving, the RGV Children's Arts Festival chairman, permission to use my writing and art in all forms of media.
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Student Signature

I, the undersigned parent/guardian, assign to Carey Kinsolving and his assignees, all rights to publish my child's writing and art submitted to the RGV Children's Arts Festival. I grant to Carey Kinsolving the use of my child's name and the right to edit my child's writing and art. I have witnessed that my child's art is completely original. I have read and agree with festival guidelines at www.KidsTalkAboutGod.org/rgv .
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Parent/Guardian Signature

Attention Participating Schools: If securing parental signatures is too cumbersome, you may wait and secure signatures only from parents whose children are selected for the finals. You will be notified as to which, if any, of your students make it into the finals.

Checklist

Writing

- Child's full name & age
- Parent/guardian name and contact info
- Question child is answering
- Child's written answer
- One question/answer per sheet of paper
- From second through sixth grades, put zero after grade to determine minimum number of words for each answer.

Art

- 8.5" x 11" white paper
- Big, bold images done with colored markers or paint
- Child's full name & age (on back)
- Parent/guardian name and contact info (on back)
- Question child is illustrating (on back)

Entry Form

- Complete information (contact info is VERY important)
- Signatures
- Paperclip completed entry form to all the art and writing from that child.

Sending

- Include an entry form with each group of entries from each child. A child can answer and illustrate up to three questions in their age group.
- Mail by 12/12/18 to Kids Talk About God, 605 N. McColl Circle, McAllen TX 78501 or return to your school of church, if you are participating as an organization.