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Room:	Round:

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

Guidelines

Time limit is 5 minutes; overtime grace period of 15 seconds; no minimum time.

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 use a Bible, 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 or notecards.
- 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 Stoa.
- 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

Judge Worksheet Instructions

- 1. Record the topic of each speaker as they present.
- 2. When the round is over, rank speakers using the point totals on the ballots; speakers may have the same point values but they must still be ranked. (For example, if two speakers have 26 points, choose a 1st and 2nd rank). 1st place is noted by "1", 2nd place "2", etc. Place these rankings in column 1.
- 3. Record violations, if any (see above), in column 2. If no violations occur, go to step 5.
- 4. Add columns 1 and 2 and record in column 3, if applicable.
- 5. In column 4, record the final rank. There can be no ties in rankings, so break ties by advancing the participant with no or fewer violations first. (Example: if two are tied for 3rd place, advance the speaker with no violations to 3rd place and the other speaker with a violation to 4th place.)
- 6. IMPORTANT: after filling out column 4, **go back to the ballots** and based upon this worksheet, circle the final rank for each speaker.

Name of speaker (in planned order)	Topic of speech	Column 1: Original rank	Column 2: Violations, if any	Column 3: Add columns 1 & 2	Column 4: Final Rank Break any ties