

Thank you for your interest in submitting to Parables Magazine. Please read through the *Submission Guidelines*. Submitting your work indicates that you have read and understand the guidelines. **\*\*Updated 3/11/2023\*\***

## Contributor Guidelines

### MISSION:

Parables is a Catholic magazine for children. The goal is for children to learn more about God through stories, poems, articles, activities, and devotions. Jesus taught us many things about God using parables, or short stories illustrating a spiritual lesson. Today, Parables Magazine aims to follow Jesus' example and share the faith through stories.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

Send all written submissions to our Editor Christina Weigand at [parablessubs@gmail.com](mailto:parablessubs@gmail.com)

The Due Dates are:

- Summer 2023 - APRIL 25, 2023
- Fall 2023 - July 25, 2023
- **\*\*Christmas 2023 - SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 \*\***
- Winter 2024 - NOVEMBER 25, 2023

**\*\* Specialty Issues: Submissions urgently requested\*\***



## PAYMENT:

### Authors:

**\*\*ALL payments are sent via PAYPAL \*\***

- Stories and Bible Stories - .02¢ per word paid via PayPal
- Articles - .03¢ per word paid via PAYPAL
- Poems and Activities - \$5.00 Paid via PAYPAL

### Illustrators:

- Cover Art - \$55 Paid via PAYPAL
- Bible Art - \$20 Paid via PAYPAL
- Story or Article - \$25 Paid via PAYPAL
- Hidden Picture Activity/Rebus - \$25 Paid via PAYPAL
- Poem - \$10 Paid via PAYPAL

If there are special illustration projects that come up, payment will be decided at that time.

**Payment is sent upon publication.**

Illustrator will always retain the right to use their work on their website and other promotions unless specifically stated otherwise.

## CONTENT:

### Topics and Themes

**Ideas write about include:**

- Topics that coincide with the [Liturgical Calendar](#)
- Saint Feast Days \*\*Query first about your particular saint as we may already have content for him or her. \*\*
- What we believe - i.e. (think of the Creed and Catechism)
- How to pray
- Daily struggles and hardships (that children 6-12 may run into)



- Catholic traditions
- Catechism
- The Beatitudes - How to live them and what they are.
- The Sacraments
- Guides/tips on Confession
- How to prepare for Confirmation
- The Holy Spirit
- How to deepen our relationship with God
- Family Routines
- Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy
- Venial and Mortal sins
- What the Liturgical Calendar is

### **\*\*SPECIALTY ISSUES\*\***

We are looking for content that touches on the history, Traditions, saints, and Scripture of that season.

### **STORIES**

We are looking for Stories

- With well-developed characters facing a problem they need to solve
- Stories should demonstrate a positive decision-making process if needed.
- Stories should not be overly "preachy". Instead, we want to see Catholic values displayed in real-life settings.
- Word Count - up to 500 words.

### **Bible Stories**

Reading the Word of God is arming ourselves with the "Belt of Truth."

Bible Story retellings should be:

- True to the point of the original Bible story,
- Told in a **creative way** but the story should be recognizable.
- Please reference the Bible verses at the top of your manuscript.
- Consistent with the Liturgical Calendar
- Word Count - up to 400



## Articles

Knowing about the faith and the reasons behind our traditions will help our readers in protecting their faith. Be creative and fun!

Topic ideas include Articles about:

- Church history
- Saint Feast Days
- Biographies of Church leaders and saints
- Traditions
- Catechism
- Nonfiction for PREP classes
- Word Count - up to 500 words. Approval is needed for longer articles.

## Poems

Poems should be:

- Of children's interests
- Faith-based
- Centered on a religious figure, theme, or concept
- Up to sixteen lines in length.

## Activities

Activities can be:

- recipes
- puzzles
- rebus
- crossword puzzles
- word finds
- cryptograms
- coloring pages
- crafts
- recipe
- or any other fun activity to learn the faith



## HOW TO SUBMIT:

### AUTHOR SUBMISSIONS:

#### Submit through e-mail

- Put the submission category and the in the subject line (Fiction, Poetry). Indicate in the e-mail **which issue** you are submitting for.
- If your submission is a simultaneous submission, please indicate this in your submission e-mail.
- **\*\*Manuscripts may be edited for length and/or minor content changes.**  
**\*\*** Anything that needs substantial changes, our team will contact the author.
- Response time varies but is generally one - three weeks.

#### Format

- Attach to email .doc, .dox, rtf, or Google Doc.
- Double spaced, size 14, and in Times New Roman.
- Include at the top of your document your name, e-mail, submission type, and word count. For Bible Stories, include the Bible verses you are retelling.

### ARTWORK:

Fill out this [GOOGLE FORM](#) here.

**The Process:** If we are interested, we will let you know that you will be added to our list of illustrators. When a manuscript is accepted and we think it matches your style and interest, we will assign the illustration with a projected deadline.

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### LISCENSING:

Parables Magazine asks for Exclusive and Reprint rights (both print and electronic).

