



Master Clubs!

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Mailbox Contest Brochure





Basic Instructions For All Entries

1. All entries must be the child's work.
2. Leaders and parents may teach writing or drawing principles, but no "hands-on" help or word suggestions.
3. Typed entries are best for writing entries; however, legible, handwritten work is acceptable. When computer enhancements are utilized, they must be done by the child.
4. Adults may type final entries, but should not change any text, grammar, or spelling.
5. Plagiarism is not allowed in any form in a Master Club event.
6. Please attach (glue, tape, or staple) a Mailbox Contest Entry Form on page 12 to each entry.
7. Entries cannot be returned, so make copies before mailing them.
8. We will award a badge to the Top Ten entries in each age or grade. First, second, and third place entries will receive a badge and a beautiful rosette ribbon. These awards will be mailed directly to your church, accompanied by a complete list of winners. This same list of winners will be posted in the Events section of our website at www.masterclubs.org for others to view.

Leader Instructions

1. Begin promoting these events in Master Club immediately. Notice that all four contests offer something for each age group.
2. Understand that every event will not appeal to every child. Focus on those who are interested rather than get discouraged by those who are not.
3. Try to allow the children to begin working on their project one month before the deadline. Leaders may copy additional "practice sheets" from any of the material we send for these competitions. You may also download them from our website.
4. Keep the parents informed of these contests. Many of them will encourage the children "if they know about them."
5. You may desire to have your own competition at your church, then enter your top winners in this contest. Consequently, you can reward the children for their effort locally even if they do not win at the national level.

6. If you suspect extreme parent or sibling "help" on any entry, please investigate. You know your children and their abilities. We cannot make those judgment calls once we receive the entries, and everyone wants to keep the judging as fair as possible.
7. Please copy the enclosed "Mailbox Contest Entry Form" on page 12 and attach (glue, tape, or staple) one copy to each entry before mailing. **Each blank must be completed.** This will serve as a reminder to include all essential information. Dozens of entries are disqualified every year because of a lack of information.
8. Please respect the due dates on these contests; entries must be postmarked by the due date. Our goal is to judge all entries and mail the awards to you within 30 days of the deadline.
9. Instructions for each contest are also posted on our website at www.masterclubs.org in the Events section.
10. Package all entries together and mail to our Milford address which is listed below.
11. All Mailbox Contests are free!
12. Encourage Clubbers to enter the Mailbox Contests, then enter those same entries again in the Regional Competition when applicable.
13. If we can help, please call us at (800) 451-5023 or email at info@masterclubs.org.

Please mail all entries to our Milford address:

Master Clubs Mailbox Contest
1369C Woodville Pike
Milford, OH 45150



Contest I: My Church
Due Date: Nov. 1

- Coloring Page
- Christian Essay
- Master Club Poster

Beginner Competition

•Coloring Page

1. Make as many copies as you need of the enclosed picture on page 4 of children sitting in class at their church.
2. Encourage children to do their best as they color. Help them understand that these pictures will be judged with other pictures from Clubs like yours.
3. All coloring for Beginners must be done with traditional crayons, not markers, coloring pencils, nor pens.
4. Clearly mark each entry with the child's name, gender, grade, birthday, and church name and address.
5. All entries are separated by gender and age before judging begins.

Primary Competition

•Coloring Page

Instructions are the same for Primaries, except they may use traditional crayons, markers, coloring pencils, or pens to color. Pictures may also be enhanced with glitter or other crafts to give the picture a 3-D effect.

Junior Competition

*“My Church” Essay or Master Club Poster
(Clubbers may only enter one of the two events.)*

•Christian Essay

1. The theme for this essay is two parts. First, write up to 150 words on this topic: “When I pray for my church, I should **thank** God for...” Second, finish the essay by writing up to 150 words on this topic: “When I pray for my church, I should **ask** God for...”
2. The total essay should be at least 150 words but should not exceed 300 words (approximately 1 1/2 pages).
3. The essay should include at least one, but no more than two written Bible verses. It can include other references if desired.
4. Please attach one of the enclosed Mailbox Contest Entry Forms to the back of each entry.

•Master Club Poster

1. Clubbers design a poster that could be used to encourage other children to attend your church. Ask the children what would attract them to visit your Master Club. Posters should be colorful, creative, and contain information such as the church name, address, phone number, time Club starts, etc.
2. Maximum poster size is 11x17”. (Posters may be folded for mailing.)
3. Clubbers may use paints, markers, glitter, yarn, and other creative ideas to encourage children to read the poster. Please attach one of the enclosed Mailbox Entry Contest Forms on page 12 to the back of each entry.



Our Teachers Tell Exciting Bible Stories at My Church!



Mailbox Contest #1 My Church



Child's Name: _____ Birthday: ___/___/___

Grade: K3 K4 K5 1st 2nd 3rd

Gender: Boy Girl

Church Name: _____

Church Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

- Christmas Card
- Christmas Poem

Contest II: Christmas
Due Date: Dec. 15



Beginner Competition

• Coloring Page

1. Make as many copies as you need of the enclosed picture on page 6 of Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus.
2. Encourage children to do their best as they color. Help them understand that these pictures will be judged with other pictures from Clubs like yours.
3. All coloring for Beginners must be done with traditional crayons, not markers, coloring pencils, nor pens.
4. Clearly mark each entry with the child's name, gender, grade, birthday, and church name and address.
5. All entries are separated by gender and age before judging begins.

Primary Competition

• Christmas Card

1. Encourage children to do their best as they color, paste, or draw. Winning entries will take time to develop. This should not be a "rushed project." Help them understand that these cards will be judged with other pictures from Clubs like yours.
2. Cards should be made on standard 8.5 X 11 inch paper or a comparable size of construction paper which will be folded in half like the average Christmas card.
3. Cards may be folded in landscape or portrait format (sideways or upright).
4. The front cover should have a picture on it with some type of text. These may be drawn, colored, or pasted.
5. The inside should contain some type of message (funny or serious) with a Bible verse about Christmas.
6. The back page should contain a completed Mailbox Contest Entry Form from page 12.
7. Primaries are permitted and encouraged to use markers, coloring pencils, or pens to color. Clubbers may choose to cut and paste pictures into their card. Pictures may also be enhanced with glitter or other crafts to give the picture a 3-D effect.
8. All Primary Cards should be done by hand, not on a computer.
9. All entries are separated by gender and age before judging begins.

Junior Competition

Christmas Card or Christmas Poem (Individual Clubbers may only enter one of the two events.)

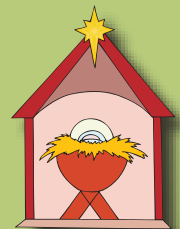
• Christmas Card

1. Instructions are the same for Juniors as for the Primaries. However, a Junior is also allowed to use his or her computer to design the card. Leaders should emphasize that the child must do all work on the card, not a parent, older sibling, or friend.

• Christmas Poem

Each child may enter one poem and it must follow these guidelines:

1. Poems must have a minimum of eight lines. The length of the poem will not influence the scoring.
2. Poems do not necessarily have to rhyme line for line.
3. Poems must relate to the Christmas season and can be funny or serious.
4. Poems must be written entirely by the child. No part of a published poem may be included.
5. Poems must be typed or clearly printed. Adults may type the final copy, but no changes may be made.
6. The back page should contain a completed Mailbox Contest Entry Form from page 12.





Mailbox Contest #2 Christmas

Child's Name: _____ Birthday: ___/___/___

Grade: K3 K4 K5

Gender: Boy Girl

Church Name: _____

Church Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

- Missionary Drawing
- Missionary Poster
- Missionary Biography Video
- Gospel Tract

Contest III: Missions
Due Date: Feb. 1

Beginner Competition • Coloring Page

1. When your Beginners think of missions, what comes to their mind? This competition is designed to encourage leaders to help these little ones understand more about missions. The coloring picture on page 8 is of the Apostle Paul, the first missionary, sharing the Gospel with others. As leaders, explain what missionaries are doing today in various parts of the world. Teach that Jesus commands us to tell everyone around the world about the Gospel.
2. Winning entries will take time to complete. This should not be a “rushed project.”
3. Children may use a pencil, color pencils, or crayons as a drawing tool. Markers should not be used on the children in the picture.

Primary Competition • Missionary Poster

1. Clubbers design a poster that could serve as a display board for a missionary that your church currently supports.
2. The poster should include things like: a picture of the missionary and family (a prayer card could be used for this), the names of everyone in the family, a map showing the country in which they are serving, and two prayer requests of that family which could be obtained from their prayer letter.
3. Clubbers may use paints, markers, glitter, yarn, and other creative ideas to decorate the remaining space on the poster in a creative way which would draw others to their missionary display.
4. Maximum poster size is 11x17”. (Posters may be folded for mailing.)
5. Please attach one of the enclosed Mailbox Contest Entry Forms to the back of each entry.

Junior Competition

*Missionary Biography Video or Missionary Poster
 (Each Clubber may only enter one of the two events.)*

•Missionary Poster

1. Instructions are the same as for the Primary Competition.

•Missionary Biography Video Basic Rules

The child may give a biographical sketch of a missionary’s life and ministry. It should be a well-planned presentation that will highlight the missionary and what God did and/or is still doing. The missionary may therefore be from the past (Hudson Taylor, Jim Elliott, etc.), still living today, or a missionary from your own church. The child needs to be “coached” to include visuals and to convince their audience that God wonderfully used or is using this man or woman to reach people with the Gospel. Native costumes, artifacts, maps, etc. are all welcome. This should be as dramatic of a presentation as possible (put some life into it!). Clubbers planning to participate in Regionals are permitted to use this same presentation at Regionals. So encourage them to prepare for this, then help them “tweek” it before Regionals.

•Basic Instructions for the Video Taped Entries

See “Basic Instructions for Video Taped Entries” on page 9. Those rules will apply here.

•Entry Limitations

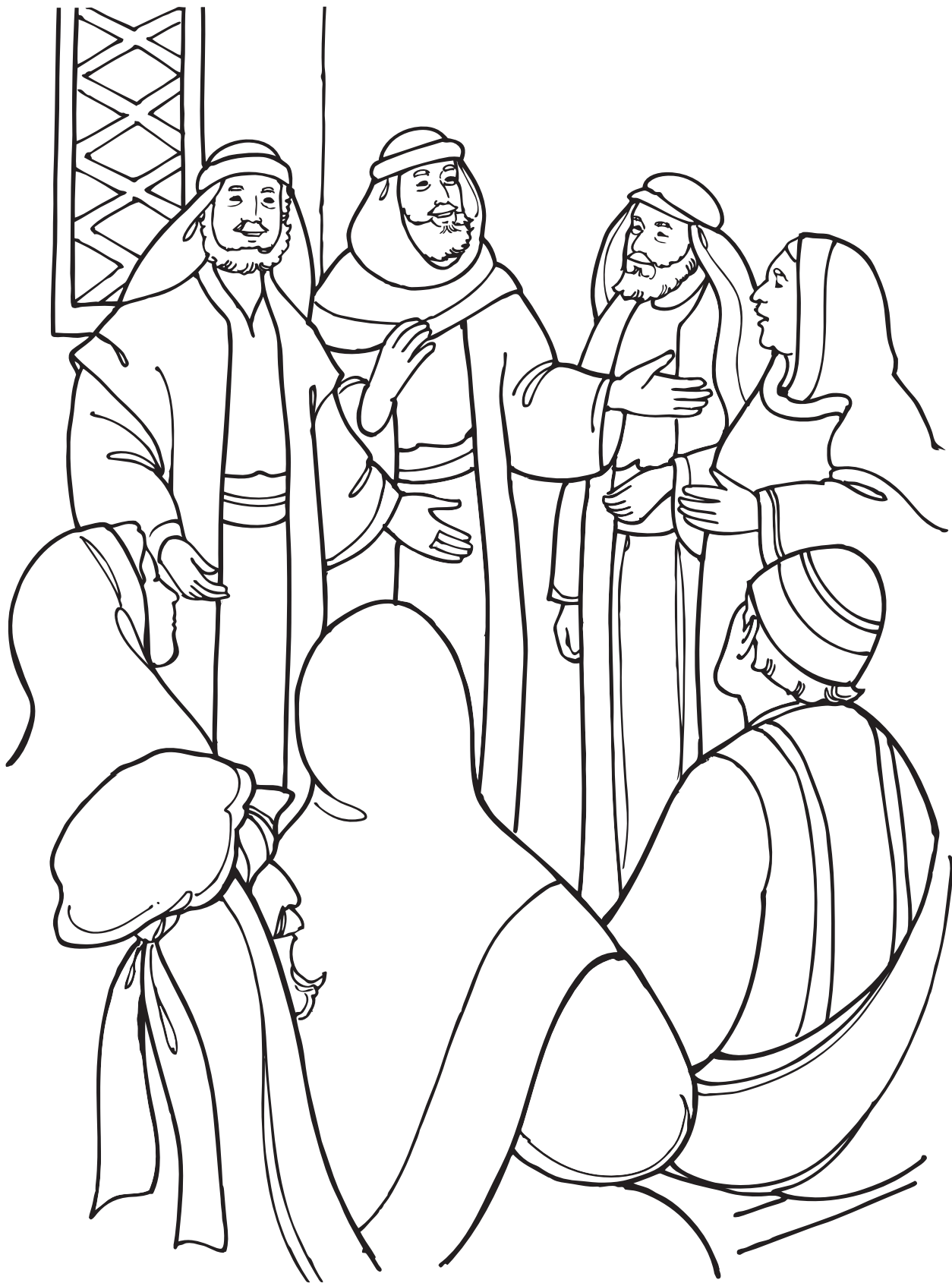
See page 9 for entry limitations.

•Scoring Criteria

The judges will be looking for a few things in each videotaped event which are peculiar to that event and are listed in the “Basic Rules” section. However, in all videotaped events, the judges are grading based upon such things as:

1. Did the introduction capture the attention of the audience?
2. Creativity?
3. Evidence of practice? (Participants should not be reading scripts during their presentation. Notes are fine, but they need to look at the camera.)
4. Facial expressions, eye contact, gestures, voice inflection?
5. Logical development?
6. Use of visuals and oral illustrations?
7. Clear conclusion and application?

A sample judging form is available online under Mailbox Contests.



Mailbox Contest #3 Missions



Child's Name: _____ Birthday: ___/___/___

Grade: K3 K4 K5

Gender: Boy Girl

Church Name: _____

Church Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

- Coloring Page
- Bible Poster
- Bible Object Lesson
- Bible Triathlon

Contest IV: The Bible
Due Date: March 15

Basic Rules For All Entries:

Clearly mark each entry with the child's name, gender, grade, birthday, age, and church name and address. All entries are separated by gender, grade, and age before judging begins.

Beginner Competition

• Coloring Page

1. Make as many copies as you need of the enclosed picture of Joseph with his coat of many colors on page 11.
2. Encourage children to do their best as they color. Help them understand that these pictures will be judged with other pictures from Clubs like theirs.
3. All coloring for Beginners must be done with traditional crayons, not markers, coloring pencils, nor pens.
4. Clearly mark each entry with the child's name, gender, grade, birthday, and church name and address.

Primary Competition

• Bible Poster

1. Clubbers design a poster that could be used to encourage other children to read, listen, obey, and share Bible truths and principles at church, home, or play. Posters should be colorful and creative.
2. Maximum poster size is 11x17". (Posters may be folded for mailing.)
3. Clubbers may use paints, markers, glitter, yarn, and other creative ideas to encourage children to read the poster.
4. Please attach one of the enclosed Mailbox Contest Entry Forms to the back of each entry.

Junior Competition

Bible Storytelling and Bible Triathlon
(Clubbers may enter both events.)

• Basic Instructions for Video Taped Entries

Please follow these instructions for video taped entries:

1. Use the best video camera available with a tripod and only submit videos in VHS, CVHS, CD, mini DV, or DVD format. **No other media will be accepted or judged, including 8 mm tapes.**
2. Most videotaping should be done from the waist up so judges can see facial expressions. If the child is wearing a costume, please "pan out" to show the entire costume at some point in the video.
3. Try to select a room for videotaping with adequate lighting and

minimum background noise.

4. Before each presentation, the child needs to clearly state their full name (please spell out difficult names) and grade.
5. Participants are permitted to use notes during their presentation, but they should not read their entire presentation. They will be graded on this part of the presentation.
6. Children will have four to six minutes to give their presentation.
7. Complete the Video Entry Form on page 12 and attach it to the video.
8. All entries may be on the same tape, but please label all tapes with the church's name and address. All entries become the property of Master Clubs upon submission and cannot be returned.

Entry Limitations

Because of the time required to judge these entries, each church is only allowed to enter two boys and two girls from each grade in each event. Therefore, leaders should view all entries at your church, then videotape and enter your top qualifiers.

Basic Rules for Bible Storytelling

1. This event will feature a child "as if he were the Sunday School teacher." Each will tell a Bible story using some type of visual and make a practical application to their audience. Visuals may include flannel graph, flip charts, flash cards, pictures, chalk talks, object lessons, or puppets. If a puppet is used, the storyteller has to remain visible at all times. Role playing and costume dress-up may also be used. The time limit is four to six minutes, no longer.
2. The child may be "coached" by leaders or parents, but the story and visuals must be decided by the child. Please help them to find opportunities to tell their story in Club or Sunday school. If your church has a Christian school, ask for permission so that they may present their story there also. Be sure they use the visuals as they practice their storytelling.

Bible Storytelling Scoring Criteria

1. Introduction: Did the child begin the lesson in a creative way?

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2. Presentation: Is it obvious that the child prepared adequately? Did the child maintain eye contact with the audience? Did the child use facial expressions and gestures?
3. Visuals Used: Were the visuals neatly displayed before the lesson began? Were the visuals selected effective for this lesson?
4. Story Content: Did the lesson make sense? Were Scripture verses properly used? Did the story help the audience remember the Bible truth?
5. Application: Was the lesson applied correctly and forcefully, and was it applied to real life?

•Bible Triathlon Basic Instructions

(Right or Wrong, Scripture Memory 1, and Sword Drills)

1. For the Triathlon, Clubbers will actually compete in three separate events which will be graded/timed and given a total score. All of this will be done at your church before mailing.
2. Your leaders may train your kids in preparation for the competition.
3. To protect the integrity of the tests, the Official Triathlon Tests are not sent with this package. If your church would like to compete in the Triathlon, please call toll free at: (800) 451-5023 or email: info@masterclubs.org and we will fax or email a PDF test file to one representative from each church and you can make as many copies as you need. Testing Kits will not be available until Feb. 1.
4. Each of the three parts of the Triathlon will be graded separately, then all the scores will be added together for a final score. For this event, the LOWEST score will win.

•Right or Wrong Basic Rules

Each child will be asked by a Leader a total of 15 general Bible questions such as “How many windows did the ark have?” The questions will cover facts such as Bible places, people, events, etc. that the children have heard in Sunday school, Master Club, church, and home. There is no way to “study” for this part of the Triathlon, but leaders may develop sets of questions for practice and to demonstrate to the Clubbers how the test will work. Please understand, on the test that you will receive, one leader will need to sit down one on one, to test each child. It will be an oral test and the leader will mark how many times it took the child to answer the question correctly. Here is a sample question as it will appear on the test:

1. *Who climbed a sycamore tree to see Jesus? (Zacchaeus)*

1st 2nd Wrong

Scoring Criteria

1. On the actual test, children will be allowed two guesses for each question. If answered correctly on the first try, the child will earn one point, if on the second try-two points. If the question is not answered within two tries, the child will earn five points.
2. There is a 15-minute time limit to finish the test, but most students will not need near that much time. Any incomplete answer will count as a wrong answer and will earn five points.

Scripture Memory 1 Basic Rules

1. This will be a written quiz taken by each child. The quiz will consist of fill-in-the-blank type questions from verses 1-10 of the Ambassadors Discipleship Guide.
2. Questions for this test can be from the reference, verse, or teaching of each of the 10 verses. Review these verses with your children ahead of time. Actual questions will be sent in the Test Packet.
3. There is a 30-minute time limit for this written test. Once the time begins, it must be completed within the 30 minutes. The children may not leave the testing area until complete. It would be wise to test all children simultaneously, if possible, to prevent compromising the test.

Scoring Criteria

We will provide an answer key for grading the test. Each incorrect or incomplete answer blank will count for five points.

•Sword Drill Basic Rules

1. This event is a slight variation of the traditional sword drill. The purpose is to teach the children the books of the Bible in order and to be familiar with the size of the book. Practice finding both Old Testament and New Testament verses. Of course, you will not know which verses exactly until the test arrives.
2. The test will call for six Old Testament (including Minor prophets) and six New Testament references.
3. Use large index cards to print bold, easy to read, Bible references for practice. As the reference card is turned over, the child starts searching. When the child finds the verse, he will place his finger on the correct verse. Once the leader verifies the verse, the Bible is closed and another reference card is exposed. Continue until finished.
4. This is a timed event.

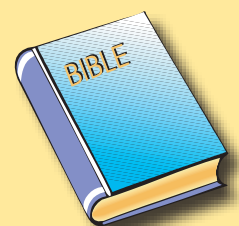
Scoring Criteria

1. This is strictly a timed event. The fastest time wins.
2. Leaders’ accuracy in checking correctness is part of the overall timing. Every child must use the same Bible without tabs or any helps.
3. Each child must be tested separately.

Final Scoring Information for the Triathlon

1. With the tests, you will receive a Final Scoring Sheet for your church. On that sheet, you will be able to compile all scores for your entries. You will take the score from Right or Wrong, the timing from the Sword Drill, and the score from the Scripture Memory 1 test and add all three together to determine the score for each child who enters.
2. Each church is permitted to enter three boys and three girls from each grade.

Don’t forget to order your Testing Kits by calling: (800) 451-5023 or email: info@masterclubs.org and we will fax or email a PDF file to one representative from each church and you can make copies as needed. Testing Kits will not be available until February 1 to protect the integrity of the test.





Mailbox Contest #4 The Bible

Child's Name: _____ Birthday: ___/___/___

Grade: K3 K4 K5

Gender: Boy Girl

Church Name: _____

Church Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Video Entry Form

Church Name: _____

Church Address: _____

City: State: Zip: _____

Missionary Biography **Bible Storytelling**

First Name	Last Name	Grade	Boy or Girl	Birthday
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Mailbox Contest Entry Form

Child's Name: _____ **Birthday:** ___/___/___
Grade: K3 K4 K5 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th
Gender: Boy Girl
Church Name: _____
Church Address: _____
City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____



Mailbox Contest Entry Form

Child's Name: _____ **Birthday:** ___/___/___
Grade: K3 K4 K5 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th
Gender: Boy Girl
Church Name: _____
Church Address: _____
City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____



Mailbox Contest Entry Form

Child's Name: _____ **Birthday:** ___/___/___
Grade: K3 K4 K5 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th
Gender: Boy Girl
Church Name: _____
Church Address: _____
City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____