

**IMAGES OF HOPE COMPETITION ENTRY FORM**

Artist's name: .....

Title of artwork: .....

Bible story of hope and information explaining the piece of art: .....  
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Category: .....

Address: .....

Town: .....

Postcode: .....

Telephone: .....

Age (if under 16 and school attended): .....

**If the artist is under 16**

Guardian's name: .....

Guardian's telephone: .....

Guardian's signature: .....

I shall/shall not attend the Award Ceremony on Friday 22.07.11 from 5pm to 7pm at Gosport Discovery Centre when the prizes will be awarded by Caroline Dinenage MP and all entries will be on display.

I shall bring.....people with me.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO GOSPORT DISCOVERY CENTRE**

**Local Organiser's name** Mrs Diana Dow

**Local Organiser's address** 8 Leep Lane, Alverstoke, Gosport PO12 2BE

**Data Protection** – By completing this form you are agreeing to your details being handled by the competition promoter (Bible Society) and the local organiser (the person named above). The local organiser will use the details solely for the administration of the competition. Bible Society may use the name of the entrant, their town name, any photographs provided and the competition artwork for the purposes of publicity. Please advise us if you are not happy for us to do this.

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## **INTERPRETATION OF THE THEME BIBLE STORIES OF HOPE**

Competition entries need to be based on a story of hope from the Bible. Here is a selection of biblical stories on hope. Choose one of these or find your own story of hope in the Bible.

- **Prodigal Son:** Luke 15:11-32

It could be a storyline from any soap. The bad lad who ran off abroad with half the family's cash has come crawling back, having spent it all, living the high life. After the money ran out he was forced to take a badly paid job, but even then he still couldn't afford to eat. The only alternative was to go home and grovel. Perhaps if he offered to work for his Dad without pay he'd be let back in.

However, when he returned home, his Dad just gave him a big hug and threw him a big party. This 'welcome home' event included music, dancing and even cooking the prize animal they had been saving for a 'special occasion'. Not surprisingly, when his brother got back from work and found out about this favouritism, he hit the roof. But what is surprising is that according to Jesus (who told this story) God is like a welcoming Dad who overlook people's mistakes, and we are not to be like the older brother who holds grudges.

- **Good Samaritan:** Luke 10:30-37

Muggings aren't new – as this story that Jesus told nearly 2,000 years ago shows. But they're never pleasant either. At least in this story, someone eventually stopped to help the guy who'd been badly beaten up and robbed. But there weren't ambulances or hospitals with A&E units back then. So the rescuer did the next best thing and found the injured man somewhere with a private room where he could be cared for.

Although he wasn't a real person, the helpful man in this story (the 'good Samaritan') has become world famous. Jesus told this story to show that sometimes even people we view as enemies (that's how the Jews at the time viewed the Samaritans) can turn out to be kind and helpful. In other words, the story encourages us to help those in need and not to judge others by their race, nationality or religion.

- **Ruth:** Ruth 3:1-8

It wasn't the best of times for Ruth. Her husband had died and although she had moved to a new town with her mother-in-law Naomi, they were broke. Fortunately Naomi had hit on an idea to solve their cash-flow crisis. She told Ruth to slap on some perfume and target an older, wealthy farmer who had already taken quite a shine to her. So one night Ruth crept in to where he was sleeping and lay next to him.

In different cultures, lovers have different ways of showing their interest in one another. This was Ruth's way – and as it turned out - it worked a treat! The farmer was really chuffed that Ruth had shown interest in him rather than in any of his younger employees. In any case they ended up getting married and Ruth became the great grandmother of Israel's famous King David (who was the one who beat Goliath).

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## **RULES FOR 'IMAGES OF HOPE' COMPETITION**

### **Theme**

The theme for the competition is hope. All artwork must illustrate or be based on a story of hope from the Bible.

### **Title of artwork and explanation**

You must give your artwork a title and write a short explanation (no more than 100 words) explaining how your artwork illustrates a Bible story of hope. This explanation must be mounted onto the piece of art.

### **Categories**

This is a competition anyone can enter and enjoy. It will be judged in these categories:

- Adults: 16 years plus
- Young adults: 11 – 15 years
- Children: 5 – 11 years
- Special needs: all ages, state age (if under 16) school, club or residential home)

### **Format**

The required format is A3 or A4, or if this is unobtainable the nearest possible equivalent.

### **Use of materials**

You may use any type of paper or canvas, white, coloured, rough or smooth. The artwork that you submit may be drawn or painted in pencil, charcoal, pen and ink, crayon, pastel, watercolour, acrylic, oil paint, indelible marker pens, felt-tip pens, soft ball-point pens, indelible ink or collage.

### **Originality**

Your work must be original. Please do not copy another person's work.

### **Entry form**

You must submit an entry form with your artwork.

### **Closing date**

All entries must be handed into Gosport Discovery Centre by July 1<sup>st</sup> 2011. Only entries which are received by this date will be considered.

### **Number of entries**

You may only enter one piece of work.

### **Judging**

The judging will be carried out by a local panel of independent judges. The decision of the judging panel is final.

### **Loss or damage**

All entries shall be the property of the competition organiser who cannot accept liability for loss or damage to the artwork submitted.

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**Winners**

All winners will be notified by the competition organiser. Bible Society may use the name of the entrant, their town name and any photographs provided for the purposes of publicity. Please advise us if you are not happy for us to do this.

**Award ceremony**

Prizes will be awarded by Caroline Dinenage MP at a special reception at Gosport Discovery Centre on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July from 5pm to 7pm. Please tell us on your entry form whether you will be attending and how many people you will bring with you.

**Exhibition of entries**

All entries will be displayed throughout the summer holidays in the Discovery Centre.

**Collection of entries**

All entries to be collected from the Discovery Centre by Saturday 10.09.11.

**Rules**

The rules of the competition may not be changed or modified in any way and will be strictly applied.

**Each entrant needs these four pages to enter the 'Images of Hope' art competition**

- a. entry form**
- b. interpretation of the theme**
- c. competition rules (2 pages)**