

Of Interest To Teachers

Detective Zack Essay Contest

"Why I Believe the Story of Noah's Flood Is True" is the theme of an essay contest sponsored by Pacific Press for fifth- and sixth-grade students in North American SDA elementary schools. The "Detective Zack" Essay Contest runs from January 25 to March 3, 1993.

Detective Zack books, for 7- to 12-year-olds, were first introduced by Pacific Press last fall. The series is designed to reinforce belief in biblical truth while capturing the imaginations of young minds that crave adventure. The essay contest shares the same purpose. In television shows, books, and magazines, our children are often exposed to evolution as fact and teachers don't always have access to the scientific facts that support the Bible story.

The essay contest is built around the same theme as the first Zack adventure, *The Secret of Noah's Flood*, in which Zack and his family explore the scientific evidence for a world-wide flood during a camping trip across the United States. Written in the style of a notebook diary that Zack keeps on the trip, the book includes lists of scientific "clues."

The contest asks students to write a three-page essay on the theme. (Students need not have read the Detective Zack book.) They can look for evidence in encyclopedias, commentaries, or Bible reference books. However, very few science textbooks discuss evidence that supports the biblical flood. One of the reasons the Detective Zack book was written is the scarcity of such material for children of this age group.

This essay offers an excellent opportunity to integrate faith and learning. Obviously, this can be a learning activity in science, Bible, and language. The contest would also be a good public relations opportunity for your school—not only with local church members but also with the surrounding community.

This contest will give your students the educational benefits of researching and writing. It will strengthen their faith in the Bible and their ability to share their faith with others.

Prizes

The local teacher or school should select one winner from their fifth and sixth grades. This winner will receive the new *Detective Zack's Word Puzzle Safari* book, a certificate of con-

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gratulations, and a coupon good at the local Adventist Book Center for \$2 off the price of the next Detective Zack adventure from Pacific Press (the local school board may wish to add additional prizes).

The winning essays from every participating school are to be sent to Pacific Press by March 15, 1993, where they will be judged and considered for the Grand Prize—one week's free stay at a conference summer camp! Second and third prizes, \$50 and \$25 gift certificates good at Adventist Book Centers, will be awarded as well.

If you have not received the Detective Zack Essay Contest poster or would like more information, call Russ Holt, Pacific Press Publishing Association editorial vice-president, at (208) 465-2500. If you already have received the poster and information, please display the poster in your classroom and contact Pacific Press for the prize, puzzle book, certificate, and coupon.

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