



FIRST ANNUAL

# ESSAY CONTEST

“CHRIST IS ALIVE AND HE WANTS YOU TO BE ALIVE!  
HE IS IN YOU, HE IS WITH YOU AND HE NEVER ABANDONS YOU.”  
— POPE FRANCIS

Your parish and/or school is invited to participate in the Christ Is Alive! National Essay Contest. The contest is open to children in grades 3 through 8 who are enrolled in a Catholic school or in a parish religious education program. We will select two winners in each grade from across the United States.

## ESSAY TOPIC

Describe a moment when you felt close to God.

For example, it could have been when you were praying, on a retreat or at Mass. Or it could have been in an answer to one of your prayers, on in the mercy or kindness of someone you know.

God is at work in the world all the time. He is close to his people in their daily lives, in all their joys and sorrows. He comforts us, heals us and helps us. That’s the good news: God is with us! For this essay, think of a time when you felt God was with you and write about it.

## YOUR FAMILY CAN HELP

This contest provides a wonderful opportunity for families to talk about times when they have experienced God in their lives.

## PRIZES

- You will receive \$100 and your choice of a Bible from [comcenter.com](http://comcenter.com)
- Your class will receive \$100 to be used for a class celebration.

## HOW TO ENTER

- Your teacher will tell you when you need to hand in your essay.
- Your essay can be typed or handwritten.
- Your essay can only be on one side of one page.
- Put your name in the top right corner of your paper.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you or your parents want to learn more about the Christ Is Alive! Essay Contest, please visit [comcenter.com/christisalive](http://comcenter.com/christisalive)