

Guidelines for Writers
Power of Goodness Story Collections

For the Power of Goodness Story Collection, we seek stories that:

1. Contribute to the value of the *Power of Goodness* collection as a guide to help young people and adults around the world learn the ways of peace and justice. We select stories in which actions model behavior that can be carried over into the lives of readers ages six thru adults.
2. Are experiential, with a very clear sense of transformation, change, and/or growth in people and situations.
3. Have active roles for children, as appropriate, though not necessarily as the central characters.
4. Briefly present a problem, conflict, or tragedy, and focus on ways to approach or resolve it, detailing what was said or done that made things go well.
5. Recount concrete incidents of nonviolence. May include how such incidents affected others and future acts of nonviolence over time.
6. Include interpersonal dialog among characters.
7. Are approximately 300-750 words. Excellent longer stories are considered, but may be adapted or abridged.
8. Reflect the universal powers of goodness, peace, healing, right relationships, reconciliation, justice, nonviolence, friendship, kindness, love, conscience, integrity, compassion, forgiveness, respect for diversity -- across culture, religion, socio-economic background, and so on.
9. Are typically true. Fictional stories are considered, if compelling, but do not utilize allegorical or fantasy elements (e.g., conversations with angels, animals talking, and so forth).
10. Do not proselytize or put forth doctrine in the name of any religion. When appropriate, specify the religious and cultural aspects of the setting and affiliation of the character. Include religious references in the dialogue, but not typically in the narrative.

Please let us know if you have access to artists working with children who might like to illustrate the story (see Illustrator Guidelines).

Submit reader comments, translations, or new stories to PeaceMinistries@FriendsPeaceTeams.org, or to:
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