

IMPROMPTU PRACTICE #1 — TELL A STORY!

A solid impromptu speech often tells a story. The nice thing about using this method for addressing your topic is that personal stories are readily available to you and convert nicely into a speech. Consider all the ways God has used circumstances in your life to teach you both practical and spiritual lessons.

1. **Select** a topic. I am including topics below.
2. **Plan** your speech. Impromptu and Junior Impromptu have two minutes of preparation time.

Practice #1 Challenge: Think of one example/story/illustration that you will use for your introduction, illustrating and supporting your thesis, and for your conclusion.

3. **Deliver** your speech. Ideally you will give your speech to a willing parent or other adult.
4. **Receive** feedback on your speech. Take this feedback into your next practice impromptu speech, applying what you learn.

EXAMPLE: This is an example of using a story to frame your impromptu speech.

Topic: “Listening”

If your topic is “Listening”, you might talk about your trip to the Grand Canyon as your one example/story/illustration.

1. **Introduction:** Tell about preparing to leave. Let us know that, while on this trip, you learned a valuable lesson about the importance of listening.
2. **Points/Supports:** The events leading up to nearly falling in—ways you did not listen to your mother!
3. **Conclusion:** What did you learn about listening to your mother and the general importance of listening? How might we apply these lessons?

NOTE: I hope none of you have this story to tell. Please don’t go near the edge of the Grand Canyon.

TOPICS

Practice #1 – Impromptu Prompts:

Book(s)
Salesman
Detective

Practice #1 – JUNIOR Impromptu Prompts:

Chocolate
Vanilla
Strawberry