

“How a Boy Name Roy Changed the World”

A School Assembly by Jason Wright



***New York Times* Bestselling Author, Columnist, Speaker**

“The impact Jason had on the kids, the parents and the staff was very powerful. Seldom is a message delivered so simply while making such a profound impact. All he required was a dozen chairs and a microphone, yet he kept hundreds of students on the edge of their seats. His message is real, meaningful, and applicable to the lives of all who hear him. Nobody can walk away unchanged.” — Peg Liberatore, Rocky River Middle School

Assembly Length: 35 - 50 minutes (*flexible based on school schedule*)

Ideal Age Range: 5th - 9th grade

Presentation Needs: Handheld microphone, 13 chairs, scissors and duct tape

Costs: \$1400 Full-day — This can include a teacher pep rally before school, several large group assemblies, classroom visits, lunch for a special group of students, writing workshops, parents program, etc.

\$700 Half-day — This can include any combination of programs.

\$350 School chooses one large group assembly.

The Story

When Jason was a middle schooler in Charlottesville, Virginia, a series of school bus experiences changed his life forever. Using humor, heart, storytelling and volunteers as actors in his life story, Jason teaches the power of words to build and create greatness.

Schools are sometimes bombarded with presentations on bullying. Jason takes a more nuanced approach and speaks to this general theme without ever using that word. Instead, he invites students to connect the dots through object lessons and to find the message on their own. The audience witnesses how a boy named Roy impacted other students in a quiet and simple way, and not with an inspirational speech, special project or school program. At the conclusion of the program, a dozen students will stand and identify the Roys in their own lives.

Author Bio

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“The Seventeen Second Miracle Challenge”

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“Jason was witty, fun, inspiring, motivating, and able to hold a room of High School Juniors, as well as Faculty and Administration, captivated by his stories. The students felt motivated to be better individuals and set the bar higher. It was an amazing experience our students will never forget. — Candice Belchik, Broad Run High School

Assembly Length: 35 - 50 minutes (*flexible based on school schedule*)

Ideal Age Range: 5th - 9th grade

Presentation Needs: Handheld microphone

Costs: \$1400 Full-day — This can include a teacher pep rally before school, several large group assemblies, classroom visits, lunch for a special group of students, writing workshops, parents program, etc.

\$700 Half-day — This can include any combination of programs.

\$350 School chooses one large group assembly.

The Story

We don't always need parents or teachers to tell us when or how to perform mini-miracles in the lives of people around us. We simply need to have our eyes open to the opportunities.

Students will learn that life isn't about big moments. It's all about the few seconds we donate every day to serve one another. Dramatic scenes of service or sacrifice will not define our lives. Greatest is about today's unscheduled acts of service – *the miracles*.

What are students doing *today* to make a difference? Opening a door? Befriending the new kid? We live in a me-first world. Jason understands this because he's been a me-first person most of his life. This program will challenge students to think differently.

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“Failure Is an Option”

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“Jason Wright was a joy to have at our school and his message was so inspiring. We were impressed that he was so easily able to get the audience to pay attention for the entire 50-minute assembly with his stories. Plus, the students enjoyed being involved onstage! Jason’s smile and enthusiasm was contagious and the students loved meeting and hearing about his journey.” – Candace Wilson, FCCLA Adviser, Westlake High School

Assembly Length: 35 - 50 minutes (*flexible based on school schedule*)

Ideal Age Range: 5th - 12th grade

Presentation Needs: Handheld microphone, projector, screen

Costs: \$1400 Full-day – This can include a teacher pep rally before school, several large group assemblies, classroom visits, lunch for a special group of students, writing workshops, parents program, etc.

\$700 Half-day – This can include any combination of programs.

\$350 School chooses one large group assembly.

The Story

Jason uses examples from famous failures throughout history before revealing his own impressive track record of falling short. Using self-deprecating humor and personal anecdotes, Jason teaches specific lessons he’s learned from some of his more entertaining failures. Perhaps most surprisingly, students will learn that Jason failed the 7th grade.

The world teaches that failure isn’t an option and that failure should make us stronger, tougher and more resilient. Jason believes this is a myth. Failure should make us more humble and sensitive. Failure shouldn’t speed us up, it should slow us down and invite us to listen.

Students will discover the greatness that comes from trying and failing, and how Jason owes his entire life to failure and the lessons he’s learned.

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“Christmas Jars in March”

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Assemblies with kindergarteners can be a painful experience. With Jason I soon realized I had nothing to worry about. He kept all of the students K-6 engaged, and his message had a lasting impact on both students and teachers at our school. Several students “wrote books” after his visit, and many were inspired to begin Christmas Jars with their families. — Angela Eckhardt, Larsen Elementary School

Assembly Length: 30 - 40 minutes (*flexible based on school schedule*)

Ideal Age Range: K - 5th grade

Presentation Needs: Handheld microphone, projector, screen

Costs: \$1400 Full-day — This can include a teacher pep rally before school, several large group assemblies, classroom visits, lunch for a special group of students, writing workshops, parents program, etc.

\$700 Half-day — This can include any combination of programs.

\$350 School chooses one large group assembly.

The Story

Using humor and photos, Jason introduces himself and shares a few of the things he “wanted to be when he grew up.” Volunteers then stand in front of their peers and do the same.

Jason also reads his book, *Penny’s Christmas Jar Miracle*, as the illustrations are projected on a screen. At the conclusion, Jason asks questions and students learn that a jar of money given away anonymously can have a tremendous impact on both the givers and the receivers.

Finally, Jason explains that the best time to start a Christmas Jar is now. The earlier you start, the more you’ll have in your jar in December. Students, teachers and faculty are challenged to return home and present the idea to their families. This is not a religious presentation.

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“Publishing — How a Story Becomes a Book”

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Jason Wright came to Larsen Elementary school and talked to us about his book writing experience. He told us that when he was in fifth grade he told his teacher that he wanted to be an author. His teacher told him that it would be hard and that things wouldn't always go smoothly. He told us that his teacher was absolutely right. People discouraged him and made it hard on him, but he didn't want to give up. He inspired me to not give up! Jason has made some great children books and novels. I have actually read one of his books, it was amazing. I definitely have learned something from him. —Ashley, Age 10, Larsen Elementary School

- Workshop Length:** 35 - 50 minutes (*flexible based on school schedule*)
- Ideal Age Range:** 3rd - 8th grade
- Presentation Needs:** Handheld microphone
- Costs:** \$1400 Full-day — This can include a teacher pep rally before school, several large group assemblies, classroom visits, lunch for a special group of students, writing workshops, parents program, etc.
\$700 Half-day — This can include any combination of programs.
\$350 School chooses one large group assembly.

The Story

Using student actors on stage, Jason takes a high-energy approach to demonstrating how an idea goes from a writer's imagination to a library or bookstore. Students learn about the role of editors, agents, publishers and more.

When time allows, Jason also introduces the students to Group Storytelling and using nothing but their imaginations, they create a story from nothing. He often leaves time for Q&A.

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“All Writing Is Storytelling”

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“After Jason’s visit to Spratley Gifted Center, one student said after his writer’s workshop, ‘I never thought I could really be a writer, but his comments about my writing made me believe I could actually be a writer in the future.’ Another said, ‘When reading our writing samples, he made each of us feel special.’ That’s exactly what Jason Wright did at our school; he made each of us feel that we are seen, valued, and capable of greatness, just what we strive to teach our students daily. — Alice Adams, Spratley Gifted Center

- Workshop Length:** 35 - 50 minutes (*flexible based on school schedule*)
- Ideal Age Range:** 3th - 12th grade
- Presentation Needs:** Handheld microphone
- Costs:**
- \$1400 Full-day — This can include a teacher pep rally before school, several large group assemblies, classroom visits, lunch for a special group of students, writing workshops, parents program, etc.
 - \$700 Half-day — This can include any combination of programs.
 - \$350 School chooses one large group assembly.

The Story

Jason owes his career to phenomenal teachers who believed in his ability to tell a story and he begins his workshops by focusing on a simple premise: All writing is storytelling.

Jason offers two workshop options. One centers on group storytelling and involves everyone in the room. Together they create an oral story that’s never been told in history. The other uses a unique writing prompt and allows time for students to write the first page of a short story. Jason then reads many of the stories aloud and finds magic in every single one.

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“Don’t Press the Red Button!”

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“Jason's visit left a lasting impression with the students and staff. We are definitely fans! We're thankful for both his written and spoken inspirations. He is a dynamic speaker, particularly adept at reading an appealing to the audience at hand.” — Beth Armbruster Principal, Godwin high school

Assembly Length: 30 - 45 minutes (*flexible based on school schedule*)

Ideal Age Range: K - 5th grade

Presentation Needs: Handheld microphone

Costs: \$1400 Full-day — This can include a teacher pep rally before school, several large group assemblies, classroom visits, lunch for a special group of students, writing workshops, parents program, etc.

\$700 Half-day — This can include any combination of programs.

\$350 School chooses one large group assembly.

The Story

Students won't believe the power of the red button! When a volunteer presses the button projected on the screen, amazing things happen to a young boy on the next image. This assembly unlocks creativity while we learn that each of us has a unique, one-of-a-kind mind.

When the program is complete, students recognize it's not just the red button that holds power, it's their imagination.

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WHAT ARE PEOPLE SAYING ABOUT JASON'S VISITS?

Awesome! Fun! Engaging! – are three words to describe Jason Wright. His presentation to our West Point Warriors focused on the message of being a 'Roy' and not a bully. You could have heard a pin drop throughout the assembly along with great laughter. Jason did an incredible job of keeping over 1300 students focused while reinforcing the message of being kind to one another. The student involved interactive presentation included a powerful anti-bullying message without using the word bully. Even better were his visits to our English classes where he taught our students the finer aspects of being a great storyteller. Thank you, Jason, for the wonderful day and experience you gave our school! — *Wendy Nelson, Principal, West Point Junior High*

The impact that Jason Wright has had on our community has be so profound. People, adults and children, have not quit talking about it since. They come into the library and tell us how awesome it was, how he was so interesting, showing us the pictures they took on their phones and how they are on his Facebook page. They are so proud they know him and how he made them think about their lives. Jason also impacted me personally. Not knowing Jason before he came, I did not know what to expect, but he far exceeded my expectations in a positive and wonderful way. I believe our community will be changed by us having Jason Wright here. — *Wanda Gray, Youth Services Librarian, Newcomerstown Public Library*

Assemblies with kindergarteners can be a painful experience. I was so excited for Jason Wright to come to our school, but I was a little nervous about how he would handle the younger students. I soon realized that I had nothing to worry about. He kept all of the students K-6 engaged, and his message had a lasting impact on both students and teachers at our school. Several students 'wrote books' after his visit, and many were inspired to begin Christmas Jars with their families. — *Angela Eckhardt, Teacher, Larsen Elementary School*

Jason Wright's visit to our school was one of the highlights of the year. He delivered different messages to the various grades that he visited with but each assembly was meaningful and impactful. From saving pennies to make a difference in someone's life to how your little actions can make such a difference to someone, the messages were clear and delivered in a fun and digestible manner. Two classes also got to experience a writing workshop with him and the students were excited to continue the creativity with him after the session was done. They didn't want it to end! We are already planning ways that we can have him back to our area to visit with all of the eight schools in our district! — *Kirstin Drabek, The Lake School*

What a special day at Spratley Gifted Center when we were visited by Jason Wright! Staff and students were thrilled and amazed that he would spend an entire day with us providing inspiration for being our best selves and writing workshops for aspiring student authors. One student said, 'Mr. Wright's style is humorous and he relates to kids; he didn't just tell us what to do, but shared through personal examples how to be your best self.' Another noted, 'Through one of his exercises, he made me feel that we are never alone even if we think we are.' A writer's workshop participant, enthusiastically stated, 'I never thought I could really be a writer, but his comments about my writing made me believe I could actually be a writer in the future.' Another student added, 'When reading our writing samples, he made each of us feel special.' That's exactly what Jason Wright did at our school; he made each of us feel that we are seen, valued, and capable of greatness, just what we strive to teach our students daily. — *Alice Adams, Spratley Gifted Center*

Our school has been focusing on using the power of positive psychology and helping our students see the possibilities of all that they can be. Jason Wright's presentation on 'The Seventeen Second Miracle' was the perfect follow up to everything we have been doing. Using real life experiences and an entertaining speaking style, he captivated our student body with words alone. It was a real, heart to heart conversation that touched our students at the very core of who they are and inspired them to be the best that they can be. — *Jody Valentine, School Counselor, Washington County School District*

Jason did an amazing presentation on 'Words as Weapons' at Lava Ridge Intermediate School in Santa Clara. The students were totally engrossed in his stories and his theme went hand in hand with our anti-bullying program. Before his presentation, I sent Jason some bullying facts taken from our annual bullying survey and he incorporated this into his presentation targeting one of our areas of concern. We held two assemblies with over 450 students in each assembly and you could have heard a pin drop as Jason told a story concerning his childhood and riding the bus to school. You could tell the students could relate to everything he was saying. — *Doug Yates, Counselor, Lava Ridge Intermediate School*

Jason Wright held a gymnasium full of elementary children in his story telling clutches. In this era of high tech, screen based entertainment, teachers and administrators are always in awe of anything that keeps the youth transfixed for 40 minutes of full on engagement and Wright achieved this with flair. Imparting lessons of generosity, taking the moral high ground, and developing one's own empathy for others underpinned every story. When Wright left the school, students were still looking behind them and holding the door for those who came behind. — *Amy Hufnagel, Program Development, Allamuchy, New Jersey School District*

Jason Wright was a joy to have at our school. His message about the Christmas Jar story was so inspiring. He was able to teach us about giving and how when we give we don't need recognition for it. We can do it without anyone knowing and do it for the right reason. He was able to get the audience to pay attention for the entire 50 minutes of time with his stories and involving the students on stage. His smile and enthusiasm was contagious and the students loved meeting and hearing Jason. His message got us into the Christmas giving spirit. — *Candace Wilson, FCCLA Adviser, Westlake High School*

Jason Wright was fantastic! He had all the students' attention! He allowed them to participate and engage in learning during the assembly. He was very funny. We had students K- 4 and they all seemed to really connect with him. Many students were inspired and committed to helping others because of the message he taught. It is fun to hear students talk about how they want to be writers and help others. We are already trying to find a time he can come again! — *Kaylene Yardley, Eagle Bay Elementary*

Jason has the ability to connect with people of all ages and backgrounds. His visit captivated our students with the perfect combination of humor, student involvement, and character education. Perhaps most impressive, was watching Jason reach beyond the 800 students to personally connect with one particular child. Jason's visit 'opened a door' of understanding for our students, and tied in perfectly with our character education program. He is a kind and gracious guest, and we hope to have him return to our school. — *David Stephenson, Principal, Traverse Mountain Elementary School*

Additional Endorsements Available Upon Request.