

TELLING MY STORY INSTRUCTIONS

The most exciting story followers of Jesus will ever tell is the one of how they came to trust Jesus as their personal savior from sin. An important part of growing and a great way to encourage others involves sharing your story.

HELPFUL TIPS

1. Before you begin writing, **pray for God to give you wisdom, guidance, and clarity.** Don't worry about making it dramatic or exciting. Just be honest, clear, and focused on Jesus. Be confident that God will use what you say to encourage others.
2. **Write out your story beforehand using the outline on the back of this sheet.** You may end up rewriting your story a couple times in an effort to find the right words and the right way of putting them together so that you will be clearly understood.
3. **My Life Before Jesus** (Section 1 on the back)
Give enough details so that your story reflects specifically what happened to you. Avoid using unrelated information or inappropriate material.
4. **How You Came to Trust Jesus as Savior** (Section 2)
Say enough about Jesus so that those who are listening will have a clear idea of how you came to receive Jesus as your savior. Since there may be folks who do not know Jesus listening, give enough details so a person can know how to put their trust in Jesus as their Savior. When talking about the time when you prayed to receive (or placed your trust in) Jesus, think of how you will communicate the following spiritual truths:

I realized I was a sinner and was separated from God ...
I believe Jesus died for me on the cross and paid the penalty for my sins ...
5. **Your Life Since Trusting in Jesus as Savior** (Section 3)
Share how God has worked in your life since you became a follower of Jesus, e.g., how God helped you overcome a bad habit, gave you peace in your life, and how it is your desire to live this new life He has saved you to live.
6. **Please do not tell your story in your own strength.** Let God use you as you prepare and as you share. Think about 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 as you get ready.

We are excited to hear about how God has changed your life. May God give you courage and a deeper understanding of His grace as you follow Him.

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Name _____ Date _____

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1. Describe your life before you trusted Jesus as Your Savior.

Give enough details so that your story reflects specifically what happened to you. Avoid using unrelated information or inappropriate material.

2. Describe how you came to trust Jesus as Your Savior. Be brief, using important details.

Say enough about Jesus so those who are listening will have a clear idea of how God worked in your life and, in turn, **how they too can come to know Jesus as Savior**. Think of how you will communicate the following key spiritual truths: 1) I realized I was a sinner separated from God 2) I understood that Jesus died for me and paid the penalty for my sins.

3. Describe your life since you trusted Christ and how it is now your desire to live for Him.

Maybe share a Bible verse that has encouraged you, changes that God has made or challenges you have faced that He has helped you overcome.
