

PREPARE WEEK HANDOUT

CHOOSE PRAYER

PRAYER

MY FAITH STORY - KEYWORD

Your story is one of the most important tools you have been given by God to share the Gospel with the world around you! The most powerful part of a testimony is explaining the **WHY** behind your decision to follow Jesus. Before sharing your story for the first time, make sure to write it down, practice out loud, and pray that God would use your story as you share it!

1. START WITH A KEYWORD

The first step in writing down your faith story is choosing what keywords describe your life before Jesus. Below is a list of emotions. Circle two or three that adequately describe how you felt as a result of a problem you faced without Jesus in your life. You are not limited to this list, so feel free to choose a keyword of your own! This part helps keep your story compelling and on track.

alienated	depressed	hopeless	uncertain
alone	distrusting	hurt	unforgiving
angry	doubtful	insecure	unloved
apathetic	fearful	lonely	worthless
ashamed	frustrated	lost	
bitter	guilty	prideful	
confused	heartbroken	rejected	

2. SET UP THE BACKGROUND

Now describe the situation in which you came to face this problem and why your keyword describes the way you felt. It is more important to be honest than dramatic. This helps people to relate with your story personally and understand why we need God in our lives. If you need more space, continue on the back.

3. SHARE HOW JESUS ENTERED YOUR STORY

Now describe how you came to know Jesus. Be sure to describe that moment or that process, if you can, with adjectives that show how meaningful and impactful it was for you. Try to describe how Jesus touched your heart and how you responded, such as asking Him to be your Lord and Savior. This part challenges people's idea of what God is like.

4. STATE THE IMPACT OF JESUS ON YOUR LIFE

Now describe how Jesus impacted your problem and your life. Use the emotion opposite of your keyword and share how Jesus either reversed your problem or is continually giving you the power to overcome. This is the part that inspires your hearers to place their hope in Jesus.