

GOSPEL S.T.O.R.Y.

The word Gospel means Good News. It is a public, royal announcement about Jesus, Who lived, died, and was raised to life to be the King that we so desperately need. All who believe in Him receive forgiveness, new life, and hope for the future. Jesus is making all things new, setting right what is wrong, and bringing Good News to everyone who believes.



Scripture tells us Who Jesus is and what He has done. The people who wrote the biographies of Jesus' life said that He is the Son of God. We can look to Him to know exactly what God is like. The entire story of the Bible is about Jesus coming to rescue people from their brokenness, because He is the true King.



True identity begins with knowing that God created us. He created everything and called everything He made, good. God created humans to know Him and represent Him. He created you, knows you, and loves you more than you could ever imagine.



Our lives are broken by sin. The first humans that God created chose to turn away from Him and broke their relationship with Him. All of us have also failed to love God and other people in the way that we were created to do. Because of this, our lives and the world as we know it are broken. We often feel distant and disconnected from God and others. We need someone to reconnect us to God and His purpose for our lives.



Real love is Jesus giving His life for ours. Jesus came with a message of Good News. He was sent by God to rescue us and restore our relationship with God. Jesus died and was buried, but God raised Him from the dead. There were over five-hundred people who saw Him alive. He is the true King who rescued us by His love.



You are invited into God's story. The Gospel of Jesus was written so that you would believe that He is the Son of God and have eternal life. This new life begins by trusting and following Jesus.

STORY KEYWORD

Your story is a gift that you have been given by God to connect with others. Reflect on your story, write it down, and share it with a friend. Ask God for opportunities to share your story with others.

1. Start with a keyword.

Circle two or three words that describe some of the emotions you have felt as a result of the struggles in your story.

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

2. What's the background?

Why do these words describe the way you felt and what you have been through? Just be honest and be yourself. Others can relate with the struggle in your story and understand how God can help them too.

3. Share how Jesus entered your story.

Describe how you began following Jesus. What is one thing that you wish everyone knew about Jesus? (If faith isn't a part of your story yet, it's OK to share that too.)

4. How has God impacted your life?

How is your relationship with God and the things that Jesus teaches making a difference in your life?

STORY INTERVIEW ⁷¹

Listen to the stories of others and ask good questions.

Story Conversation Tips

Everyone has a story. Asking a person about their story lets them know that you care and believe that their story matters. Some of the key elements of having an engaging conversation about a person's story are:

- Asking questions
- Listening
- Encouraging
- Relating and sharing your story

Story Questions

1. Tell me more about yourself. Such as where you go to school, hobbies, and fun facts.
2. What is one word you would use to describe yourself? Why?
3. What is the biggest struggle in your story?
4. What are some words that you would use to describe how those struggles have made you feel?
5. Is there a person who has made a big impact in your life? In what way?
6. Has faith or spirituality been a part of your story? Would you like to share more about why or why not?
7. If there were one thing you could tell someone to help them know that their story matters, what would that one thing be?
8. Would you like to hang out again sometime?