

Your Testimony

I. Introduction

Proverbs 12:17 "A truthful witness gives honest testimony, but a false witness tells lies."

The dictionary defines testimony as "evidence in support of a fact." So when we talk about testimony we are talking about evidence in support of Jesus. So your testimony is your story about what Jesus has done for, to and through you!

II. Week 1

Key Concepts: What is a testimony?

Matthew 24:14 "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."

When someone asks you what it is to be a Christian or who Jesus is, you can tell them what God has done for you. Don't be intimidated by this. You may think "but I am only 11 years old, what can I tell anyone?" That is the wonderful thing about serving the living God. Your story is all your own and no one else's. It does not matter that there is no drama to your story. It does not matter if there is drama involved. It is your story to tell.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is Lord and has accepted Him as his or her savior has a story to tell. We will work on getting you to write your down.

Memory Verse:

1 Timothy 2:5-7 "For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men the testimony given in its proper time. And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle I am telling the truth, I am not lying and a teacher of the true faith to the Gentiles."

III. Week 2

Key Concepts: Your Testimony's Beginning!

1 Corinthians 2:1 "When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God."

So you now know that you have a story to tell, Great! What is it? Well, some people are natural storytellers. Others of us have to work much harder at it. So lets break it down. All Good stories have a beginning, middle and an end. The great part is, God has already written the end for you. That end is, because of Jesus, you get to spend eternity with God in Heaven. It is the beginning and middle that you have to worry about.

Now talk about how you came to know Jesus. How were you saved? Did you pray with your parents? Were you at church? Maybe you were all by yourself. Or maybe you had a friend lead you to Jesus. This is part of your story. Read Romans 3:22-23. This is the point of your Testimony. According to these two verses how were you made "right" with God?

This is the most important part of your story. Jesus saved you from your sin. Explain to the person that Jesus did not just die for you but for them as well. We know by now that we can't earn our salvation. God gave it as a gift. Ephesians 2:8-9 says "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God not by works, so that no one can boast." We are just sinners who accepted a free gift. That is your beginning.

Instead of a memory verse, write down about where you were saved and how you felt when you accepted Jesus in your heart. Also write what you did.

IV. Week 3

Key Concepts: What is the middle?

Colossians 1:27 "To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

Well, we have come along way. We have our beginning and ending. But what about that middle part?

This is where you talk about what God has done through you, with you and for you since you were saved. No, you are not perfect when you are saved. Yes we still sin, but we are forgiven and since we are saved, we are a new creation.

How are you different now than you were before you were saved?

Memory Verse:

2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, when you are in Christ, you are a New Creation; the old has gone, the new is here and now!"