



with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my strength.

WHAT IS MY TESTIMONY?

Your testimony is your story! Many kids might say, "I made the most important decision to become a Christian, but I don't know what to do next!"

Jesus commanded His followers (Christians) in Matthew 28:19 to go into the world and share the Gospel! One of the most personal ways we can do that is by sharing our story of how we became a part of God's family.

In this book, you will find questions that will prompt you to think through your story. Everyone has a different story, so don't feel like yours needs to be like your friend's. This story is about when you heard the truth, the Gospel, and how God has changed your life. Honestly answer the following questions to help you get started. Ask your parent or leader for help if you need it!



1. What was your life like before you asked Jesus into it? Why did you think you needed to have Jesus in your life?

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

Great job! You just wrote out your story of becoming a part of God's Family. Did you know the Bible says in Luke chapter 15 that the angels are joyful every time a sinner repents? They celebrated you!

It's time to put it all together. Take the answers you wrote on the previous page, and write them below in story form so that you're prepared to share your story from start to finish. Here's an example:

I learned about God from my parents, church, and the Bible. They taught me that God is the most important relationship I can ever have. My parents taught me two specific rules: love God and love others. I remember learning about Jesus dying on the cross, He died for my sins.

One day when I was 7, I was sitting in my room thinking about how much God did for us and how much He loved me. I knew I wanted to be able to live forever with this loving God, so I went to my dad and asked him to help me pray. I prayed and asked Jesus to come into my heart. I remembered the ABC's from church – Admit, Believe, and Choose. I admitted I was a sinner. I believed God was real and that Jesus died on the cross for my sins and that He rose from the dead. This showed me that Jesus is powerful. Then I chose to follow God, to do the things He has asked us to do, like love God and love others.

Now, I know that God is in me and that I'm a part of His family! This means He helps me by giving me His power to try to do what He does: to love God and to love others, too. I try to act like Jesus did by loving others at my school, even the other kids who are mean. I try to be kind and to reflect Jesus' kindness to me. I used to be rude and impatient, and I still am sometimes, but now I know I can ask God for help and ask for forgiveness. I know that God doesn't remember my sins. He's washed me clean. Someday, I get to go to heaven with God! This gives me hope, and I want to tell all my friends and invite them to go to heaven, too!"

Now that you have an idea of how to put it together, let's do it!



MY TESTIMONY

Use this page to write out your story in one place. Pray and ask God to give you the right words to give Him the glory! (Use another paper if you need more space.)

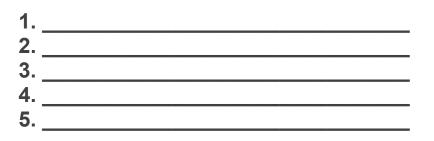
"What do I do after I've written my story?"

We want you to share your story with your small group, family, and friends! The more you share your story, the more comfortable you will be sharing.

Here is a fun acronym to help you remember to S.H.A.R.E:

- **S:** Share you are a Christian.
- H: Happily invite them to church.
- A: Ask if it's okay to share your story.
- **R:** Reveal how you became a Christian.
- **E:** Explain how to become a Christian using your ABC of Salvation booklet.

Pray and ask God to help you think of five people with whom you can share this Good News. Use the space below to write down their names. Commit to pray for them every day, and when God gives you the opportunity, SHARE your story and His story with them.



"And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."" 2. When did you ask Jesus to be your Savior? Who told you how to get to heaven? Where were you? Did you pray with someone?





3. What does is mean for you to have Jesus in your life now? How has your life changed since Jesus became your Lord and Leader? (examples: I have a better Attitude. I love people I didn't use to. He gives me patience. When I'm afraid, Jesus comforts me.)