

Ambassadors

Year 3



Welcome to Year 3 of the Ambassador Program

We are excited to have you join us for a 3rd year. Congratulations to all of you who have worked hard to get to this point.

This year's lessons may take on a different format than previous years as we seek to have you apply much of what you have already learned. Please read all assignments carefully and be sure to do exactly what is asked in each lesson or assignment.

This first lesson will be concentrating on your personal Salvation testimony. Please read through the lesson, think about your own personal testimony, then be ready to also share any specific scriptures that were instrumental in your decision to ask Jesus to be your own personal Savior. After you have read and studied how to share your testimony, click the link to fill in the details of your testimony to be shared with your mentor.

You will then meet with your mentor as usual and the mentor will need to discuss your testimony with you to be sure it's clear and understandable. Then they will enter your lesson online by the due date.

May God bless you as you remember the wonderful work He has done in your life!

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Lesson 25



Your Story is God's Story

Creating Your Testimony

“If someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way” (1 Peter 3:15-16, NLT).

Take a few minutes now to work through these questions so you can be ready for the next open door God gives you to tell your story.

My Life Before Christ

1. What about my life before Christ will relate most to the non-Christians I know?
2. What did my life revolve around? Where did I get my security, identity or happiness from?
3. How did those things begin to let me down?

How I Came to Christ

1. When was the first time I heard the gospel? What were my initial reactions?
2. When and why did my perspective of Christ begin to change?
3. What were the final struggles that went through my mind just before I accepted Him? Why did I finally decide to accept Christ (or give Him complete control of my life)?

My Life After Coming to Christ

1. How is my life different now? List some specific changes in your character, attitude and perspective on life.
2. What motivates me now? What do I live for?
3. Even though my life still isn't perfect, how does knowing Christ help me deal with that fact?



Sharing your story

Your Story is His Story

Every time we tell our story (our testimony) we give honor and glory to God, and He is pleased with that.

Your story — regardless of how “spectacular” or “ordinary” you think it is — is a story about God’s character. It is your eyewitness account of how God rescued you from sin and death through Christ, and changed your life as a result.



When we share our story with others we help them get to know what God is like and what He can do.

Be Ready

Whether you are in line at the grocery store, sitting with a family member or standing in front of a group of people, the Bible calls us to “always be ready” to explain our hope in Christ with gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15-16, NLT).

Sometimes we like to think that because it’s our story, we don’t have to do anything to be ready to tell it. After all, we were there when it happened, and we’re living it now. Yet we can get nervous, become side-tracked or forget things when sharing our testimonies, which can be confusing or distracting for those listening. This is why a little preparation and practice can be so valuable.

Put it Together

Let’s take a look at how to put your story together, section by section. **There are five basic parts to your story:**

1. **The Opening.** Identify a theme you can use to frame your story. What did your life revolve around (e.g. relationships, your reputation, money) that God used to help bring you to Him? Briefly illustrate how that influenced your life.

2. **Your Life Before Christ.** Paint a picture of what your life was like before you came to Christ. Don’t dwell too much on, or brag about, past sin struggles. Share only the details that relate to your theme — just enough to show your need for Christ.

3. **How You Came to Christ.** Give the details about why and how you became a Christian. Communicate in such a way that the person you are talking with, and anyone who overhears you, can understand how they can become a Christian, too. Even if your listeners are not ready for that, God could use your story and explanation of the gospel to draw them to Himself in the future.



4. **Your Life After Coming to Christ.** Share some of the changes that Christ has made in your life as they relate to your theme. Emphasize the changes in your character, attitude or perspective, not just mere changes in behavior. Be realistic. We still struggle as Christians. Life is far from perfect, but what's different about your life now?

5. **The Closing.** End with a statement that summarizes your story and connects everything back to your theme. If you want, close with a Bible verse that relates to your experience.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Pray before you write out and share your story.
- Write the way you speak.
- Don't be overly negative or positive. Be honest.
- Don't criticize or name any church, denomination, organization, etc.
- Think about your listener(s). Avoid overly-religious terms.
- Keep it short. Aim to tell your story in three to five minutes.
- Practice telling your story until it becomes natural.

Congratulations! You've created your personal testimony. The Lord can use **YOU** to help others come to know Christ. Ask God for opportunities to share your story and the gospel with others, especially those you come in to contact with at school and in your neighborhood.

Now click here to watch this Supplemental Video about your lesson: <https://youtu.be/kIR1DN5bvww>

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Click here if you are taking your quiz online, then send the email you receive to your mentor to grade and discuss: <https://forms.gle/RZcAA1bp8QWgiaXY8>

Complete this assignment and set up a time to meet with an adult mentor who will go over this with you. Mentor, after you have graded this lesson using the Answer Key, please enter the lesson online using the links that were sent in order to receive credit. Thanks.

Student Name: _____

Write out your own personal Salvation Testimony and then share it with your Mentor, and be prepared to share it with your friends or others you meet:

My Life Before Christ

How I Came to Christ

My Life After Coming to Christ