

# YOUR STORY MATTERS

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## MY FAITH STORY - KEYWORD

Your story is one of the most important tools you have been given by God to share the good news with the world around you! The most powerful part of your story 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

Below is a list of emotions. Circle two or three words that describe how you felt as a result of a problem you faced before you began following Jesus. You are not limited to this list, so feel free to choose a keyword of your own! This part helps keep to keep your story engaging and relatable.

alienated  
alone  
angry  
apathetic  
ashamed  
bitter  
confused

depressed  
distrusting  
doubtful  
fearful  
frustrated  
guilty  
heartbroken

hopeless  
hurt  
insecure  
lonely  
lost  
prideful  
rejected

uncertain  
unforgiving  
unloved  
worthless

### 2. SET UP THE BACKGROUND

Now elaborate on why your keyword describes the way you felt and what you went through. It doesn't have to be dramatic to impact other people. Just be honest and be yourself. This helps people to relate with your story personally and understand why we need God in our lives.

### 3. SHARE HOW JESUS ENTERED YOUR STORY

Now describe how you came to know Jesus. Use words to describe the impact that it had in your story. Also share one thing that you wish you would have known before about Jesus and faith. This part challenges people's idea of what God is like.

### 4. HOW HAS JESUS CHANGED YOUR LIFE

How is your relationship with God impacting the keywords that you started with? Share how following Jesus has made your life better. Open up about something that you are struggling with right now that you are hoping God will help you overcome. This is the part that inspires others to know that your story isn't perfect and that they can put their trust in Jesus too.