

Why do we need to share our faith??



*🎵 Oh **sing** to the LORD a new song; **sing** to the LORD, all the earth!
Sing to the LORD, bless His name; **tell** of His salvation from day to day
Declare His glory among the nations,
His marvelous works among all the peoples!
For Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
He is to be feared above all gods.
Psalm 96:1-4*

Navigators Discipleship Tool

Sharing about your own faith journey with Jesus is one of the most powerful ways you can help friends grasp how much God loves us.

If someone asked you to share today, you might find it challenging to explain how you came to believe in God, or what he means to you? If so, that's okay!

Try setting aside just 15 minutes to capture some key milestones in your journey with Christ below, and use this as a guide for sharing your story with others, whether in snippets over time or all at once over coffee. Remember, it's your story, so the more authentic and personal it is, the better.

STORIES OF REDEMPTION **Preparing Your Personal Testimony**

BEFORE

1 Before you met Christ, what were some of your needs, what was lacking, or what was missing in your life?

2 What methods for improving your life did you try that didn't work?

HOW

1 What were the circumstances that caused you to consider following Jesus?

2 What has become your favorite Bible verse and why?

3 Share about how you trusted Christ and give a brief explanation of the gospel. John 3:16 is a great verse to use.

AFTER

1 Give an example of how God has met your needs—either physical or emotional—since you accepted Jesus.

2 Share about what part of your relationship with God you're most grateful for today.

From Evangelism Explosion -

Childhood conversion Testimony Worksheet

Part 1 – I'm glad I know that I have eternal life because...

(complete this sentence with one positive benefit of eternal life i.e., peace, security, purpose)

Part 2 – Illustrate this positive life concept with a specific story from your life.
(use descriptive language)

Part 3 – Always conclude your testimony by stating that you know for sure that you have eternal life and are going to heaven when you die.

***Transition:** "May I ask you a question?"

Adult Conversion Testimony Worksheet

Part 1 – The “BEFORE”

- State in a sentence one negative concept of you were like before you received eternal life.
- Example: Before I received eternal life I was afraid of death.
- Illustrate that concept with a story out of your life experience.

Part 2 – State that you received eternal life.

Part 3 – The “AFTER”

- State in a sentence one positive result of receiving eternal life. This is the opposite of the “BEFORE.”
- Example: “Now that I have eternal life I no longer fear death.”
- Illustrate this positive concept with a story from your life experience.

Part 4 - Always conclude your testimony by stating that you know for sure that you have eternal life and are going to heaven when you die.

***Transition:** “May I ask you a question?”

*The question is: “Do you know for certain that if you were to die today you would go to heaven, or is that something you would say you are still working on?” After they give their answer you ask, “Suppose you were standing before God and He were to say, “Why should I let you into My heaven?” what would you say?”

Based on their answers you can discern if they are believers and celebrate with them or if they are lost and continue to share the Gospel with them.

The Hand presentation of the Gospel

(Many of these verses you already know by heart. Please, just say/use them as you know them. You don't have to memorize a new version ☺)

GRACE

* **THUMB**... (hitchhiker, free ride)

* Heaven is a **FREE GIFT**

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life...”
Romans 6:23

* It is not earned or deserved

“For by grace you have been saved through faith: and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9

MAN

* **INDEX FINGER**... (points out sin)

* Man is a **SINNER**

“...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...” Romans 3:23

* He cannot save himself

“Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”
Matthew 5:48

GOD

* **GREAT FINGER**... (greatest Being in the universe)

* God is merciful and doesn't want to punish us

“...God is love.” 1 John 4:8b

* God is just

“...He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished...” Exodus 34:7b

CHRIST

* **RING FINGER...** (Bridegroom)

*Christ is both God and Man

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us...”
John 1:1,14

*He died on the cross and rose from the dead to pay the penalty for our sins and purchase a place in heaven for us

“All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of all of us to fall on Him.”
Isaiah 53:6

FAITH

* **LITTLE FINGER...** (faith of a mustard seed)

* Faith is not just head knowledge

“You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe – and tremble!” James 2:19

*Nor is it temporary faith. True saving faith is trusting in Jesus Christ alone for our eternal life.

“...believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.” Acts 16:31

Then ask them if this makes sense. If so, ask would you like to transfer their trust to Christ alone and receive the resurrected and living Christ as Savior. If they do, help guide them in a prayer...stressing the prayer does not save them, it is what they say in their heart that matters... The prayer is goes something like, Lord, I know I am a sinner. I've done things against Your will. I know that You sent Your Son, Jesus, to die and the cross and rose Him from the dead to pay for the penalty of my sins. God, I want to make Jesus my Lord and Savior, Amen.

Ask them now if they know for sure if they *now* for certain that one day they will be in Heaven with God one day. Welcome them to the family of God. Don't just leave this “new born” alone. Follow up with them, disciple them or team them up with someone that will help them grow in their new faith in God.

Resources

<https://www.christianwitnessingtools.com/witnessing-tools.html>

<https://billygraham.org/story/sharing-your-faith-101/>

For those that like APPS

<https://howtoshareyourfaith.com/application/>

<https://godtoolsapp.com/en/>