

## Overview

### SHARING THE GOOD NEWS @ HOME

God designed the home as the primary place where faith is nurtured. Most people who decide to follow Jesus Christ do so because the gospel was both modeled and explained in the context of the family. Whether sharing the Good News with your children, your parents, your spouse, your grandchild, or an acquaintance, the process can be simple and authentic.

### SHARING THE GOOD NEWS BEYOND

The same is true of sharing your story with those on your CPR card and beyond. Be simple and authentic as you share in the context of your relationship, whether it be a co-worker or a neighbor on your street.

### CREATE THE OPPORTUNITY

In Matthew 4:19 Jesus invites His followers to become fishers of men. Just like a fisherman changes lures when the fish don't bite, we can try different approaches to find one that might resonate with a particular person. Many times sharing your faith is more of a sentence than a paragraph. This guide includes several strategies for opening the topic of faith.

### TELL THE STORY

Here are a few approaches for sharing the Good News with a family member or anyone else...

**TELL HIS STORY:** Use the suggestions and resources recommended in this guide to learn how to clearly explain salvation in simple language using one Bible verse.

**TELL YOUR STORY:** Use the outline in this guide to practice telling others about your own encounter with Jesus and how you became a Christ follower.

*Tell the Story is simply sharing Jesus Christ and what He has done in your life and leaving the results to God.*

## Tell Your Story

1. What was your life like before you met Christ?
2. How I realized my need for Christ . . .
3. How I invited Christ to forgive me and take control of my life . . .
4. The difference Christ has made in my life . . .

### *You are one of two people:*

#### ONE

You developed your story of faith from the questions above and now need to identify a family member or friend to share it with.

#### TWO

You read the questions above and recognized you have not made a decision to trust Christ yet. Your next step is to explore what the Bible says it means to trust God and give Him control of your life.

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TELL *the*  
STORY

*Sharing Instinctively  
the Good News  
@ Home and Beyond*

WHO CAN I SHARE  
HIS STORY AND MY STORY  
WITH TODAY?

Then Jesus said to them, "So wherever you go in the world, tell everyone the Good News." Mark 16:15

## Create the Opportunity

We all share good news with others, whether it is about a new job, a great vacation, or what Jesus Christ has done for us. Be intentional in creating and capturing opportunities for sharing the "Good News" by establishing routines that can make spiritual conversations a natural part of your family dynamic and your everyday experiences with others you encounter throughout your day.

### HOME

#### FAMILY TIME ACTIVITIES

Pick one evening per week where you protect about 20 minutes to conduct a fun "family time" activity that will trigger faith conversations.

#### MEALTIME CONNECTIONS

Make eating together around the table a routine priority in your home. Initiate spiritual conversations using an engaging question.

#### BEDTIME PRAYERS

Bedtime is the most natural, unforced time to connect your children to God by reading Bible stories and praying together.

#### MOVIE NIGHT CHATS

Mention a film you saw that reminded you of the gospel because it included heroic self-sacrifice, unconditional love, etc. (Visit [MovieNightChat.com](http://MovieNightChat.com) for ideas.)

#### DRIVE TIME CONVERSATIONS

While driving together, pose questions that encourage great dialogue such as...

- Have you ever wondered why we go to church?
- Did I ever tell you about how I became a Christian?

### BEYOND

#### BREAK BREAD

Invite a co-worker out to lunch or a neighborhood family over for dinner. Ask questions to get to know each other and look for opportunities to share how His story has made a difference in your or your family's life.

#### PRAY IT FORWARD

Ask your server if there is anything you can pray for them when you bless the food at a restaurant. This could open the door for sharing.

#### SHOW KINDNESS

It's unexpected and can lead to a conversation.

#### TAKE A SCREEN BREAK

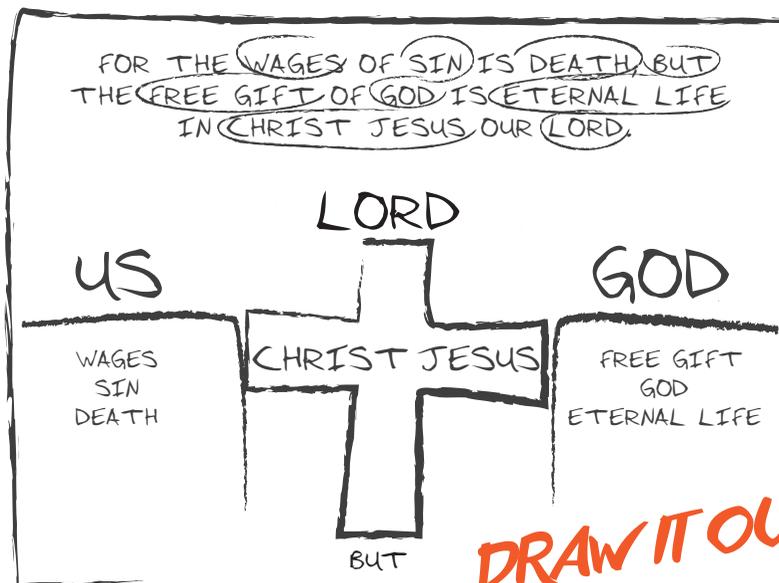
Instead of killing time on your phone while you're waiting at the doctor's office or in a long line at the grocery store, try starting a conversation.

#### GET ENGAGED

Engage in your community. Coach your kid's team, join a rec league, take a class, or get a hobby where you can make new friends and build relationships.

## Tell His Story

One Verse Evangelism is a simple way to share the story of Christ's love. It's easy to learn because it uses one verse, Romans 6:23.



WAGES: What we receive for what we have done  
 SIN: When I do things my way instead of God's way  
 DEATH: Separation from God  
 FREE GIFT: Something freely given and freely received  
 ETERNAL LIFE: Abundant life now and in heaven  
 CHRIST JESUS: He alone is the bridge between us and God  
 LORD: One who takes control or boss of our life

### BUT WHY WOULD GOD DO THIS?

The Bible tells us, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16

### Tips on Sharing One Verse Evangelism:

1. Ask a diagnostic question to help the person define his/her relationship with Christ.  
 Example: "Let me ask you this—have you come to a point in your life where you have invited Jesus to control your life and forgive your sin, or is that something you are still thinking about?"
2. Get permission to share His story with them.  
 Example: "Could I take about 5 minutes to share one verse in the Bible that will help you know how to have a relationship with Christ should you decide to do that in the future?"
3. Give them a chance to respond by asking a question.  
 Example: "Are you ready to cross that bridge and ask God to forgive you and take control of your life or is that something you need to think about some more?"

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

1 Peter 3:15

## Tell Your Story

You have a story. If you have decided to follow Jesus, it is a great story—a story that should be told. Sharing your personal testimony can be a casual and authentic way to introduce others to Jesus Christ. Here are some simple tips for telling your story.

### PREPARE

Finish the following prompts in one or two sentences: (There's more room to write on the back.)

1. What was your life like before you met Christ?
2. How I realized my need for Christ...
3. How I invited Christ to forgive me and take control of my life...
4. The difference Christ has made in my life...

### PRACTICE

Ask a friend, spouse, or family member if you can practice sharing your story. This will allow you to feel more comfortable in the future when there is an opportunity and is also a great time to ask for any feedback they might have.

### PRAY

Begin praying that God would give you opportunities to share the Good News with others. Be aware and take advantage when these opportunities arise.

### PROCLAIM

Use an Eternal CPR card and list the names of four individuals in your family, workplace, or school, etc. that you would like to build a relationship with so you can share your story. Place the card where it will be a good reminder for you.

Commit to:

- Cultivate that relationship
- Plant truth—share your story
- Reap a decision

Making an Impact  
 @ Home and Beyond

