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Bible Lesson

PASSAGE: John 4:5-42 (NLT)

Tell the story about Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman at the well

Power Point - Share Jesus with Others

Say: When sharing our faith with others we can follow the example of the woman at the well.

Point One: She experienced His grace.

Jesus did not hold her past against her. She experienced His grace in spite of her past. He revealed himself as Messiah to her anyway.

We all would like grace or forgiveness like that. *(Share a time when someone showed grace to you or when you showed grace to someone.)*

Point Two: She expressed it to others - immediately she told others all about when she met Jesus- she simply told her story.

(Share a personal story of a time you told someone about Jesus.)

Point Three: She invited them to hear more- maybe she didn't have all the answers, but she invited them to come hear for themselves.

(Share a time when you invited someone to church or a Christian gathering. Challenge your class to invite their friends to come with them to church.)

If you can answer these 3 questions you can share your faith:

What was my life like before I met Jesus?

How did I meet Jesus?

What is my life like since I met Jesus?

People want to know how Jesus works in you!

Power Point

God can use my testimony to bless others.

MEMORY VERSE

John 4:23, "True worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks."

Story: The Man Who Led Billy Graham to the Lord

William Franklin Graham Jr. (known as Billy Graham to most of the world) was born on November 7, 1918, near Charlotte, North Carolina.

In 1934, evangelist Mordecai Fowler Ham began preaching at a series of revival meetings in Charlotte. Billy attended the meetings.

While listening to Ham's preaching, which heightened Graham's conviction of his own sin, Billy Graham decided to commit his life to Christ.

Point: Mordecai Ham led Billy Graham to Christ and each of us has somebody in our lives who shared their faith in Christ with us.

How to share My "Testaminute"

- 1) 1 Minute on My Life Before Christ
- 2) 1 Minute on What Made Me Choose Him
- 3) 1 Minute on My Life Since Then

See the supplement page for a worksheet to copy for your students to learn to write their testimony.

Tell your class that people need to hear them tell how faith in Jesus has made a difference in them.

You could have them write it and then practice saying it in their small group.



Kid's Testimony Worksheet

1. Who introduced you to Christ?

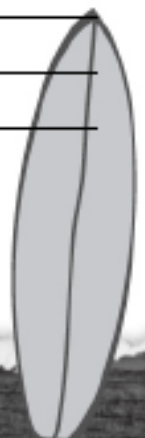
2. What prompted you to make a decision to follow Jesus?

3. When did you do this?

4. Where were you?

5. Why did you choose to make Jesus the boss of your life?

*I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow.
– 1 Corinthians 3:6 (NIV)*





A Sample Testimony

(See the Testimony Worksheet on the previous page.)

If you are using the Testimony Worksheet with your class, Here is a sample testimony for them to read (hear) an example:

I learned about God from the Bible, from church and from my parents. I learned that God is the most important person in my life. My parents had taught me two things: love God and love others. I remember learning about Jesus dying on the cross at church and from my parents. He died for our sins.

One day, when I was five, I was thinking about the Bible and how much God did for us, and then I prayed. I asked Jesus to come into my heart. I remembered the ABC's from church—Admit, Believe, and Choose. I had to admit that

I was a sinner, believe that God was real and that Jesus died on the cross for our sins and he rose from the dead. That showed me that Jesus had POWER.

Then I chose to follow God - to do God's right stuff, like love God and love others. Now I know that God is in me. This means that I have power to try to do what HE does, to love God and to love others, too. I try to love others a lot. I try to love some kids that are at my table in my classroom that are mean, and also some of the bad kids. I try to love my family, too. I used to be rude sometimes, and I still am sometimes, but now I know I can ask for help and ask for forgiveness. I know that God doesn't remember my sins. Someday, I want to go to heaven with God!

The Apostle Paul's Testimony in Jerusalem (Acts chapter 22)

Paul went to Jerusalem. He wanted to tell everyone about a very special friend he had met. This friend was not like any other; his name was Jesus, and he was God's Son!

Paul used to not like people who were friends with Jesus, but one day, while he was traveling to a place called Damascus, something amazing happened. A bright light shone from the sky, and he heard Jesus talking to him! This changed everything for Paul. He couldn't see for a few days, but then he got better and became Jesus' friend too.

In Jerusalem, Paul stood up and told everyone about his adventure. He said, "I used to be mean to Jesus' friends, but now I'm one of them because Jesus showed me he loves everyone!"

But guess what? Some people got really mad at Paul for saying this. They didn't want to hear about Jesus. They started yelling and wanted to

hurt Paul. That's when Paul told them a secret: he was also a citizen of Rome, which was a big deal back then. This meant they couldn't just hurt him; they had to listen to him.

So, Paul used his voice and his Roman citizen card to keep telling people about Jesus and how he wants to be friends with everyone. And that's the story of how Paul bravely talked about his friend Jesus in Jerusalem!



