

## Testimony Outline

### How Families Can Help Their Child “Write Their Story of Faith”

The Gospels are full of times where Jesus met lots and lots of people. These people were sometimes very different from each other with different types of families and experiences. The one thing they all had in common was that Jesus changed their lives.

One time Jesus met a man who had been paralyzed (which means he couldn't move) for 38 years—WOW, that's a long time! After talking with the man, Jesus healed him to be able to walk, and that man became a powerful witness for Jesus throughout the town. A *witness* is someone who has made a decision about something and tells everyone else about it. Going through Baptism is part of being a *witness* for Jesus. In the Church, we get baptized *AFTER* we decide to trust and follow Jesus. Baptism is our way of telling everyone else about this amazing decision we have made. It is important to understand that no one else can make this decision for us, this is a decision that each person needs to make on their own.

If a person makes this decision to follow Jesus, then they get to tell a new story. This story has three important parts. First, the story begins with telling people what their life was like **BEFORE** their decision to follow Jesus. Second, the story continues with **HOW** they learned about what Jesus has done for them. Finally, the story finishes with telling people about changes in their life **SINCE** that decision was made. We call this special type of story someone's “Testimony,” and each testimony is very special to God.

We want to hear everyone's testimony, their special story of how they met and decided to follow Jesus, and what their life is like now. There are several ways you can turn in your testimony to us by May 20:

1. Write it out on a piece of paper and turn it in on the weekend to the leader in your Granger Kids' room.
2. Type it out and email it to: [kids@grangerchurch.com](mailto:kids@grangerchurch.com)
3. Record a video explaining the three important parts of your new story (*Before, How* and *Since*)—email it to [kids@grangerchurch.com](mailto:kids@grangerchurch.com) —or send us a link to where it is located (i.e., YouTube, Vimeo, Dropbox, etc.).

#### **Notes for families:**

Granger Kids takes this decision to follow Christ with very high importance, and so please take the time to help your child write out or record a video of their testimony that is around 100 words (1/3 of a page). It is important that your child takes the lead in this effort. We will be explaining more of this at the Baptism class as well if there are any further questions.

Here is a suggested outline to help cue their new story:

- **BEFORE I MET JESUS MY LIFE WAS...**
- **HOW I MET JESUS...**
- **SINCE I MET JESUS...**