



[for Lutheran Schools]

Faith-Sharing ideas

Practical ideas for sharing your faith in school

No. 3

Helping Students Learn to Express the Story of God in Their Life

a. Preschool and Kindergarten: Developmentally this age group is not able to write down their thoughts. Students can relay to their story to their teacher or a parent volunteer. Then, ask the children to illustrate their thoughts.

b. First through Third Grade: Children at this age level are capable of writing their story (in some cases some children will need help). Story starters are helpful to inspire their initial thoughts:

1. I am God's special child because.....
2. To show God's presence in my life, I
3. I know that Jesus loves me because.....
4. I thank God for.....
5. I want you to know about Jesus because.....

c. Fourth through Sixth grade: Children at this age can work independently. Each child could make a booklet titled "The Story of God in My Life." Make a table of contents that lists chapters of important times in their life when God was present.

1. My Baptism
2. My First Bible
3. Look Forward to Confirmation
4. My Responsibility to Tell Other about Christ

d. Seventh and Eighth Grade: In most churches, this age group is in Confirmation class. In most cases, the Six Chief Parts are taught. It is suggested that you have the students write testimonials as to how each part related to their individual lives. It is up to the senior pastor to determine which services the testimonials would be used. This would serve as a refresher course for all adults.

Putting their stories in action according to age groups.

- Post stories in the hallway or classrooms on Rally Sunday.
Invite parents and parishioners to read the children's witnessing stories.
- According to age group, have the children put their story into powerPoint presentations for Sunday mornings.
- Publish in both church and school Newsletters.
- Publish in the church bulletin.
- In light of the LCMS' emphasis on *Ablaze!*, keep evangelism first and foremost in the minds of our people.

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