



Story Sparks

Sometimes it's difficult to know where to start when writing or telling your story in a compelling and engaging way. Story Starters are a fun way to help you practice speaking and writing. Story Starters or Prompts serve to improve your writing and speaking skills, and to help you delve into your life's story as well as the Word of God in new, creative, more meaningful ways. Have fun and be surprised at what God unearths in you!

- Think of a song that is meaningful to you. Write or speak about the feelings the song evokes. Be specific with your word choice for greater emotional impact.
- Write or tell a 6-word story about your first encounter with God.
- Tell the story of Jonah from the perspective of the whale.
- Think of a crisis in your life and compare and contrast it to a Biblical story.
- Choose an image from the link
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1YRt0qKMQNwmSi6YraLnmhtIEYD3OLSAH?usp=sharing> Write a short inspirational story based on your interpretation of what you see, feel and imagine.
- Write a love letter to God.
- Describe yourself from God's perspective.
- Generate a list of questions you'd ask your favorite Biblical character. Avoid questions that lead to yes/no responses.
- Prepare a sketch of your life's story. Include 10 chapter titles and a brief description of what the chapters would entail. Be creative. Engaging. Compelling. Think of ways to draw the reader in through the title and description.
- Describe the color you're feeling today.
- Like the woman and the lost coin (Luke 15:8-10), describe a time when you lost something and then found it again.
- Share a compelling story in an attempt to convince the "rich young ruler" to forsake everything and follow Christ (Mark 10:17-27).
- Write as if you were also on the boat in the storm (Mark 4:35-41). Describe the storm, your feelings, your thoughts, and dialogue with the others and with Jesus.
- Recall a memorable event from your childhood. Share lessons learned and lived.
- Write a letter of advice to your younger self.
- The rest of the story...Pick up the story from Mark 5:34, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

HAPPY WRITING AND SHARING!