

PART 3

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_____ a Story

_____ to Hear
Your Story

Recognize _____ of a Story

Jesus always used stories and illustrations like these when speaking to the crowds. In fact, he never spoke to them without using such parables.

Matthew 13:34 NLT

_____ **Your Story**

Encounters with God:

- **A** _____ **Encounter**

Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin." John 8:10,11 NIV

- **A** _____ **Encounter**

"I don't know whether he is a sinner," the man replied. "But I know this: I was blind, and now I can see!" John 9:25 NLT



write out your story:
occ.org/yourfaithstory

Listen for _____ **to Share Your Story**

Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. Colossians 4:5 NLT

Live with a _____

I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. 1 Corinthians 3:6 NLT

You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Matthew 5:14-16 NLT

QUESTIONS FOR GROUPS //

- *What's one of your all-time favorite stories (from a book, movie, show, etc.)? Why?*
- *Have you ever shared your faith story with someone? Why or why not?*
- *What was your life like before Jesus?*
- *What was meeting Jesus like?*
- *What has life been like since Jesus?*
- *Who's someone you can share your story with in the next 7 days?*