

HIS STORY, MY STORY

Discover Jesus, Go Deeper with Jesus

This nine-part small group series is for:

- People looking into Jesus
- People who want to know Jesus better.

It was originally prepared for people new to church. But it has proven very effective also, with Christians.

It was pioneered among people of many different cultures. A surprising additional benefit has been, it helps people who cannot read.

The groups require very little expertise by the leader.

How it works

Each session begins with a sharing exercise.

Then a Bible story is told—three times! This idea comes from Australian evangelist Sam Chan, and his award-winning book, *Evangelism in a Skeptical World*.



The first time, the leader, or someone who can read in a lively way, reads the story. The second time, you *show pictures* as the story is told. This innovation has proven surprisingly effective. People say they love it.

The third time, the *group* tells the story. This idea also came from Sam Chan.

Then comes discussion. The group members themselves lead the way through six questions. The questions were devised by Australian Gospel-story-telling expert, Christine Dillon. They have been used in international missions, and also in Western nations.



Here Christine Dillon explains how to use the questions.

<http://storyingthescriptures.com/leading-discussion-about-a-story/>

Preparation

The leader will have a little preparation to do each week.

First, at the start of the course, the leader will print off cards which contain the six questions.



You can download them from here, and perhaps paste them onto card. Go to storyingthescriptures.com.

Second, each week, the leader will print off and laminate the pictures for that session. Or they will find a way to have them ready to use on a device.

Some of the pictures can be downloaded straight from this site. Others come from the LUMO Project and we may not put them on online. However you may download and use them. You will find them at freebibleimages.com. Links or locations are provided. Note, when you go to freebibleimages.com, download the set for that story, and then select the relevant picture.

Third, the leader will print—or have ready—the guide for that session. The guide contains the story. It also shows when to show each picture. Ideally, keep the picture up as that part of the story is told.

Fourth, the leader will prepare the item for the sharing question

The Stories

1. Mark 2:1-17 Jesus heals a paralysed man
2. Luke 8:22-25 Jesus calms a storm
3. Luke 8:40-56 Jesus heals the bleeding woman and raises Jairus' daughter
4. Luke 15:1-27 Jesus tells the parable of the prodigal son
5. Luke 19:1-10 Jesus rescues Zacchaeus
6. Mark 15:1-39 Jesus is crucified
7. Luke 24:13-35 Jesus Appears on the Road to Emmaus Acts
8. Jesus promises the Holy Spirit and Ascends into Heaven
9. 8:26-40 Philip Explains About Jesus

Origin

This series was originally developed for The Salvation Army church at Auburn NSW. It was a team effort between Peter Farthing and Robbin Moulds.



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