

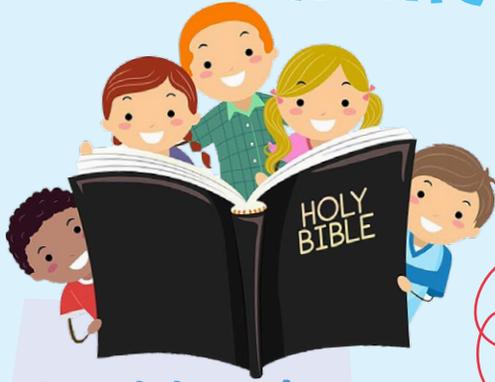


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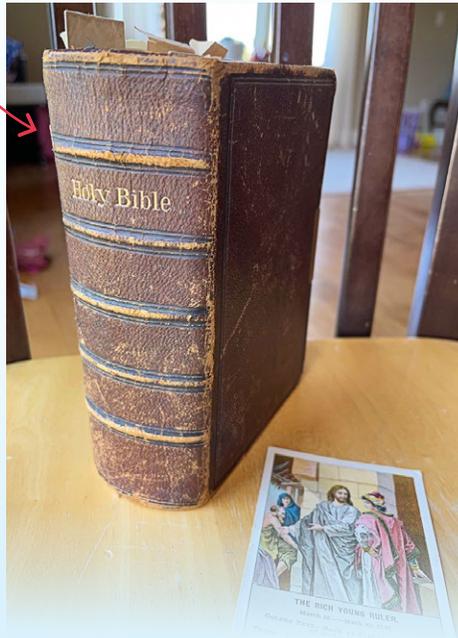
Tell me the stories of Jesus



How did you learn about Jesus?

Think back over your childhood to when you heard stories from the bible. Did you learn about Jonah and the whale from flannel felt boards in Sunday School? Was VBS the best week of summer with crafts, snacks, and songs that stuck in your brain for months? Maybe your parents or grandparents read from a family bible, and every year you dressed in special clothes to experience the awe of a hushed, candlelit Christmas Eve service. And if you didn't go to church, chances are at some point you watched the annual re-run of *The Ten Commandments* with Charlton Heston as Moses (a 1956 top-rated movie)!

If you could pick just one, what would be your favorite story in the Bible? Maybe it's David and Goliath, or the birth of baby Jesus with all the animals gathered round, or the woman at the well. One day, an eight-year-old child took a Bible, dated 1872, off the bookshelf and found inside a "lesson picture card". The



front displayed Jesus in his humble robe and the rich ruler in his fancy garments. The back told the Bible story with several follow-up questions. Here's the gist: A rich young ruler ran to Jesus and asked how he might have eternal life; he had kept the 10 commandments all his life. Jesus loved him but said he lacked one thing. He told him to sell all his goods and give the money to the poor and he would have treasure in heaven; and **to come, follow Me**. The young ruler went away sad for he owned much property. Jesus said it was hard for the wealthy to enter the kingdom of God. **The summary:** we must love God best or we break the first commandment. **The good news:** God can change the heart and make it love him better than all other things. 12 questions followed this story, and it was amazing that this 8-year-old knew every single answer, just from hearing the story one time and looking at the pictures on the card.

God has continued to reveal His love and wisdom throughout history. Every day, Listen Love Pray has a front row seat as Jesus comforts and heals and strengthens folks in the most beautiful

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A Message from the Executive Director

Stories stick, facts fade. That mantra from the Global Leadership Summit points to the style Jesus employed when He taught about the Kingdom of God, using approximately 100 metaphors and at least 36 parables. Over and over, He told people to "follow Me" and that meant not only to follow what He did, but also how He did it.

Gen Z needs our help to know about Jesus. This group, which includes anyone between the ages of 6 and 22, has been less influenced by Christianity than any previous generation. Many of their parents (engaged Christian parents eager for their children to develop a lasting faith), "lack clarity on how to disciple their

children well in a decidedly post-Christian context" (2018 Barna study, <https://www.barna.com/research/parents-and-partners-partners-in-gen-z-discipleship/>). Billy Graham said, *the greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grandchildren is not money or other material things, but rather a legacy of character and faith*. While discipling young people in today's culture may seem intimidating, talking about Jesus (one of the first steps) might not be as hard as some folks believe.

When we share personal testimonies of what the love of Jesus has done for us, Holy Spirit infuses our simple words with power and inspiration. Our part is simply

to tell our stories! The beautiful children shown in this edition represent only a small sample of the little people in our spheres of influence; each one precious to their earthly families and beloved by our heavenly Father. Add to that number, all of us adults, who are encouraged by the scriptures to "**become like little children**" (Luke 18:17, Mark 10:15) so that we can enter the Kingdom of heaven, and there are a ton of opportunities. To whom will you tell a Jesus story to this week?

If not us, who? If not now, when?

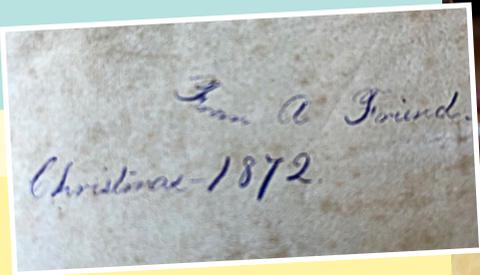
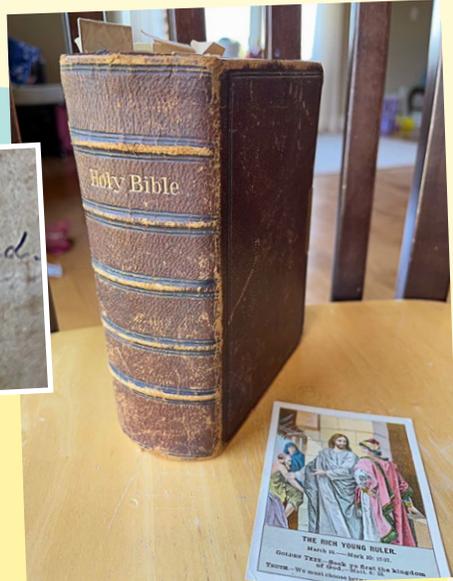
Lucinda Nelson
Executive Director, LLP

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and personal ways. Although our ministry is confidential, when someone gives their permission, **we love to tell the current-day stories of Jesus and His love.**

Children of all ages are fascinated to hear about **Jesus** who healed the blind men, **Jesus** who fed the 5,000, **Jesus** who rose from the dead, **Jesus** who loves

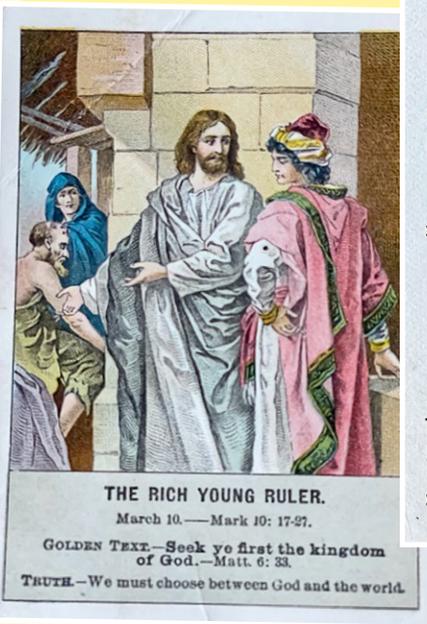
them and who heals and delivers people today. Yes, they can ask questions we don't know how to answer, but that's OK. Looking for answers about Jesus together, is a priceless way to time with the little tikes in our lives.



This bible was given "from a friend" at Christmas 1872. My grandson, Brennan, took this old bible from our bookcase and wanted to look through it.

The bible came from Ken's parents' house when they downsized.

The picture card of the Rich young ruler was tucked inside.



LESSON PICTURE CARDS.

LESSON 10. [Vol. 17. No. 10.] MARCH 10, 1895.

1. A rich young man ran to Jesus and asked how he might have eternal life.
2. Jesus told him that he knew the commandments.
3. The young man said he had kept them all his life.
4. Jesus saw that he tried to do right and he loved him.
5. He told him to sell his goods and give the money to the poor.
6. Then he should have riches in heaven.
7. The young man went away sad, for he was very rich.
8. Jesus told his disciples that it is hard for those who love riches to enter heaven.
9. He said that those who trust in riches cannot enter the kingdom of heaven.
10. If we love money more than we love God, our hearts are full of evil.
11. We must love God best or we break the first commandment.
12. God can change the heart and make it love him better than all other things.

1. Who ran to Jesus and asked how he might have eternal life?
2. What did Jesus say the young man knew?
3. What had the young man done?
4. Why did Jesus love him?
5. What did Jesus tell him to do with his goods?
6. What should he then have?
7. Why did the young man go away sad?
8. What is it hard for the rich to do?
9. Who cannot enter the kingdom of heaven?
10. When are our hearts full of evil?
11. If we do not love God best what commandment do we break?
12. Who can change our hearts?

Lesson Story and Questions in heavy type for youngest scholars. 10c. per yr., 23c. per qr. David C. Cook Pub. Co., Elgin and Chicago, Ill. Entered at the Postoffice at Elgin, Ill., as Second Class Mail Matter.

Front (L) and back of the picture card of the Rich Young Ruler

What is your Favorite bible story?



Noah: **Jesus dying on the cross**

Emmie: **Noah's Ark**

Brennan: **Goliath**



Thomas, Emmie & Noah

Thomas is autistic and mostly nonverbal, but he recites the Lord's Prayer every night



Brennan





Abigail & Iris



Christina



Ethan



Gauge



Helen, Jason, & Aidan



Grace



Jack



James



Johnny



Kathan



Lilly

Who Is Jesus?

Avery: "I don't know. I just know that Jesus is God."

Abby: "Jesus is a loving and caring person who helps me."



Luke



Avery



Abby



Mason



Mathis



Mason & Lola



Max



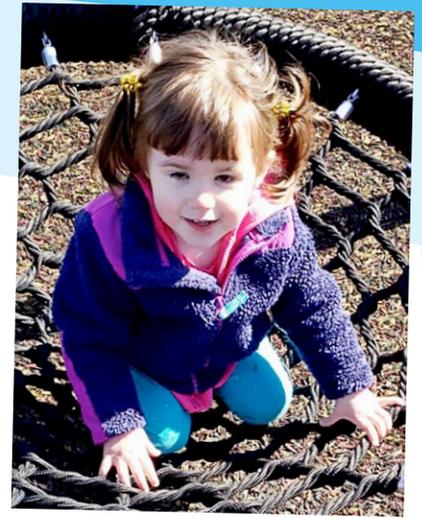
Nellie



Nash



Olive, Marlowe & Tulpin



Olivia

Olivia's favorite song is 'Jesus Loves Me' and her favorite story is from a Beginner's Bible called, The Most Special Baby



Richard



Ryan



Sofia & Joshua



Selah, Josie & Judah



Sophie



Violet

Tell me the stories of Jesus
I love to hear;
Things I would ask Him to tell me
If He were here;
Scenes by the wayside,
Tales of the sea,
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First let me hear how the children
Stood round His knee,
And I shall fancy His blessing
Resting on me;
Words full of kindness,
Deeds full of grace,
All in the love light of Jesus' face.

Tell me, in accents of wonder,
How rolled the sea,
Tossing the boat in a tempest
On Galilee;
And how the Maker,
Ready and kind,
Chided the billows,
And hushed the wind.

Into the city I'd follow

The children's band,
Waving a branch of the palm tree
High in my hand.
One of His heralds,
Yes, I would sing
Loudest hosannas,
Jesus is King!"

Tell how the sparrow that twitters
On yonder tree,
And the sweet meadow-side lily
May speak to me—
Give me their message,
For I would hear
How Jesus taught us
Our Father's care.

Show me that scene in the garden,
Of bitter pain.
Show me the cross where my Savior
For me was slain.
Sad ones or bright ones,
So that they be
Stories of Jesus,
Tell them to me.

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" was written c. 1885 by William Henry Parker (1845-1929). William was the head of an insurance company, and he was a devoted member of the Chelsea Street Baptist Church, in Nottingham, England, where he was active in the Sunday School. When William's Sunday School class asked him to "tell us another story," William was inspired to write a six-verse song, titled "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus."

Testimony:

Excerpt from **Patrick O.,**
Beacon House graduate
(June 17, 2021)

This is the first thing I have ever completely completed in all my 41 years of life. I have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and through him I have found my purpose. This past year of my life was probably the hardest by far. I'm truly thankful to the Frederick Rescue Mission for putting up with me and accepting me when I was completely broken, hopeless, lost and had no self-worth. When I first arrived, nothing mattered to me anymore. Now I have a purpose and real meaning that I found here at the mission and that's Jesus Christ. The mission gave me a great foundation and a chance at a new life. I cannot express the love I have for them (the staff and volunteers) and will show in my Walk—how grateful I am.

Testimony:

Healing Prayer Session

My prayer session was the day after what would have been my mom's 60th birthday. She's been gone about a year



and a half now and to say that I started the session overwhelmed with grief is an understatement. I know that Mom is in Heaven, perfectly whole, complete, and at peace, and yet, my feelings were anything but of completeness and peace. During the soaking prayer time I had a vision with Jesus. There were these burlap sacks that had "grief" written on them. I was moving them from my pile to Jesus' feet. There were so many of them; it was almost uncountable, to which Jesus explained that there is so much grief because there was so much love. There also was a different bag that said jealousy. I asked Jesus about it, but He didn't answer. Eventually Jesus stopped me, held me close and said, "that's enough for today." I wanted to keep going, I like to finish what I start, but instead Jesus took me to the edge of a cliff. He told me to look out in front of me. The landscape was so vast-- there were mountains and valleys, and towns and plains-- He said, "this is what I have for you. This is yours; you just need to

look up." We went back to where the bags of grief were and as I stood in His arms, I watched them slowly disappear. I knew, even though He didn't say it, that Jesus was taking them for me.

In Acts 8 there is a story about how Philip's trust and obedience to Holy Spirit led him to walk beside the Eunuch's carriage and share about Jesus. I realized Jesus was asking me to have that same trust-- through releasing the bags of grief, looking upward and outward from the cliff, and the lack of answer to the jealousy bag. I know that if I can let go of what I so tightly grasp and look up, Jesus has great things planned for me. I left the prayer session feeling many things-- freer without all of those bags of grief, hopeful in the future Jesus has for me, and a yearning to allow my trust in Him to continue to grow so that I too can be His good and faithful servant.

—Megan

Short Testimonies:

Intensive Prayer Ministry (IPM) in June

I am always amazed that when someone tells their story and then invites Jesus into some of the things they talked about, He always shows up and starts His work. —**Judy, LLP**

In both the Old and New Testament, it says the word of God is living and active. Today, with Holy Spirit power, words of scripture become alive in us, and even if there is no apparent physical or emotional healing, those words coming inside and in essence, Jesus coming inside through those words, is a miracle. —**Lucinda, LLP**

The power of the Spirit was seen in every instance, as each scripture was shared. He was either already there at work, or the scripture created the opportunity of cleansing, of healing, of experiencing Jesus. —**Nancy W, LLP**

I had severe back pain the first night and that was really where my healing prayer started. From that night until right now, the pain has significantly reduced and in fact, I really have had little to no pain the last two days. Thank you LLP and Praise God. —**Nancy E**

Quote:

"If someone asks about your educational background, proclaim boldly that: Church is my college. Heaven is my university. Father God is my counselor. Jesus is my principal. Holy Spirit is my teacher. Angels are my classmates. Bible is my textbook. Temptations are my exams. Overcoming Satan is my hobby. Winning souls for God is my assignment. Receiving eternity is my degree. Praise and Worship are my slogan." —**Dr. Ben Carson**



The 'final shots' team (L to R): Carolyn, Carol, Andrew, Judy, Jenny, and Frank

A New Promotional Video for LLP's Healing Ministry Is Almost Complete!

LLP offers a **BIG** thank-you to **Andrew Brice**, videographer and producer, of our new Promo! It is our hope and prayer that this promotional video will introduce folks to the healing ministry of Jesus as He works through LLP.

Enjoy some candid pictures of the dedicated LLP Staff working to complete this project. Stay tuned for a link to the final video.



Jenny and Carolyn



Andrew Brice, videographer and producer, hard at work



ListenLovePray Events

August

- Aug 2/9/16/23/30 Ladies Recovery Bible Study**
Mondays • 7:00 pm
- Aug 3 In-person Healing Prayer Service**
1st Tuesday • 7:00 pm at Marvin Chapel
- Aug 4/25 Rainbow of Love Recovery Bible Study**
1st and 4th Wednesday • 5:30 pm
- Aug 7 Prayer Blitz**
Saturday • 9:00 am at Marvin Chapel
- Aug 8 LLP Board of Directors**
Sunday • 4:00 pm
- Aug 10/17/24/31 Zoom Healing Prayer Service**
Tuesdays • 7:00 pm
- Aug 11 FRM–Beacon House**
Every 2nd Wednesday • 10:30 am
- Aug 22/29 FRM–Beacon House Healing Program**
Every 4th and 5th Sunday • 6:00 pm

September

- Sep 7 In-person Healing Prayer Service**
1st Tuesday • 7:00 pm at Marvin Chapel
- Sep 19 Volunteer Appreciation Picnic**
Sunday • noon – 4:00 pm at Old National Pike Park
- Sep 24/25 Healing Prayer Workshop Level 3**
Fri: 7:00–9:00 pm • Sat: 8:30–12:30 pm
Grace Episcopal Church, New Market, MD
- Sep 30 Practicum**
Thursday • 7:00 pm at Marvin Chapel

Healing with Horses Resumes in September

Sign up for a unique healing experience with these majestic animals! The session is held at Paradise Stables, 6250 Detrick Road, Mt. Airy, MD.

Space is limited! Contact lucinda@listenlovepray.org



Grow with God

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9EvNdJsXRY9YTE9890talq/videos>

Keep in Prayer

- Our Children - beautiful blessings from God
- Encouragement for us all to 'tell our stories of Jesus!'
- People in transition with jobs, houses, schools
- Healthcare workers

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LLP works in recovery centers, churches, and the community. Jesus still heals and delivers people today!