



Family Worship Guide 24

Stories Matter

Look Up and Read Together

Jesus healed a man in an amazing way. The man was extremely grateful and asked Jesus what he could do to express his thankfulness. This is what Jesus told him to do.

Read Luke 8:39 out loud together, and keep your Bible open.

Jesus wanted the man to tell his story. No one could say, “That’s not true”, because the man was there and he knew exactly what had happened. If I tell someone else’s story, I may not get all the facts right, because I wasn’t there. But, when the person it happened to tells the story, you expect it to be the truth.

Watch This Video

Join Kendall as she teaches you how to braid 3 cords.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/f0srqdsjdaoqw54/kendall%20braiding.mov?dl=0>

Attach one end of all 3 cords at the same point. Lay 2 cords off to one side and 1 cord off to the other side. Now, move one cord at a time. You always pull the cord (from the side with 2) that is the farthest from you, across to the other side.

You Try It

Find 3 pieces of yarn or rope or shoestrings (or maybe even some cooked spaghetti or zoodles) and try braiding yourself. If you’re not quite sure, then play Kendall’s video again and pause it as you follow along.

Talk Time

Think about this: Each cord represented someone.

- One cord represented you.
- One cord represented God.
- One cord represented a different person—maybe a friend, a neighbor, a cousin

God loves it when you tell your story, so that someone else will know Him. They are all intertwined. It's like they are **BRAIDED** together—your story of what you've been through and dealt with, God's story of forgiveness and love and how He has helped you and helps you each day, and the person hearing your story of how God is with you every day. Your story can change their story. God can use what has happened to you to help someone else believe that God will be with them, also. You can help God change someone else's life! Isn't that awesome!

Make This Tower

You'll need 3 plastic cups, 3 sizes (small, medium, large) and 2 pieces of cardboard, poster board, or cardstock.

YOUR STORY is made up of 3 different stages, and you can share that with someone else. You can tell someone what you used to be like before you made God the center of your life. That's telling your story! You can tell someone how you are different today, because of what God is doing in you. That's telling your story! You can share with someone how you think God wants you to continue to get closer to Him. That's telling your story!

Just like Jesus told the man in Luke 8:39 to go and tell his story to everyone in his town, Jesus wants you to tell your story.

- Turn the small cup upside down on a table. This is your story—what happened to you and how you have disobeyed God—before God was part of your life.
- Place a piece of cardboard on top of the small cup.
- Turn the medium cup upside down and balance it on top of the cardboard that's on top of the small cup. This is who you are right now.
 - Are you different than before?
 - Has God helped you in any way?
 - How has God changed you?
 - Have you felt God walking with you and being your forever Friend?
- Place the second piece of cardboard on top of the medium-size cup. (You're making a tower.)
- Turn the largest cup upside down and see if you can balance it on top of the tower. This is who you are trying to be ... with God's help.
 - What kind of person do you think God wants you to be?
 - How do you think God will change your life—your story—in the future?

A Little Kid's Testimony of What Jesus Has Done

Pull up the YouTube video: "A Little Kid's Testimony of What Jesus Has Done" – Watch 1:55 – 5:40. This kid's older brother is getting ready to take his little brother to the school bus stop, and asked him to share what happened at school the day before.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GmKBvdevtCY>

Talk Time

- If everyone gets at least one chance to hear about God and how God could change their life, could the person who shares be you?
- Do you think God would ever give you that responsibility and honor?

Pray Together

Dear God, You have given me a story that is different from everyone else's. Help me to see how I can share my story so that other people will choose to follow You. Help me to speak up and not be ashamed of what they will think of my story. Amen.

