

# MommyDISCIPLEMe

MAKING CHRIST KNOWN AND GOD'S WORD HOME 

## Seek Him Speak Him The Power of Your Jesus Story

**WORD:** What does the Bible say?

The theme verse: **“May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; may those who love Your salvation say continually, ‘Great is the Lord!’” Psalm 40:16 ESV**

The theme verse for Preschoolers: **“May all who seek You rejoice and be glad!” Psalm 40:16 ESV**

**WHISPERS:** What Truth is God speaking to us?

“I will fill you with joy and gladness as you ‘Seek Me’ so that you can ‘Speak Me’ to others, too.”  
- God

**WISDOM:** What is God’s perspective that makes this Truth important to us?

God, help us to understand why it matters that we seek You in our own lives and then speak about You to others. Show us how joy comes from seeking You, and help us to experience Your gladness in our lives. Help us to see what about our salvation stories is so powerful. In Your Name, amen!

**WELCOME:** What can we learn about this Truth? This Truth matters because...

The God of the universe is at work in YOUR life. As you seek Him and think about all that He has done and is doing in you, He will fill you with joy and gladness that nothing else in this world can give. But don’t just keep this story to yourself, because it is a powerful story! Talk to others about the Lord! Share your one-of-a-kind “Jesus story” with others so they can know about Him and experience His salvation and joy, too!

## **WEAVING:** What does the Bible teach about this Truth?

There are so many stories we can tell in this world. Old stories; new stories. Made-up stories; true stories. Happy stories and sad stories. There's no end to the books we could fill with stories, and everybody has one.

However, when you believe in Jesus, one story rises above every other story. It's a story that only you can tell, a story as unique as your thumbprint and as intricate as your hand. It's your "Jesus story" - the story of how God is impacting and changing your life. This story is what the Bible calls "the word of (your) testimony," and it is very, very powerful (Revelation 12:10-11).

God wants you to go tell others about all that He has done and is doing in you (Matthew 28:19-20). Where even the best facts and the most interesting information fail, your "Jesus story" has the power to grab hearts and influence lives.

The first part of your "Jesus story" is your salvation experience. **God loves YOU so much that Jesus paid the price for YOUR sins so that your story can be part of His story.** The Gospel is the Good News that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). **Salvation is God's amazing gift of rescuing us from our sin so we can have a forever friendship with Him.** You receive His salvation through believing in Him!

A unique part of the word "salvation" is that you can't be saved from nothing; you are saved from something. That *something* is your "backstory" that sets the stage for the rest of your story.

God told the people of Israel, "When your son asks you in the future: 'What is the meaning of the decrees, statutes, and ordinances, which the Lord our God has commanded you?' tell him, 'We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt'..." (Deuteronomy 6:20-21). The backstory of God's people Israel was slavery, and this is a backstory we all have in common because we have all been slaves to sin. God gave us salvation, or rescue, from that bondage so we can have a real relationship with Him. Your "Jesus story" begins with this, and you can share it with others.

But to "Speak Him" is about even more than your salvation experience or backstory. A relationship with God isn't just something you began back then; it's something you experience today. As you "Seek Him," your "Jesus story" is living, dynamic and growing! So the second part of your "Jesus story" is what He is doing in and through you as you "Seek Him" right now. This includes things like how He is changing you, what He is teaching you, who He is helping you become, when you hear Him speak, where His Word is impacting you. All these are the sentences and paragraphs and chapters of your "Jesus story." **And as you "Seek Him" through prayer, His Word, corporate worship and more throughout your story, then you can "Speak Him" to others by sharing your experiences so that they can experience Him, too!**

This is the actually the story of the entire Bible! Moses, Joshua, Samuel, David, Nehemiah and all the writers in the Bible were simply “Speaking Him” out of hearts that were “Seeking Him.” And, God says in Hebrews 11:6 that “He rewards those who seek Him.” That’s a really big promise!

We can add our echo to the praise of God’s glory. We can tell our “Jesus story” to those God has entrusted to us - whether they’re our friends, neighbors, children or whomever. “Speaking Him” is not about how much you know, how old you are, or whether you have achieved a certain spiritual status. Discipleship is not about understanding the whole Bible or having all the “right” answers. In its most basic sense, “Seeking Him” is about loving Jesus, then “Speaking Him” is about sharing the story of how He’s impacting your life with others.

As you do this, may the blessing of our verse be upon your life: “May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; may those who love Your salvation say continually, ‘Great is the Lord!’” (Psalm 40:16).

**WALKING:** How can we live out this Truth?

Your “Jesus Story” is as unique as your thumbprint and as intricate as your hand. Look at your thumb; look at your whole hand; look at your fingers on both your hands. How special are these? How complex?

As you look at one hand, list five things (one for every finger) that are unique about your “Jesus story.” Think about when and why you gave your life to Him and what happened when you did that. Think about the first things you learned as a believer in Jesus, as well as some things He has recently taught you. Think about how you most love to worship – maybe through song, prayer, serving in Jesus’ Name or memorizing Scripture. Think about how God has used YOU to love others in His Name. Your answers to these questions – and more! – are your very own “Jesus story”! Share five fingers’ worth of your Jesus story right now, then talk about how else you can “Seek Him Speak Him” this week.

**WONDERS:** What questions do we have about this?

*Questions for Preschoolers: How can you “Seek Him” today? (give age appropriate) How can you “Speak Him” to others? (share, be kind, worship the Lord in song....) What is YOUR Jesus story?*

What is salvation? What is your backstory? What does it mean to “Seek Him”? What does God promise when you “Seek Him”? Who is allowed to “Speak Him”? What age should you be when

you “Speak Him” to others? How does He want you to “Speak Him” into the lives of those He has entrusted to you? How powerful does the Bible say your story is? What is the big deal about seeking the Lord and speaking about Him to others? You know Jesus because somebody was willing to “Speak Him” to you. Who will know Jesus because YOU are willing to “Seek Him Speak Him” too?

**WORSHIP:** How shall we respond to the Lord for this Truth?

**Worship through Prayer:** Lord, “You have said, ‘Seek my face.’ My heart says to you, ‘Your face, Lord, do I seek.’” (Psalm 27:8 ESV). Help this be true of us today and always. As we seek You, may You fulfill Your promise to be found by us (Jeremiah 29:11-14). Help us to have the courage and boldness to “Speak You” to those You send our way. In the Name of the Father, Son and Spirit, amen!

**Worship through Praise:**

**The Lord Is My Salvation** - by Keith and Kristyn Getty - *(the vocalist uses her singing voice to “Speak Him” musically - an example of how we can “Speak Him” in many, many ways!)* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NjOGX5zT8KU>

**Seek Ye First** - by Karen Lafferty and performed by the Maranatha Singers *(this one is great with pics of kids as well as adults)* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6HniSUB3Qh0>

**Family Disciple Me:** A blessing to speak over your children

We believe God’s promise when He says, “Those who seek the Lord lack no good thing... (so) Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord” (Psalm 34:10b-11). I pray God’s best blessings over you as YOU “Seek Him Speak Him” in your life! In Jesus’ Name, amen!

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