

ENGLISH

PART 1 – True Story From The Bible

I would like to share with you a story that is changing the lives of people around the world. This story is from a book called the Bible. Men did not make up the Bible. It is the word of the Most High God, who is more powerful than any ancestor, person, government or god that people worship. *This story is true and reliable because it is the word of the Most High God.*

PART 2 – Created For A Relationship With God

Creator: This Most High God is the one and only God. He existed in the beginning before there was anything else. He created everything - - the heavens, the earth, water, mountains, oceans, sun, moon, stars, plants and animals. He also created angels to worship and serve Him. Finally, He created man and woman in His own image. *God created everything and saw that it was very good.*

God and Man in Relationship: God placed the man and woman in a beautiful garden to live, and they had a very good relationship with God and with each other. He told them to take care of the garden and enjoy everything. God told them that they could eat from every tree in the garden except one. If they ate from that one tree, they would be punished and die. The man and woman obeyed God and for a while had a wonderful relationship with Him in the garden. *God created us to have a wonderful relationship with Him forever!*

PART 3 – People Are Separated From God

Fall of the Devil: However, do you remember the angels God created? One of those angels was very smart and beautiful. This angel became very proud. He wanted to be like God and to have the other angels worship him instead of God. But only God deserves to be worshipped. Therefore God cast this disobedient angel, called the devil, and the other angels who followed him, out of heaven. *These evil angels are known as demons.*

Disobeying: One day, the devil tempted the woman to eat the food from the tree that was forbidden. The woman listened to the devil and ate the fruit. Then she gave it to her husband to eat. Both of them disobeyed God's command. Disobeying God's command is sin. God is righteous and holy. He must punish sin. God cast the man and the woman out of the garden, and their relationship with God was broken. *That is why human beings are separated from God.*

All Have Sinned: Like the first man and the woman, all people have sinned by not obeying God's commands and are separated from God. The result of sin is eternal punishment in hell. *Sin prevents us from living forever with God as we were designed to do.*

PART 4 – People Remain Separated From God

The man and woman had children. Their children had children, and their children had children, until all the earth was filled with people. But, just like the first man and woman, they continued to sin and were separated from God.

Abraham: One day, God spoke to a man named Abraham, and told him, “I am going to give you a son and make a huge people group out of your family. God promised Abraham, “Through you and one of your descendants, I will bless all the families of the earth.”

God kept His promise to Abraham, and Abraham did have a son and many descendants. Sometimes they followed God, but most of the time they were disobedient, just like the first man and woman.

So, God sent spokesmen to the people to show them how they could have a right relationship with Him. One of these spokesmen was named Isaiah. Isaiah said, “We have all gone away from God and His ways. **We sin against God.** But God says, ‘**I am sending you a Savior who will take all of your sins on Himself.** He will be whipped and beaten. **He will die because of your sins.** But, I will give Him life again. And, **because of Him, you can have a right relationship with Me.**”

From that time on, they waited expectantly for this Promised Savior...and they waited...and they waited....

PART 5 – Jesus Comes To Earth

God Sends Jesus: When the time was right, God did keep His promise to Abraham and Isaiah. **He sent this Promised Savior, Jesus,** God’s very own Son. Jesus proved that He was indeed the Savior by performing many miracles.

Storm: On one occasion, Jesus and His followers were crossing a large lake in a boat. While Jesus was sleeping, a powerful storm arose on the lake. Jesus’ followers were very afraid. They awakened Jesus and said, “We are about to die!” Jesus rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Immediately the wind and rain stopped. *The power of Jesus is the strongest power in the world.*

Feed 5,000: On another occasion over 5,000 people came to listen to Jesus teach about God. When evening came they had not eaten and were hungry. They only had five loaves of bread and two fish. Jesus multiplied the loaves and fish to feed all of the people. *The power of Jesus is able to satisfy man’s needs.*

Demon-possessed Man: Another time, Jesus saw a man with many demons living inside of him. The man was very powerful and dangerous. Yet Jesus loved the man and cast the demons out of him. *The power of Jesus is greater than any evil spirit.*

Raising the Dead: On another occasion, while Jesus was away on a journey, one of His good friends became sick and died. Several days later Jesus went to the place His friend was buried. Jesus went to the front of the tomb and said, "Friend, come out." His friend was raised from the dead and walked out of the tomb alive! *Jesus even has power over death.*

PART 6 – Jesus, The Perfect Sacrifice

Perfect: Unlike us, Jesus never sinned. He obeyed His Father in heaven perfectly.

Cross: And many people loved Jesus. However, there were some religious and government leaders who were jealous and afraid of Jesus. These men arrested Jesus and decided to kill Him. Just as God had said through Isaiah hundreds of years before, Jesus was whipped and beaten. They nailed Jesus on a cross.

Substitute: While Jesus hung on the cross, God took all the sins of all the people of the world and put our sins on Jesus. And Jesus died for our sins. *Jesus' death demonstrates God's love towards us.*

Resurrection: Before He died, Jesus had said that because He was the Son of God, He would rise from the dead. Therefore after Jesus died, His enemies put guards at His tomb. Nevertheless, on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead and showed Himself alive to more than 500 people!

Final Instructions: Jesus told His followers to tell others how He had died for their sins and would give eternal life to those who would follow Him. He told them that He was returning to His Father, but one day He would come again to the earth. Then He went up through the clouds and returned to His Father in heaven. *Jesus is God's Son and the Promised Savior.*

PART 7 – How To Come Back To God

The Gospel: Jesus' followers began to talk to people everywhere – in their hometown, other towns near them, and even to people who lived far away.

They told them:

- All of us have sinned against God.
- Our sin separates us from God and prevents us from going to heaven.
- But Jesus, God's Son, died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sin. He rose from the dead.
- Now He offers to forgive our sin and give us the gift of eternal life if we will trust and follow Him.

Many people believed this good news and trusted in Christ, but not everyone. Some were not willing to repent of their sins and trust and follow Jesus, inviting Him to be the Lord and Master of their lives.

Question 1: Do you believe this message from the Bible that Jesus is God's Son and the Savior of the world?

Question 2: Do you want to receive the gift of eternal life by trusting Jesus as your Lord and Master?

(If the answer to these questions is "yes," then lead them in a prayer like this:

Jesus, I believe You are the Son of God.

I know that I have sinned against God.

But I believe that You, Jesus, died on the cross to pay the penalty for my sins.

I believe You rose from the dead.

Today I repent of my sins.

I invite You to come into my life to be my Lord and Master.

Right now, Jesus, I begin to follow and obey You.

Amen

(If someone prays to trust Jesus, tell them the next part of the story.)

PART 8 – What Followers Of Jesus Do

I want to tell you a little bit of what happened in the lives of the first people who trusted Christ just as you have.

When people believed in Jesus, they all began to do three things:

- They were baptized. (They were immersed in water and were symbolizing that they had died to their sins and risen to God, through faith in Jesus.)
- They began to meet with other believers to worship Jesus and study God's Word. The group of believers was called a church.
- They began to tell their friends, family, and others about Jesus and how they also could trust and follow Him and receive the gift of eternal life.

This is what followers of Jesus do to this day. And this is what I do.

- I have trusted Jesus as Lord and Savior and have been baptized.
- I am part of a church that worships God and studies the Bible, learning about Jesus.
- I love to tell other people about Jesus, as I have just told you.