



O AFC Basics Training Manual



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Bible Study Method

1. Leader Prays -

Example: “Heavenly Father, send us your Holy Spirit to show us Christ in His Word that we may learn to show Christ to others; in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

2. Group Circle Prayer - Thanksgiving

3. Each Person Reads a Verse through the Reading

4. Re-Read Verses and Share How it Points to Jesus and Applies to Your Life →

5. Closing - Example:

“How would you use what you’ve learned in this study to share Christ with others?”

6. Group Circle Prayer - Thanksgiving & Petitions

Prayer Partners & Time with God:

Prayer Partners is an opportunity for youth to better learn about one another by lifting up their concerns, struggles, and thanksgivings. Pair youth into groups of 2 of the same gender for this.

Time with God is an opportunity for youth to be in the Word or devotions privately. This is especially helpful for our more introverted youth to have some time to themselves during the week of Summer Training.

Friday Bible Study

1 John 5:1-15 That you may know

Saturday Bible Study

Mark 1:1-15 Repent & Believe the Gospel

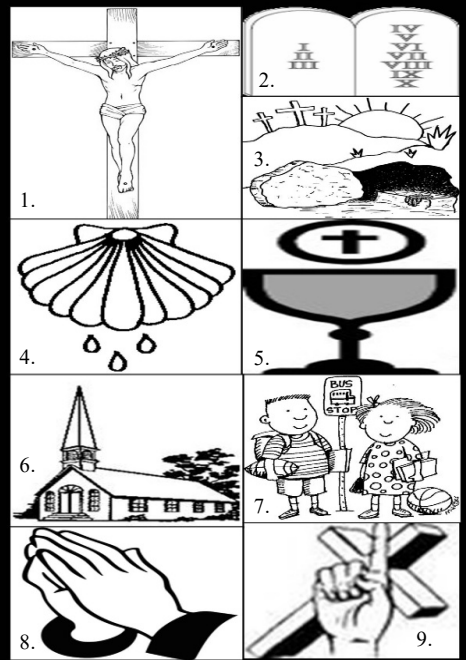
Monday Bible Study Surprised?

Rom 6:23, Ezk 18:4, Gal 3:10, Jas 2:8-18

Tuesday Bible Study

Romans 10:4-17 Faith comes by hearing

How a Verse can POINT TO JESUS:



1. ALL Scripture points to **Jesus** (Jn 5:39)
2. What **sin** does this verse condemn?
3. What **comfort** does this verse give?
4. Can this apply to **Baptism**? How?
5. Can this apply to **Communion**? How?
6. Is this verse used in the **liturgy**? How?
7. Have you, or could you, use this verse in a **Personal Witness**? How?
8. How could this verse help in your **prayers** and spiritual warfare?
9. How does this verse help you **share** the Gospel?



Supporting O AFC

O AFC supports an Executive Director, operates an office, produces materials for the O AFC ministry, and seeks to establish new O AFC groups everywhere. We are entirely supported by volunteer donations throughout the year by individuals like you. At Summer Training each Ambassador has an opportunity to financially support the ministry of O AFC at the opening worship service and at the Happening. Please consider giving personally and encouraging others to support O AFC, too.



Ambassadors at Training are encouraged to regularly support O AFC in the following ways:

1. An **Ambassadors’ Circle** supporter agrees to personally make a monthly gift for the support of O AFC. Ambassadors who become members of the Ambassadors’ Circle often give their gifts at their local O AFC weekends. Some Ambassadors give \$1 each time, others \$5, etc... Consider committing to financially support the work of O AFC during the coming year.
2. **Thrivent Choice**— If you are 16 or older and a Thrivent Benefit Member you might be able to have some Thrivent funds given to O AFC on a regular basis. Check with your local Thrivent rep or contact them directly.

Become a member of the **Ambassadors’ Circle**, today. Make the commitment to donate a portion of your resources to O AFC each month or each year.

_____ I wish to make a commitment of taking \$_____ to each O AFC Weekend during the coming year to be used for spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ through the ministry of O AFC.

Signed: _____

OAFC Outreach Report Presentation

About OAFC

(Introduce yourselves and where you are from – You should be able to do this without reading it)

OAFC is Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ. We are a Recognized Service Organization of our LCMS that equips youth and adults to share their faith in Jesus Christ. Our three-fold purpose is to:

Witness to all about Jesus who died for the sins of all people so that they can have the certainty of eternal life with Christ when they die,

Invite the unchurched to the congregations we serve and to invite youth to join us in our ministry,

Train youth and adults to share their faith in Jesus.

OAFC witnesses through: **puppets, singing, Bible study, drama, canvassing, and personal witnesses.**

Survey Report

(Introduce yourselves and where you are from)

Ambassadors from ____ different churches (states) witnessed about Jesus' love and forgiveness through a witness survey of the community where we spoke to people at ____ homes. We left Gospel and church literature at another ____ houses where no one was home.

During our survey we asked, "Where do you believe you will go when you die?" Most people answered "Heaven." Then we asked, "Why do you believe you will go to heaven?"

____ people were sure of going to heaven through what Jesus did for them;
 ____ said they thought they would go because of their own good works;
 ____ said they did not know how to get to heaven or where they were going; and
 ____ persons did not answer that question or take our survey.

We shared with all who would listen that Jesus gave His life to pay for all their sins, that they might be certain of having eternal life with Christ. We spoke to some individuals who are inactive in church or have no church home with whom we also had the opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. From this survey we can report ____ such visits.

Through our neighborhood survey we discovered ____ person(s) who is (are) interested in learning more about Jesus Christ their Savior and this church. We ask that you welcome these souls into your midst and pray for them. We would like to leave the names of these individuals with your congregations for follow-up. Would _____ please come forward to receive these?

Financial Support

(Introduce yourselves and where you are from)

The ministry of OAFC is supported entirely by gifts of individuals, groups, and congregations like yours. We are a volunteer organization. Our annual budget supports only one part time Called worker and pays for witness materials.

OAFC works to establish additional groups throughout our Synod. We would like to thank the members of this congregation for hosting us and for supplying us with meals and homes for sleeping. Thank you for the door offering which you are presenting today for the work of OAFC as we continue to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We invite your ongoing financial support.

Those of you who are Thrivent members may designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to the national ministry of Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ. Please contact your area Thrivent representative for assistance with this gift to OAFC.

Prayer Support

(Introduce yourselves and where you are from)

The ministry of OAFC needs prayer supporters. Your prayers are vital to our ministry. We ask that you pray for Youth who participate, Adults who serve as leaders, and Congregations who host OAFC weekend.

Anyone who is willing to become a prayer supporter of the ministry of OAFC is asked to meet with me after the service so we can record your name and email address. We will send you our monthly OAFC email newsletter, "The Crier," to inform you of our prayer needs and keep you up to date with what's happening with OAFC. You can also visit our website to check us out at www.oafc.org. God bless every one of you for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

The Impact of OAFC

(Introduce yourselves and where you are from – You should be able to do this without reading it)

(preferably a new ambassador) My experience with OAFC has helped me grow in my faith in Jesus by: (in your own words)

Religious Survey

Team # ____ "PROCLAIM HIS EXCELLENCIES – BEING PREPARED TO DEFEND!" 1 Peter 2:9, 3:15 Date: _____

Names of Callers A. _____ B. _____ C. _____

(Affirm good answers.)

1. Write house # (& new Street Name if you have changed streets. . . check "Not-homes")

Intro: Hello! / Good morning! / Hi! / How are you today? (etc.) We are with/represent _____

Lutheran Church and are taking a religious survey and sharing some Good News.

This is _____ and I am _____. May we ask a few questions?

Church Address _____

Starting times:

Sunday School _____

1stWorship _____

2ndWorship _____

3rdWorship _____

2. Are you familiar with _____ Lutheran Church?

3. Did you attend church when you were growing up?

Yes What church did you attend?

4. Do you and your family attend church now?

Yes 4a. Which church do you go to?

5. Are there children in this home that attend Sunday School?

6. Do you have a Bible in your home? ("No" May someone from [host church ____] bring you a Bible?)

8. **Repeat your name.** As I said at the beginning, my name is ____ . May I ask your name?

9. May I ask you about something important?

Where do you believe you will go when you die? (*Repeat to them their answer for clarification.*)
(or/What is a Christian?)

Other than Heaven Go to question 10.

Heaven Why do you believe you will go to heaven? (*Repeat their answer for clarification.*)

(*Jesus -- Isn't it wonderful to know all that Jesus did to save us! Share Good News Card – Q. 11.*)

10. May I share with you why I believe I will go to heaven when I die? (*SSS, Good News, AH, or Cross Method*)

11. May I share the Good News of Jesus with you in a personal way? May I use your first name? (*Good News Card*)

If Unchurched: 12. May someone from our church come and talk to you again about the Lord Jesus?

Yes Ask for Phone Number. Check First & Last Name [If the address is not posted... May I have your address?]
(*They are a Prospect! Complete a Prospect Form and on it check the "Wants follow-up Visit".*)

Put "Y" for Yes. Put "0" for No or None.

No church + Share Good News + Response = UNCHURCHED

Caller A,B,C	House Number (Street Name If Changed)	2. Know Church	3. PAST Denomination 0 for "none"	4. PRESENT Denomination 0 for "none"	5. Sund. School	6. Have Bible	7. Give Bible	8. First Name Last Name	Jesus	Good Works	Didn't Know	Didn't Answer	Prospect	Unchurched



OAFC Prospect Report

Date: _____ Team # ____ Team Members _____

PROSPECT'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT) _____

PROSPECT'S DENOMINATION _____

Active Now REQUESTS VISIT
 Background REQUESTS BIBLE

OF CHILDREN AGE 0 - 18 ____

ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL Yes / No

SPOUSE'S DENOMINATION _____

Active Now
 Background

PHONE NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____

TOWN _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

When asked "Why do you believe you will go to heaven?" he/she answered: _____

PROSPECT DATA:

Estimated Age _____

Multi-church family

New to area

Unchurched

Interested

Friendly Response

Personal Problems

Single

Married

Widow (er)

Divorced

Separated

METHOD

SPOKEN:

SSS

Good News

AH

Cross

TRACT

GIVEN:

AH Tract

GN Card

Church info

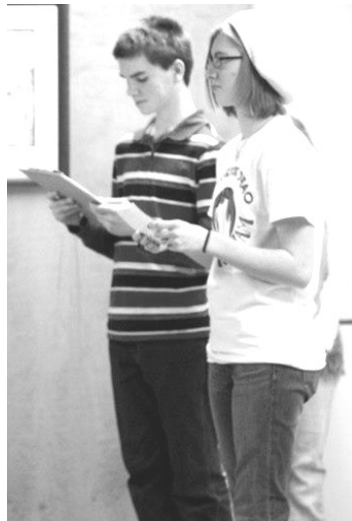
Date last attended church _____

Further comments about why I consider this person a prospect (beliefs, attitudes, background, needs, situation, etc.) _____

Canvassing Policies

1. "No Solicitors" Sign

- A. Know the state and city law regarding these signs. In some localities it may mean to make no contact at a door.
- B. Where the state and city laws are silent regarding this matter, acknowledge the sign before you speak and ask permission to continue.
- C. Follow the directions and desire of the host congregation.



2. Apparent Danger

- A. We follow the policy that the Holy Spirit must warm the hearts of those to whom we will speak or we do not speak, as there would be only fruitless efforts and negative results.
- B. Leave the home at once if you sense danger.

3. Absent Parents

- A. If children are younger than age 14, do not talk with them but you may leave a tract. Count the house as "no one home" in your report.
- B. If youth are high-school age, ask if their parents would mind if you took the survey with the youth and proceed if you gain permission.

4. Non-Prospects

- A. It is okay to write them up on a prospect form and also to write a letter to them, if this seems good in special cases, but clearly mark on the prospect form the circumstances and share orally with the host congregation this special situation.
- B. Do not count them in your total of prospects.

4. Non-Lutherans at OAFW Weekends

- A. The majority at weekends should be LCMS members. Guests from other churches are allowed.
- B. Guests must consent to follow our teachings and directions and not promote contrary teachings.
- C. The same behavior standards are expected of all.
- D. Their door-to-door witnessing must always be supervised as we are representing the host church.

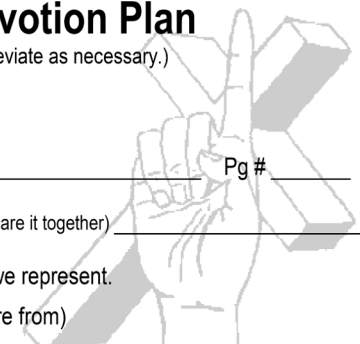
5. Attire while Canvassing

- A. Wear walking shoes.
- B. Wear non-distracting clothing: shirts without writing, pants/shorts without holes, no hats, etc...

<p>GOOD NEWS! <i>Put your name in the blanks.</i></p> <p>For God so loved _____ that He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer, die, and rise in victory for _____, so that believing in Jesus as the Savior from sin, _____ shall not perish, but _____ shall have everlasting life. <i>Refer to John 3:16</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>This is God's Promise to you! (He Cannot Lie. Titus 1:2)</small></p>
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Nursing Home Devotion Plan

(The following is just a guide; abbreviate as necessary.)



Moderator: _____

Get-Attention **Song** _____ Pg # _____

Opening Prayer (Thanks for God's Word & this opportunity to share it together) _____

Moderator: Briefly tell WHO we are & what CHURCH we represent.
(then each person says their name and where they are from)

Song _____ Pg # _____ Intro by _____

What is OAFW & our Purpose (W.I.T.) _____

Good News Method shared with one resident _____

Good News Method said by all Ambassadors using "You" – started by moderator.

Song _____ Pg # _____ Intro by _____

SSS Method explained and shared by _____

Personal Witness by _____

Solo/Duet/Group **Song** _____ Pg # _____ Intro by _____

Puppet Play _____ Curtain Holders _____

Puppeteers _____

Short Message by _____

Song _____ Pg # _____ Intro by _____

Drama _____

Song _____ Pg # _____ Intro by _____

(The Apostles Creed or Lord's Prayer may be used occasionally, led by moderator, said by all.)

Song _____ Pg # _____ Intro by _____

Song _____ Pg # _____ Intro by _____

Closing Prayer by _____

Moderator: Words of thanks & Announcement of our desire to visit with them personally.

Happening Outline

Opening Prayer & OAFC Explanation:

Explanation of OAFC: "Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ is a youth and evangelism RSO of the Missouri Synod that exists to grow faith in LCMS youth by sharing THE Faith with the unchurched through regional outreach weekends and national training conferences. We do this in 6 ways: 1) Singing, 2) Puppet Shows, 3) Dramas, 4) Neighborhood Canvassing, 5) Personal Witnesses, and 6) Bible Study. We'd like to share these with you tonight."

Song 1:

Explanation of Songs as OAFC Witnessing Methods: "We use songs to get the Word of the Gospel stuck in youth and adults' heads and hearts. We like to say that "The organ won't fit in the back of the van," so we use guitars and we have a songbook compiled for guitars - made up of 1) Strong Gospel Message Songs, 2) Children's Songs, 3) Fellowship Songs, 4) Hymns and Old Favorites, and 5) Solos and Duets, along with sung Meal Prayers and Thank You Songs. Throughout tonight, if you find any you want to sing from our songbook, feel free to make a request."

Song 2:

Q&A/sharing youth singing experience - Youth share what they like about OAFC songs

Puppet Show & Puppet Explanation:

Explanation of Puppets as OAFC Witnessing Methods: "Puppet Shows help youth learn to articulate Lutheran doctrine in simple and winsome ways for other youth and adults - especially kids. It really helps those youth who are a little more shy speaking in front of people to be able to learn and share their faith just by sitting behind a curtain and reading lines from a script. In our over-45 years of witnessing, we've compiled a number of puppet shows and dramas in our Another Book of Acts whose aim to convey God's Law and Gospel in every single skit. We have puppet shows about all the chief parts of the Small Catechism, plus a number of issues little kids face in their Christian walk."

Q&A/sharing youth puppet experiences - Youth share their favorite puppet shows

Drama & Drama Explanation:

Explanation of Dramas as OAFC Witnessing Methods: "Like puppet shows, Dramas help youth learn to articulate and memorize Lutheran doctrine, yet in more dramatic and interactive scenarios. Our Another Book of Acts includes dramas about comparative religions, how to and how not to share Christ with your friends, the meaning of God's gift of salvation, and applications of Scripture passages. Every drama we teach and share aims at strengthening our youth's faith in Christ as their Savior while sharing that message with others."

Q&A/Sharing drama experiences - Youth share about their favorite dramas

Song 3:

Canvassing Example & Explanation:

Explanation of Canvassing/GN/SSS/AH as OAFC Witnessing Methods: "In our Neighborhood Canvass, we learn to share the Gospel through a religious survey which helps the churches we serve learn more about their communities while giving us the words and opportunities to share our assurance of salvation in Christ and invite others to the Church. We share our Good News card with everyone we can, while we share our Sin, Separation, and Savior response with those who believe they're going to heaven because of something they've done, and we share our Assurance of Heaven response with everyone who is uncertain about how they'll get to heaven or doesn't believe in heaven."

Q&A/Sharing canvassing experiences - youth share their favorite/most impactful calls and take questions

Personal Witness & Explanation:

Explanation of Personal Witnessing as OAFC Witnessing Methods: "In teaching youth to Personally Witness, they learn to connect Christ's forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation to their everyday lives and so learn to share Christ with their friends and family."

Q&A/Sharing personal witnessing experiences - youth share how they've used witnesses

Song 4:

Explanation of Bible Study as OAFC Witnessing Methods: "The purpose of the OAFC Bible Study format is to help youth feel comfortable studying the Bible while helping them learn that all of Scripture is meant to point them to Christ. As they better learn Christ as the point of Scripture, youth grow more confident in sharing Christ from the Bible with their friends."

Bible Study:

Q&A/Sharing Bible study experiences - youth share how Bible Study helps their faith

Song 5:

Thanking Host Church for having us/Encouragement of Host Church to hold a future Weekend &

Closing Prayer:

Sin, Separation, Savior Method

(Repeat their Good Works answer) But I still sin and because God requires perfection, even one sin would separate me from God forever. That is why I am glad to know that God sent Jesus Christ to suffer, die, and rise in victory to pay for all of my sins. I believe I will go to heaven because of what Jesus did for me. What do you think about what Jesus has done?

Assurance of Heaven Method

Would you like to be absolutely certain that if you were to die right now that you would go to heaven? The Bible says, "These things are written to you... that you may **KNOW** that you have eternal life." (1 Jn 5:13) We can **KNOW** we have eternal life! This is possible because of what Jesus Christ did for us.

Jesus said in the Gospel of Mark (1:15), "**REPENT** and believe the **GOSPEL**." **REPENT** means to have a change of heart about sin and about God. God requires perfection and He says that even one sin would separate me from Him forever. Does it surprise you to know that you and I deserve God's punishment forever?*

Even in this hopeless situation, God rescues us through the GOSPEL. The **GOSPEL** is the good news about God's Son, Jesus Christ, and what He did for each of us. Jesus lived the perfect life that we cannot live. Then, He was punished for all of our sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Finally, He rose from the dead to confirm that His sacrifice paid for our sins and to guarantee our life with God forever.

I'd like to share this **GOOD NEWS** with you in a personal way. May I ask your first name? May I call you by your first name? For God so loved ___ that He gave His only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer, die, and rise in victory for ___, so that believing in Jesus as the Savior from sin, ___ shall not perish, but ___ shall have everlasting life.

Do you know who **PROMISED** that? Yes. God did! Now, if I promised that to you I could be lying, but the Bible says, "God who cannot lie, promised!" (Titus 1:2) Now, God cannot lie, and He promised everlasting life to all through Jesus who is the Savior from sin. Isn't it wonderful to know that with Jesus as your Savior you will spend eternity in heaven?

Would you like to have this certainty of going to heaven throughout your life? I'd like to **ILLUSTRATE** by asking, What would happen to you if you wouldn't eat or drink anything for six months? Right, you'd die physically. In a similar way, if your belief in Jesus is not fed or strengthened what could happen to your faith in Him? Right, it could die also.

The Bible says, "Faith comes by hearing the Word of God." (Rom. 10:17) Just as you need physical food for your body, you need spiritual **FOOD** for your faith to grow. That is why I encourage you to go at every opportunity to a church where they teach that Jesus suffered, died, and rose in victory for all of your sins. I also encourage you to read your Bible daily. In this way, God will feed your faith and keep you sure of going to heaven.



Team Report

Of Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ Calls

TEAM NUMBER _____	TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITS MADE (where you actually talked to someone) _____
NAMES OF TEAM MEMBERS:	NUMBER OF "NOT HOMES" (Where Gospel Tracts Were Left) _____
1) _____	NUMBER OF PROSPECT (prospect slips turned in) _____
2) _____	NUMBER UNCHURCHED _____
3) _____	
4) _____	

DENOMINATION	JESUS	GOOD WORKS	DIDN'T KNOW	DID NOT ANSWER	TOTALS
LUTHERAN					
ROMAN CATHOLIC					
METHODIST					
BAPTIST					
OTHER CHRISTIANS					
write-in					
write-in					
CULT (Mormon, JW, Etc.)					
WORLD RELIGIONS					
NO CHURCH					
CHURCH NOT REVEALED					
TOTALS					*



O AFC Tabulation Guidelines & Prospect Letter

WHEN YOU RETURN FROM CALLING IN THE AFTERNOON:

1. Gather your whole team and sit down together at a table. **TRAIN THE NEWCOMERS** in each aspect of the tabulating. Start by reading through this page with them.
2. Look through your survey forms. Check to see that you have filled out everything and that every word is easily readable.
3. Separate the UNUSED survey forms from those that you used.
4. Count up the number of prospects you have.
5. CLEAR YOUR TABULATION AREA of any EXTRA FORMS & TRACTS. Place the Unused survey forms, tracts, Good News cards, etc. on the secretary's table in the piles designated for unused materials. If your group prefers, **restock your clipboard** so that it is ready for the next weekend.
6. Pick up these items:
 - 1 Team Report
 - Additional Prospect Forms, if needed
 - As many pieces of church stationery and envelopes as you have prospects.
7. Fill out the Team Report completely. Your horizontal and vertical "Totals" columns should add up to the same figure. This is your number of visits made.
8. Review that your Prospect Report(s) are complete and thorough, including first & last name, address, zip code, and all that you found out about the person.
9. STAPLE TOGETHER the following in this order: 1) Team Report 2) Map 3) Survey forms in order
Place them on the secretary's table.
10. Write VERY NEATLY (preferably in ink) a letter of encouragement to each prospect. A **sample letter** is below. Add a special Bible promise if you wish.
11. Address an envelope to each prospect and place letters in envelopes (DO NOT SEAL THEM). Place the letters and Prospect Reports on the secretary's table.
12. Your Team is Finished. Now look around to see if you can **HELP SOMEONE ELSE WHO IS NOT FINISHED**. Do NOT move on to any other activity until you first check with one of the adult leaders!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND NEAT WORK!!!

Thought-Starters and Ideas, page 2

PICK THE BEST TOPIC THAT APPLIES TO YOUR LIFE	FOLLOWING ARE SOME HELPFUL THOUGHTS	PICK ONE BIBLE VERSE	YOU MAY INCLUDE A SONG
HOW IS GOD IMPORTANT IN YOUR LIFE?			
1. He gives me a purpose for living	Share that as a Christian I can be assured that my sins are forgiven and that He gives me eternal life. "My purpose for living is to always be an ambassador for Christ sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ throughout my life."	Isaiah 43:10 Matt. 16:24 Matt. 28:19-20 Acts 1:8 Gal.2:20	Be of Good Cheer Good Morning Lord Everybody Ought to Know
2. He gives me direction for living	Share how God has made a difference in your life from before you believed in Him to now. "He has changed my life from living for the world and for myself to living for Jesus. I was once a loser, but now I am a winner through Jesus Christ God's Word gives me direction to live for Jesus and not the world."	2 Cor. 5:7 Gal. 2:20 Gal. 5:16 Titus 3:5 Hebrews 13:6-7 1 John 1:7	For Those Tears Free The Answer Titus 3.5 If Any Man I Know Where I'm Going
HOW DID GOD BRING YOU TO FAITH? AS AN INFANT, YOUTH OR AN ADULT?			
1. He brought me to faith through a friend, family member, or spouse.	Share what your life was like before you believed in Jesus (empty, lost, no purpose, etc.) and what your life is like after you believe in Jesus as your Savior from sin (peace, happiness, assurance of heaven, forgiveness, etc.). Share when and where a friend told you about Jesus Christ and how God's Word worked faith in your heart.	Psalms 119:67 John 1:12-13 John 6:44 Romans 5:1 Romans 10:17	I Am I Am the Bread of Life I Know Where I'm Going The Answer
2. He brought me to faith through Holy Baptism	Share that you were brought to Holy Baptism either as an infant by your parents or as an adult. And that through Baptism you, were a new born Christian, by the Holy Spirit. Share how the Holy Spirit worked in your life through God's Word in devotions, Church, Sunday School, and O AFC, always strengthening your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior from sin. You are able to boast about what God has done in your life.	Matt. 28:19-20 John 3:5 Acts 2:38 1 Cor. 12:13 Gal. 3:27 1 Peter 3:21	His Sheep Am I The Steadfast Love. Jude Promises See This Wonder in the Making

Also consider how you might shorten a Personal Witness to the size of a Facebook or even Twitter post. Find what you want to say about the impact of Christ on your life, fine tune it to the length you'd normally read in a post, and then share it on your page, your account, your blog, make a video and upload it; whatever. Social Media is a great opportunity to share Personal Witnesses.

Thought-Starters and Ideas, page 1

PICK THE BEST TOPIC THAT APPLIES TO YOUR LIFE	FOLLOWING ARE SOME HELPFUL THOUGHTS	PICK ONE BIBLE VERSE	YOU MAY INCLUDE A SONG
WHAT DID GOD DO FOR YOU?			
1. He saved me from my sins	Share the joy of God's forgiveness through Jesus Christ. "I was once eternally lost, but now I am saved through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ."	Isaiah 12:2 Isaiah 43:25 Romans 6:23 Romans 10:13 Eph. 1:7 1 John 1:9	Freely, Freely Robe of Righteous God is so Good Hallelujah, Let Hosannas Love is God's Gift Sino Alleluia
2. He gave me the Assurance of Heaven	Share the joy of knowing that then you die you will go to heaven through believing in Jesus Christ as your Savior from sin. You may incorporate one of the witnessing methods in this personal witness	John 3:16 John 4:13 John 5:24 John 17:3	For God So Loved The Steadfast Love I Am the Resurrection Love is God's Gift
3. He delivered me from an accident, or rough surgery or through a death in the family	Share how God has kept or strengthened your faith in God while going through one of these trials. Share how you were totally helpless while in the hospital, and compare that with the lives of your audience. "I am totally helpless-when it comes to saving myself, but Jesus Christ saved me by dying on the cross. He forgives my sins and assures me of eternal life."	Psalm 23:4 Psalm 27:1 Matt. 11:28 Romans 8:35 2 Cor. 1:10 James 1:2-3 1 Peter 1:6-7 1 Peter 4:12-13	Cast Thy Burden Come to the Water I know where I'm Going The Answer Through it All Love was When Promises
3. He strengthened my Christian faith through O AFC	Share what your faith in God was like before and after you attended your first O AFC weekend. And how God strengthened your faith through Bible Study, singing, or witnessing. Tell how God gave you the absolute assurance that you will go to heaven. Always give the glory to God and not to a person or thing. Tell how God worked through O AFC.	John 11:25 John 20:31 Romans 5:1 Romans 10:17 Ephesians 2:8	You may use a favorite O AFC song
WHAT DOES GOD MEAN TO YOU?			
1. He's First in my life.	Share how other people or material things were first in your life and how God was last. "God showed me how lost in sin I was without Him. Now I believe in Jesus as my Savior from sin. He is now and always will be number one in my life. He means more to me than anything in this world, because He died for my sins.	Matt. 6:33 John 12:25 John 14:6 Ephesians 2:8 Hebrews 13:5	He's Everything to Me Dear Jesus Seek Ye First The Greatest Gift
2. He is my Best Friend	Share how you can sometimes trust in a friend. "But now in my life Jesus is my best friend, who I can totally trust as my Savior from sin and in eternal life. Jesus will never lie or leave me."	Prov. 18:24 John 14:18 John 15:13-15 1 Cor. 1:9 2 Thess. 3:3	Happy Am I Jesus, Jesus What A Friend

Date:	WITNESS SURVEY RECORD															Church, City, State:	Write ins Write in A. Write in B. Cults World Religion No Church (NC) Church Not Revealed (CNF) Jesus! Good Works. Didn't Know? Didn't Answer (?) Not at Home	Totals		Church data input 0 0 Church data input 0 0 Way to heaven input Total / Church data input / Way to heaven input = must match Expenses Names of counters Coins: Currency: Checks Total If Sunday School Survey is used, Summarize below:
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Singing as Witness

O AFC teaches youth the Reformation value of Christ-centered songs as a tool for sharing the Gospel with others while confirming the truth of the Gospel to yourself.

At O AFC events, we try to sing only songs from the O AFC Songbook or the LCMS hymnals. This is to emphasize the use of singing as witness and also to enable all visitors to participate (*lest the youth sing songs that not everyone knows and for which they don't have music to distribute*).

The O AFC Songbook is made up of 5 different kinds of songs:

1. **Strong Gospel Message Songs**—These are the heart of the witness of O AFC as they clearly teach what Jesus has done for us.
2. **Children's Songs**—These are time-tested songs that teach what Jesus has done for us in ways young children can understand and enjoy.
3. **Fellowship Songs**—These are songs that don't teach the Gospel as clearly, but that still teach some other truth of Scripture.
4. **Hymns and Old Favorites**—These are songs primarily for use in our Nursing Home Devotions and for connecting our youth to the hymnody of the Church.
5. **Solos and Duets**—These songs are a little more complex for group singing but still convey the Gospel or other truths of Scripture.



Sharing your personal story of faith is an effective way to tell an audience or an individual your gratitude or appreciation of what God and He alone has done in your life.

I. PRE-OUTLINE

- A. Pray for the Lord to give you wisdom and guidance as you work out your testimony (James 1:5-6).
- B. Think through any spiritual changes or guidance that God has brought about in your life. Then pick a topic that best applies to your life, whether it relates to what God did for you, what He means to you, how important God is in your life, or how God brought you to faith.
- C. Pick one or two scripture verses that best apply to your topic.
- D. At the end of your testimony you may wish to sing a favorite song or quote a portion of a song that best applies to your topic.

II. OUTLINE

- A. A carefully planned and well organized presentation can help you present Christ in a clear, attractive and simple way, better than one given without much thought.
- B. Below is a suggested outline to follow:
 1. Begin with an attention getting sentence.
 2. Share an aspect of your Christian life.
 3. Share how God strengthens your Christian life.
 4. Share how God is helping you through a struggle of life.
 5. In closing, share an applicable Bible verse and perhaps a song.

III. WRITING

- A. A short, well planned testimony will do more than one that is long, dragged out, and causes the audience to become lost. Try to be short and to the point, about three minutes.
- B. Emphasize that Jesus makes the difference in your life.
- C. While writing, avoid the following:
 1. Making negative or humiliating statements about churches, denominations, organizations, or individuals.
 2. Copying another person - give your own testimony.
 3. Overworking certain words such as fantastic, exciting, great, etc.
 4. Using large words or stereotyped expressions such as justification, redemption, born again, conversion, hallelujah, praise the Lord, etc.
- D. Be honest, sincere, positive, interesting, and realistic. Jesus does not eliminate all problems in life, and struggles often reoccur. However, Jesus does give us the power to live in peace in the midst of problems and struggles.

Personal Witness

Lined writing area for personal witness notes.

Dramas

**BE UNDERSTOOD—
ENUNCIATE**

**ACT WITH YOUR BODY
AND MOUTH**

**DON'T TURN BACK TO
AUDIENCE** (unless called
for in the script)

**OVERACT TO BE UNDER-
STOOD**

**DON'T STRESS—HAVE
FUN**



**TAKE GOOD CARE OF
THE DRAMA BOOKS AND
SCRIPTS**

**PERFORM, WATCH,
LISTEN, AND LEARN
RESPECTFULLY**

**REHEARSE IN FRONT OF
A GROUP TO GET BETTER**

MEMORIZE YOUR PARTS

**PROJECT TO GET THE
MESSAGE OUT**

USE PROPS

**PRAY THAT THE MESSAGE
IS WELL-SENT AND WELL-
RECEIVED**

CHECK OUT the videos on
the website that our Travel
Teams recorded for ideas.

*God bless your drama
presentations that all may
hear that Jesus is their Savior.*

Puppets



ADJUST THE STAGE TO YOURSELF IF USING A PORTABLE STAGE

PRACTICE HOLDING THE TOP OF THE CURTAIN A LITTLE HIGHER THAN THE PUPPETEERS' HEADS

PRACTICE SETTING UP THE CURTAIN AND HOLDING THE PUPPETS BEFORE IT'S TIME TO PERFORM

HOLD PUPPET HANDS STRAIGHT UP TO AVOID TIRING YOUR SHOULDER

RESPECT THE PUPPETS

TAKE GOOD CARE OF PUPPET SCRIPTS

ONLY USE PUPPETS DURING THE PLAY

KNOW WHETHER YOU'RE GOING TO USE A PORTABLE OR STABLE STAGE

ADJUST YOURSELF TO A STABLE STAGE

CURTAIN HOLDERS SHOULD NOT DRAW ATTENTION TO THEMSELVES, BUT TO THE PUPPETS

FOLD UP AND PUT AWAY THE CURTAIN WITH THE PUPPETS AFTER THE PLAY

PUPPETS DON'T FLY (NORMALLY) SO KEEP THE PUPPETS AT THE SAME WAIST-HIGH HEIGHT OR SITTING DOWN ON THE CURTAIN ROD

EVENLY SPACE PUPPETS ACROSS THE WIDTH OF THE CURTAIN

PUPPETS HAVE TO LOOK DOWN TO THEIR SEATED AUDIENCE AND OVER TO TALK TO EACH OTHER

MOUTHS OPEN AT EACH SYLLABLE AND CLOSE WHEN NOT SPEAKING

FLUCTUATE THE PUPPET'S VOICE AND MOUTH AS YOU WOULD IN CONVERSATION

GIVE THE PUPPET PERSONALITY—WHILE STILL CONVEYING THE GOSPEL

SPEAK TO BE HEARD BY ALL

MOVE THE PUPPET ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPT ACTIVITIES

IF YOU CAN MOVE THE PUPPET ARMS, AS WITH STICKS ATTACHED WITH VELCRO, DO SO AS THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PUPPET WOULD

PRACTICE TO MAKE YOUR PUPPET COME "ALIVE" FOR YOUR AUDIENCE

REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL AS YOUR CHIEF GOAL

God bless your puppet presentations that all may hear that Jesus is their Savior.