

NAME testimonies

Leader: Cut out the testimonies below and ask for volunteers to read them during your group time. Tell them that these are true stories, but the names have been changed.

Sarah:

My name is Sarah and I am 9 years old. My father is a pastor in Egypt. We have a small church and my family lives in two rooms in the back of the church. Most people are not Christians in my town. One night, some angry men broke the windows of our church and set the building on fire. My family had to quickly escape so we wouldn't be hurt. We are afraid that people still want to hurt us, so we are hiding in the home of some neighbors. My father says that even though we are afraid, we can't stop telling people about Jesus. He says that they need to know about eternal life in heaven.

Adel:

I'm Adel, a 7-year-old boy who lives in the desert of North Africa. Even though I am young, I work really hard with my family. I help to take care of the camels and set up our tents each night. We don't have a home at all. My family travels around in the desert, trading cloth or spice to make money to buy food. Each night, we sleep in tents that we set up in the sand. No one has ever told us about Jesus. Because we travel through the desert, most people would have a very hard time getting to us. The temperature is very hot and most people would not want to come find us. I hope that someday, someone will be brave enough to find us and tell us about Jesus.

Erica:

I am a Christian worker in North Africa and the Middle East. It's very hard to live here, but God has given me a lot of love for the people here. I really want them to know about Jesus, so I've chosen to make this place my home. Most people here do not like Christians, however. One day I was arrested for telling people about Jesus. The police were not kind to me. I prayed that God would protect me. The police put me into a cell with another woman. I had a small Bible in my purse and I began to read it with her. She had not heard the stories from the Bible before. After a few hours the police let me go, and now I'm so thankful that I got to share with that woman the truth of Christ. When I'm persecuted, I now pray that Jesus will give me chances to speak about Him.

