

What is a testimony?

Lesson Learnt:

This idea helps to explain to children what a testimony is how they can share (be a witness) with others about what they saw for themselves. The Gospels are written by people that actually witnessed what Jesus did and then gave their testimony. These testimonies help us learn about who Jesus is, they show us that Jesus met all the prophecies made about the Saviour in the Old Testament and they help us to believe in Him. Encourage children that they too can give their testimonies about Jesus by just simply saying what they have experienced and learnt.

Props needed:

- Plate of whipped cream
- Distinctive outfit such as a wig, scarf, slippers, funny hat etc.

Link to video demonstration: <https://youtu.be/azQ2OpDuoAU>

Dialogue:

Leader	Hey they! Did you know that this term we are going to learn about testimonies?
Puppet	WHAT!?! You are going to be “testing me”? Oh no I don’t like tests. Will I have to study?
Leader	Oh, not “testing me” TEST-I-MO-NY
Puppet	Yes, that’s what I said TEST MAKE ME MOANY
Leader	I can see I am going to need to explain what a testimony is... <i>(as the leader begins to explain what a testimony is, have someone dressed up in very distinctive clothing, come in without the leader seeing them. Get them to do something silly like pull a face, kick the leader on the bum, and finally smash a cream pie in their face. At the end ask the children to each tell you exactly what they saw, what the person did, what they looked like. Finally line up a row of people and get them to identify who it was.)</i>
Puppet	Hey, those kids just told us everything they saw and heard and told us exactly about what happened and about the person that did it!

	Did they just give their testimony?
Leader	Exactly, you've got it!
Person dressed up	Hee hee that's exactly why I did it. So, you can learn this important lesson ... are you ready for it. When we tell everyone all the things that God has done for us and how wonderful He is they will be able to easily recognize Him as the great God they want to love and follow too.
Puppet	So... when we tell others our testimonies about God, they will know how great He is and want to love Him too!
Leaders	Exactly.

