

## TESTIMONY INSTRUCTIONS

Pick a bible verse from the list or one of your own choosing (cleared first by Pastor Mike).

### Basic Outline

**Introduction:** ("thank yous", who I am, and what I am going to talk about)

*Hello everyone, My name is Lurleen Loretta Honeysuckle-Lemonpie. First I'd like to thank my family for being here today for my Confirmation. My parents are here and my grandparents came from Kentucky. My best friend Lucy Van Melonwinkle is here too. That's them in the third row. Thank you for being here to support me as I give my faith testimony.*

**Verse:**

*The verse I picked for my confirmation testimony is Romans 1:16 which says, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel because it is the power of God for salvation for everyone who believes."*

**Truth:** (What this verse MEANS, what I've LEARNED from the Catechism and Pastor's instruction about this. Include the GOSPEL -- The Good News About Jesus and His love for us)

*Pastor Mike taught me that the word Gospel means good news. Not just any good news like the Chargers winning the Superbowl would be good news, but rather it is good news about Jesus. The good news is that God sent His son Jesus for me. Jesus was God's only Son who was perfect in every way. He lived a perfect life. He loved everyone he met and especially included those on the margins that others passed by. He died on a cross for my sins and rose again from the dead to prove he was God and open the door to heaven for me.*

**Application** (What it mean FOR ME, how it has changed my life, what I like about it, what I plan to do with it)

*For me this verse is special because the good news about Jesus is good news for me personally. I don't have to be perfect because Jesus was perfect for me. I am saved. I am a sinner and I could never save myself.*

*This truth has helped me find the courage to stand up as a Christian. I've always been a Christian as long as I can remember. My parents brought me to church and Sunday school. I've served as an acolyte and in many Christmas programs. But I didn't always understand what it meant to be a Christian. I thought it was just something you knew or that you went to church. I didn't realize that it meant trusting Jesus and living more like Him. Sometimes, I wondered how to talk to my friends about my faith and I didn't feel confident sharing what I believe or standing up for God. Something has changed. I feel like I'm beginning to understand how much God loves me and what He has done for me in Jesus. While I know I don't have all the answers, I'm ready to talk to anyone about Jesus and His Lordship in my life.*

*My Confirmation says we should not be ashamed of the Gospel. I am not ashamed! I am not ashamed of who I am in Jesus. I have been baptized into Christ and I am proud to be called a Christian. To be a Christian means you shouldn't be ashamed to be associated with Him, believe in Him and live for Him. My goal is to live my life proudly for Jesus Christ. I know at times this will be hard because there is so much pressure to live selfishly like most people in the world. But I know that with my God's help I can learn to live more like him every day especially as I grow in my faith. I know God will help me with this and that's good news too.*

*Thank you.*

## SAMPLE TESTIMONY

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