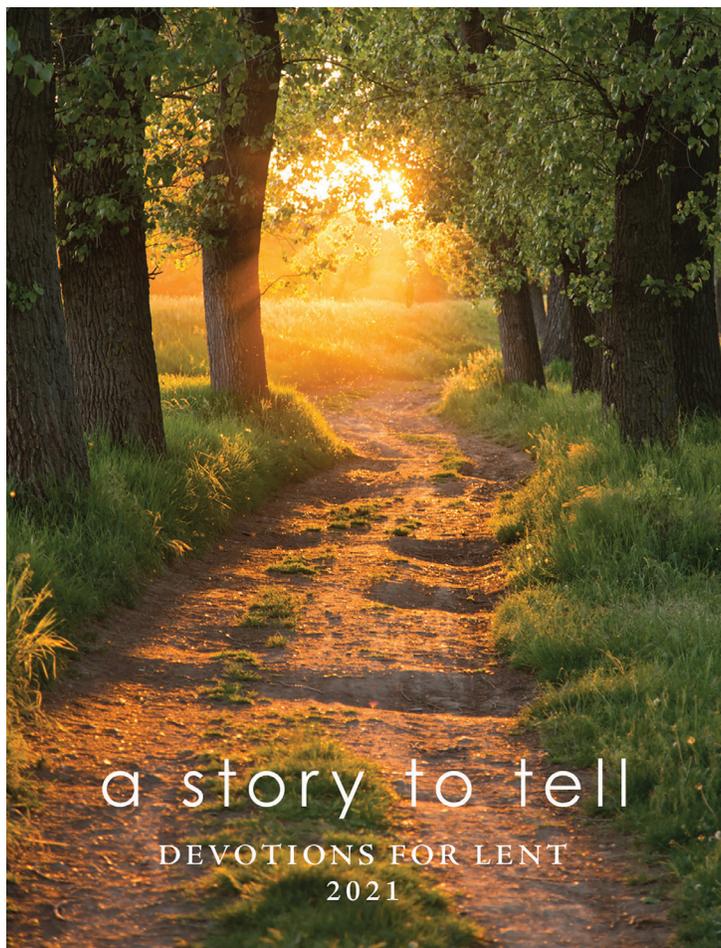


# a story to tell

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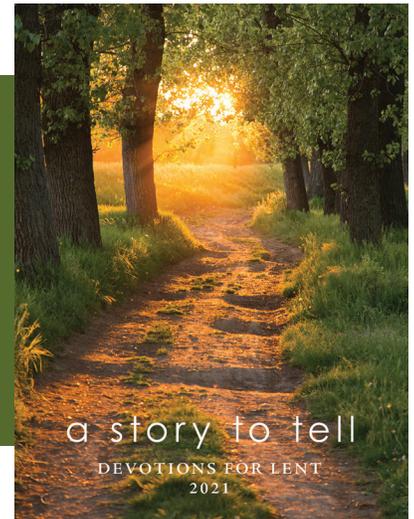
to the next. The urgent tone of the story grabs us and pulls us in, but all the action comes to a halt when those who see the empty tomb tell no one about this. Is this the end of the story?

This beautiful, full-color Lenten devotional highlights readings from the gospel of Matthew with 46 entries, one for each day from Ash Wednesday to Easter. Each reading is accompanied by a photo, a quote to ponder, a reflection, and a prayer. This accessible and colorful format makes it easy to incorporate a simple Christian observance into your Lenten journey.

*A Story to Tell* focuses on texts from the Gospel of Mark that show Jesus' journey from baptism to the cross. The

gospel writer has a story to tell, moving quickly from one scene

# USING a story to tell IN YOUR HOME EACH DAY



## On your own

- If possible, light a candle and set a small bowl of water next to it. (Hint: Turn off electronic devices at this time.)
- Look at the photo for the day, read the devotion, and pray the prayer. Add to the prayer if you wish.
- Dip your fingers into the water and make the sign of the cross on your forehead.

## With others

- If possible, light a candle and set a small bowl of water next to it. (Hint: Turn off electronic devices at this time.)
- Look at the photo for the day together. (With a child or children, ask a question about the photo, for example: What do you like about this picture? What do you think happens next? How do you feel when you look at this picture? What does this picture make you want to do?)
- Have one person read the scripture passage and “To ponder” quote aloud, and another read the reflection. Pray the prayer aloud together.
- Dip your fingers into the water and make the sign of the cross on each other’s foreheads.

## Tips

- Make devotions a daily habit, like brushing your teeth. Many people find it helpful to have devotions at the same time and place every day (or most days)—at a table before or during a meal, on the bus or train to school or work, in a child’s room at bedtime. Do what works best for you.
- Don’t give up if you miss a day! Move ahead to the next devotion the following day.
- If you are using *A Story To Tell* with others, consider putting someone in charge of making sure you take time for daily devotions. (Children especially may enjoy this responsibility!)

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