

Family Stories: Primary / Middlers, Juniors / Teens / Young Adults & Seniors

Levels: Most levels from Primary and above. See [Journaling](#) and [Think & Write Prompts](#)

Teachers Note: This activity requires that students will be able to read and print (or write). You may also want to have a few helpers in class for the younger students. The project can be started in class and finished at home with parental hel. This is an activity that can be worked on over several class periods as a Journaling project.

Materials Needed:

1. Pencils or pens, erasers, (can add colored pencils or markers for illustrating)
2. Inexpensive paper for drafts of stories, or story outlines to fill in.
3. Journaling books or inexpensive lined notebooks for their final copies. (optional)
4. **Older Students:** Sewn-in notebooks, one per student; pencils, pens, markers

Primary Outline 1: **My Story** (Click on title for 3 printable pages, 8 ½ x 11 paper)

1. Worksheet Outlines for students (younger grade levels). Click on title to print one or more copies (2 pages each set). If you have a large class you may prefer to photocopy additional sets needed, plus a few extra. Distribute to class and discuss what they are to write about in each section. Give them time to suggest a few ideas from their own experience. Each week they may add to their story, or use the stories to initiate discussion on related themes. The stories may be put into personal scrapbooks or writing books for students to keep (and to display at the end of the study unit).

Middlers, Juniors Outline 2: **I Am A CHRISTian!** (Click on title for 2 printable pages, 8 ½ x 11 paper)

Teachers Note: This activity may be used in conjunction with a study of the Sacraments, in particular, Baptism, Chrismation, Confession and Communion. Students can interview relatives and gather stories about their baptism and their participation in Church Life, keep a journal, add photos, etc. for a book entitled "My Life in the Church" or "I Am an Orthodox Christian!" A good resource for teachers and parents is [Our Life in the Church](#), published by the Orthodox Christian Education Commission (OCEC).

(See the [Teachers' Resource Center](#) for additional [Writing Outlines](#) for older levels, [Prompts for Reflective Writing](#), and [Questions to direct Journal Writing](#).)