



Guideposts

Guideposts magazine features true, first-person stories about everyday people who have been changed, in ways large or small, by an experience they've had. Narrators face challenges in their lives that they resolve through leaning on faith and God. The challenge can involve everything from day-to-day relationship issues, to life transitions such as caregiving, divorce, retirement or job loss, to close calls. Our stories deliver hope and inspiration with a clear spiritual point that readers can apply to everyday difficulties in their own lives. We want to be a source of spiritual well-being for our readers.

A story should be told as a first-person narrative, constructed through scenes that make readers feel as if they are there as the story is happening. There should be a clear narrative arc. We welcome stories that are ghostwritten, with the permission of the subject. Other tips:

- Tell the story from the perspective of the person who is changed most through the experience. Focus on one specific event or point in time rather than an entire life story.
- Show the specific change the narrator undergoes as a result of the experience, a message or insight that readers can apply to their own lives.
- Study the magazine and how stories are told.

Payment is made when the story is accepted for publication. We publish full-length stories (1,200–1,500 words), shorter features (300–600 words) and departments. Please do not submit essays, sermons, testimonials, fiction or poetry.

Send stories to:
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