

EVANGELISM

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Imagine you've been pouring into your family, giving them instruction and training on how to take care of things after you've gone. And now it's time. Your bags are packed. Are your final words important? Significant? What would be your expectations?

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in[into] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The significance Of Last Things

- Matthew 28:18 **Authority**: Who? How Much? Where?
- Matthew 28:19-20 is referred to as "**The Great Commission**".
 - Defn Commission: A **command** to act or to perform prescribed acts.
- The Great Commission Command:
 - Part 1: What? Where? Why?
 - Webster's Defn: Disciple of Christ: one who **accepts** and assists in **spreading** the *Gospel of Jesus Christ*.
 - Part 2: How? **Baptizing & Teaching**.
 1. Baptism is a picture/culmination (Metric) of accepted **Gospel** (Romans 10:14)
 2. Teaching Obedience (Metric) to His **Commands**. ("*... all the Law and the Prophets*" Matthew 22:37-40).

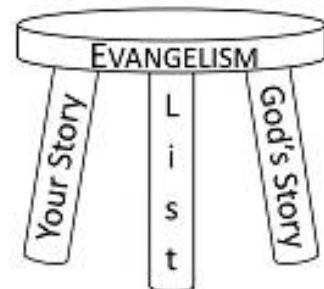
The FIRST Step in Making a Disciple is:
"Someone must tell them" (Romans 10:14)

We call this: _____



Evangelism is a 3-Legged Stool:

1. _____ Witness/Testify; What You Have Seen & Heard?
2. _____ Preach; A choice to break and a choice to restore relationship!
3. _____ Target; Who needs to hear?



Your Story

Your Story – What you have *Seen & Heard*

We *proclaim* to you what we have *seen and heard*, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 1st John 1:3

Your Story is what you have “**Seen & Heard**”. Whether you are like the simple shepherds in Luke 2:15-20, the uneducated fishermen in Acts 4:13-20, or a highly educated theologian as in Acts 22:12-15, we are all commanded to tell of what we have “Seen & Heard”.

Fishing for Men

Your Story is the single most powerful tool leading to a gospel presentation. When fishing for men, **Your Story** is the bait to find out if the fish is hungry. It’s the story of how a real God has changed a real life. It’s not about religion, it’s about real truth.

Your Story is:

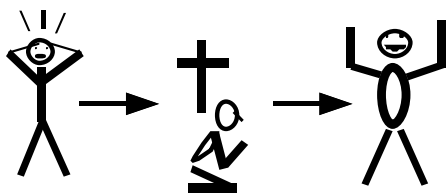
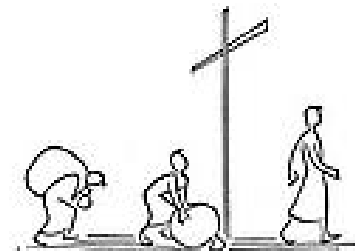
- ✓ Unique and easy to remember.
- ✓ Non-confrontational and irrefutable. (John 9:25)
- ✓ Good News which brings great joy.



- “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” John 3:3
- Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old is gone; behold, the new has come. 2nd Corinthians 5:17

Your Story has three distinct parts:

1. Your life before Jesus.
2. How you met Jesus.
3. Since Jesus came into your life.



1. Old Life: Worries/Fears/Sins
2. In Christ: Broken/Apology/Forgiven
3. New: Freedom/Hope/Assurance

What’s Your Story?

<p>My Story Like Paul Before King Agrippa, this is a simple way to share “my story” in about 2-3 minutes.</p> <p>Take a blank sheet of paper and draw a chart like the one you see on the right. Then write: “Before”, “Jesus”, and “Now” in the top row.</p>	<p><u>What to Say?</u></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>< BEFORE</th> <th>JESUS</th> <th>NOW ></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	< BEFORE	JESUS	NOW >									
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<p>My Decision Next, write a very short transition statement that describes how you began following Jesus. Do not use any “churchy” words.</p> <p>It can be as simple as: “One day I heard the Gospel, turned from my sin, and began following Jesus.”</p>	<p><u>What to Say?</u></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>< BEFORE</th> <th>JESUS</th> <th>NOW</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Time in my life...</td> <td>Then one day a friend shared with me that Jesus died for my sin and rose again, so I turned from my sin and began following Jesus as the King of my life.</td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Selfish</u></td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Depressed</u></td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	< BEFORE	JESUS	NOW	Time in my life...	Then one day a friend shared with me that Jesus died for my sin and rose again, so I turned from my sin and began following Jesus as the King of my life.		<u>Selfish</u>			<u>Depressed</u>		
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<p>Ask? Finally, draw a “?” in the middle of the bottom left column.</p> <p>After briefly sharing your story, invite the person(s) into the conversation. Ask something simple like; “Do you have a story like this?”</p> <p>If they are not a born-again believer, they do not.</p> <p>Ask if you can share with them “what” you believe...</p>	<u>What to Say?</u>		
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God’s Story: The Gospel


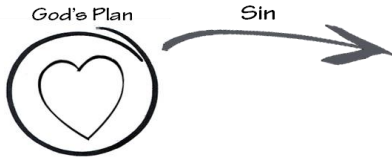
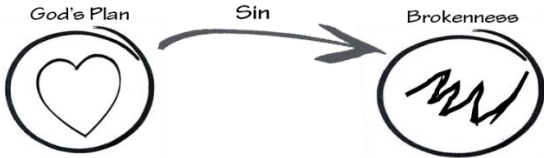
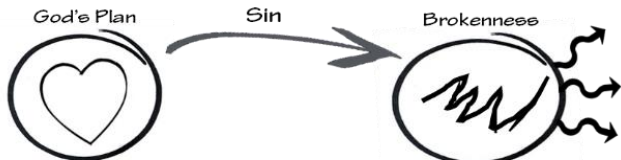
There are many ways to share the God’s story, but to do so properly we must include the Gospel’s C.O.R.E. components:

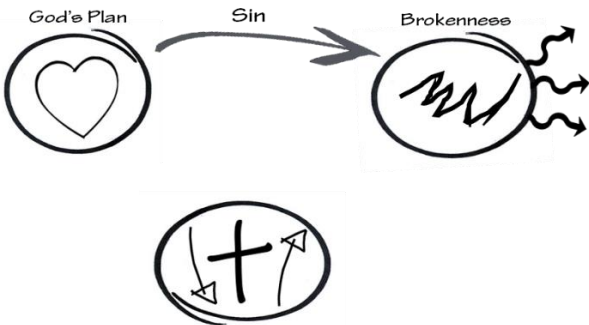
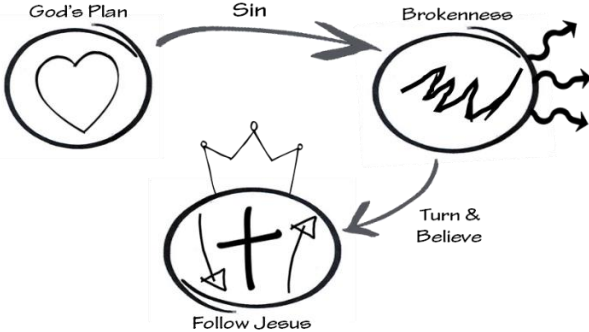
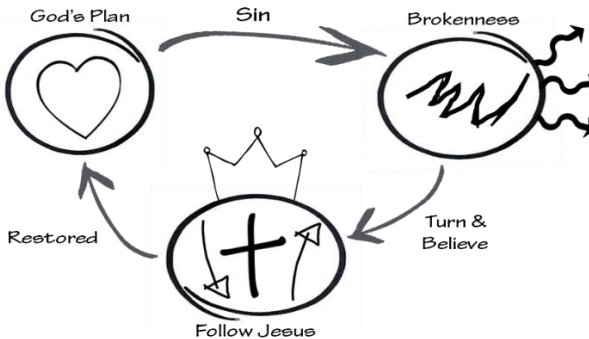
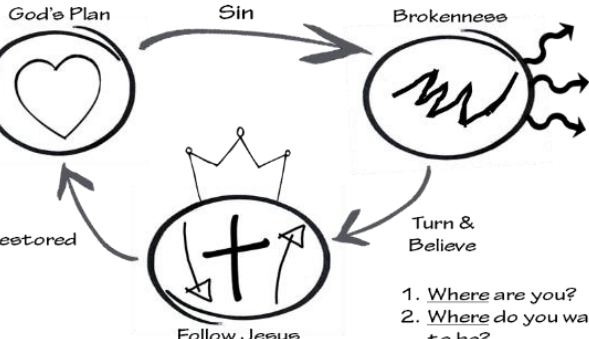
- C: Crucified:** Without Jesus’ death, there is no perfect sinless sacrifice (payment) for sin.
- O: Ordained:** Jesus’ sacrificial death and resurrection was God’s plan from the beginning as foretold in Genesis and the prophetic scriptures.
- R: Resurrected:** Without this, there is no defeat of sin, shame and death and therefore no restoration.
- E: Evidenced:** The Bible was written by eyewitnesses during the lifetimes of other eyewitnesses. They report of supernatural events which took place in fulfillment of specific prophecies, and these writers claim to be inspired by God.

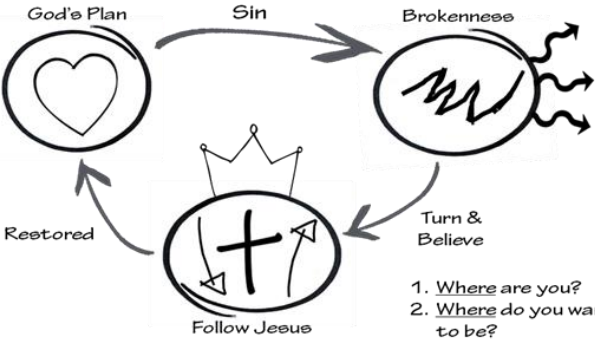
Here’s 3 to start with:

- 3-Circles:** A simple way to share Jesus’ Story centered around His death, burial, and resurrection. Note: As the first example it includes “Next Steps” and follow-up to be utilized with any Gospel presentation.
- 1-Verse:** By memorizing Romans 6:23, one can present a clear Gospel summary and offer the “choice” we must all make.
- 1-Story:** This is a condensed, yet comprehensive Creation-to-Christ presentation beginning in the first 3 chapters of Genesis, identifying man’s dilemma, and then offering the ordained solution Jesus Christ brings to those who “choose” to believe.

Here's a sample of 3-Circles

<p>God's Plan God Loves us. He has a wonderful plan and we need to join Him. God's plan is that we would love Him and love others. This is how the world was in the beginning. Everything was perfect, exactly how God created it. (Genesis 1:31; Psalms 19:1)</p>	
<p>Sin But it didn't take long for people to go their own way. Since the first created people, we have all chosen our own path instead of living life according to God's plan. Going our own way is called "sin". (Romans 3:23; 6:23a)</p>	
<p>Brokenness When we look around the world today, we can see it is full of brokenness because of our sin; war, murder, hate disease, addiction, poverty, etc. This was not part of god's original plan. (Romans 1:25; Proverbs 14:12)</p>	
<p>Arrows No one likes brokenness, so we try to fix it. Some ways we try to fix our brokenness are; drugs, alcohol, relationships, money, being religious, or just being "good" in our own sight. But these just snap us right back into brokenness. (Proverbs 14:12)</p>	

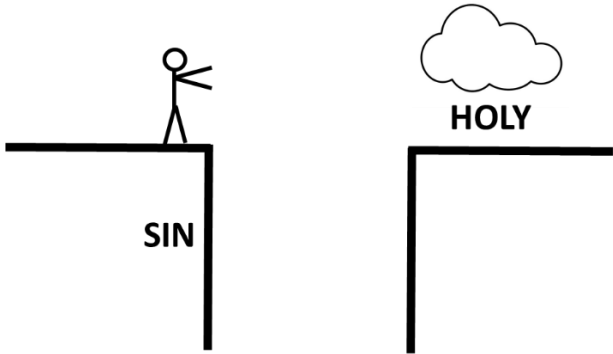
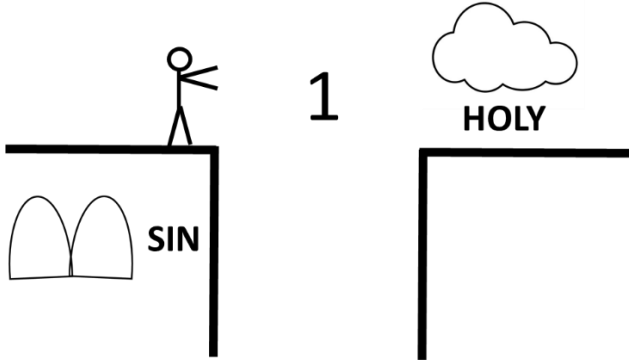
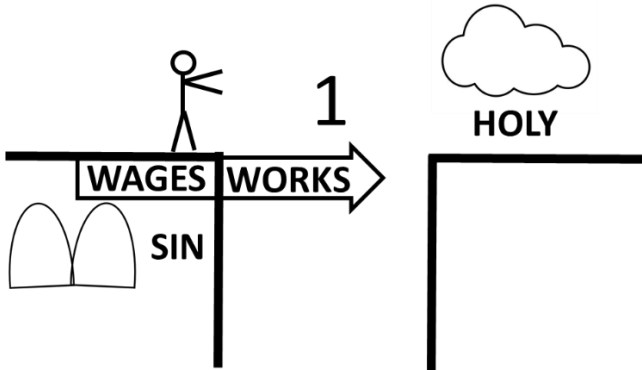
<p>Jesus God still has His plan available to us. He loves us! So, to fix our brokenness, God sent His son Jesus down to earth. Jesus never sinned but died on the cross for our sin. Then He rose from the grave, conquering sin and brokenness. (1st Corinthians 15:3-4; Romans 10:9)</p>	 <p>The diagram consists of three circles. The top-left circle is labeled 'God's Plan' and contains a heart. An arrow labeled 'Sin' points from this circle to the top-right circle, labeled 'Brokenness', which contains a jagged, wavy line and several arrows pointing outwards. Below these two circles is a third circle containing a cross, with an arrow pointing from the cross back to the 'God's Plan' circle.</p>
<p>Turn, Believe, Follow Jesus In order to accept this gift of Jesus' salvation from our sin and brokenness, we must honestly turn from our sin, believe in Jesus, and follow Him as the king (boss) of our lives. (Mark 1:15-17, Ephesians 2:8-9)</p>	 <p>This diagram is identical to the one above, but with an additional arrow labeled 'Turn & Believe' pointing from the 'Brokenness' circle to the 'Follow Jesus' circle. The 'Follow Jesus' circle now includes a crown above the cross.</p>
<p>Restored Jesus restores us so that we can join in God's plan. He forgives us of all our sin and gives us eternal life! His Spirit in us empowers us to love and obey Jesus, love others, and share this Good News with everyone. (Philippians 2:13; Ephesians 2:10)</p>	 <p>This diagram is identical to the one above, but with an additional arrow labeled 'Restored' pointing from the 'Follow Jesus' circle back to the 'God's Plan' circle.</p>
<p>Response *When you finish showing someone the 3-Circles, ask them:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where are you in this drawing? 2. Where do you want to be? 3. Will you begin following Jesus right now? 	 <p>This diagram is identical to the one above, but with an additional arrow labeled 'Restored' pointing from the 'Follow Jesus' circle back to the 'God's Plan' circle.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where are you? 2. Where do you want to be? 3. Will you follow Jesus?

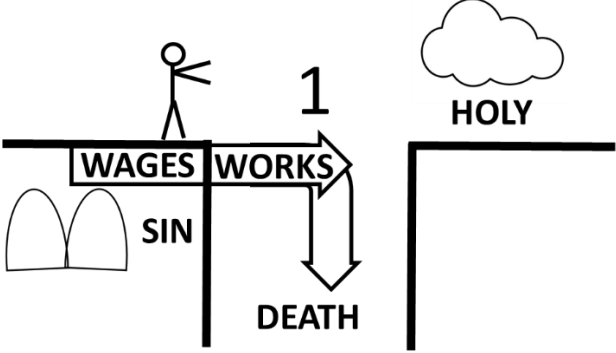
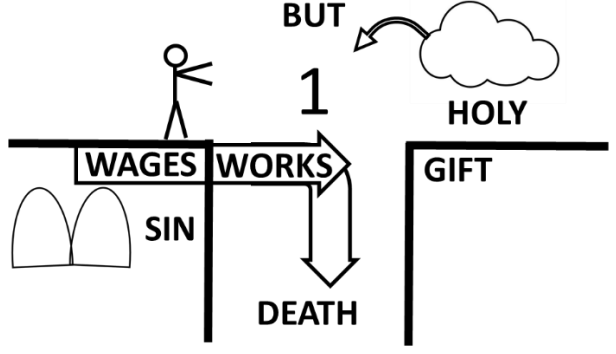
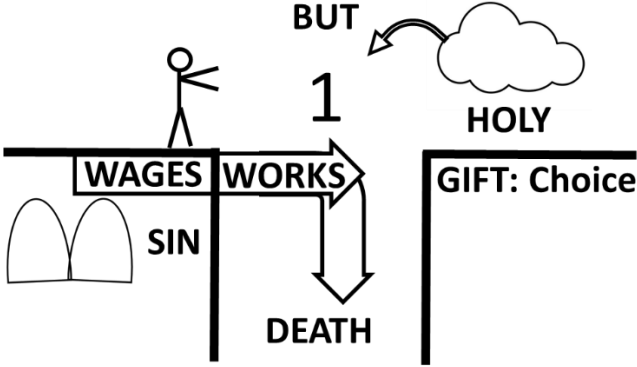
<p>Next Steps</p> <p>If the person says “Yes, I want to follow Jesus right now,” have them pray back through the 3-Circles...</p> <p>“God, I know you have a wonderful plan, I have sinned, I am broken, I want to turn from my sin and believe in Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection; I commit to follow Jesus as Lord.”</p>	 <p>1. <u>Where</u> are you? 2. <u>Where</u> do you want to be? 3. <u>Will</u> you follow Jesus?</p>
<p>Back Page (Turn sheet over)</p> <p>Will you commit to love and obey Jesus?</p> <p>In Matthew 7:24-27; Jesus shares a story of two people who build their lives on two very different foundations. They each hear God’s Word, but only one obeys. Will you choose to obey Jesus?</p>	<p><u>Commit to Love and Obey Jesus (John 14:15)</u></p> <p>1. 2. 3. 4.</p>
<p>Pray</p> <p>Jesus commands us to pray “His Kingdom come and His will be done” (Matthew 6:9-13)</p> <p>When, or how much time, will you commit to pray daily for people you know that are “far from God?”</p>	<p><u>Commit to Love and Obey Jesus (John 14:15)</u></p> <p>1. PRAY – Daily (Time: _____)</p> <p>2. 3. 4.</p>

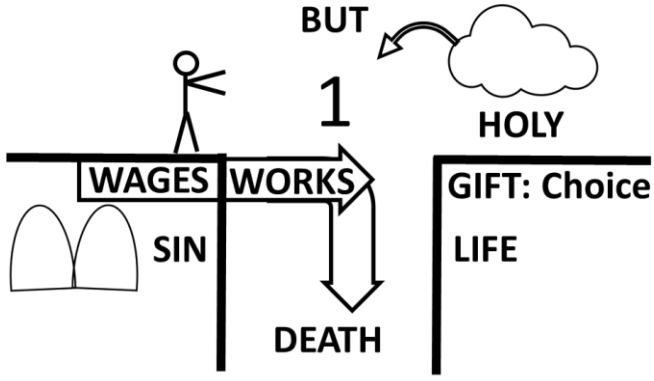
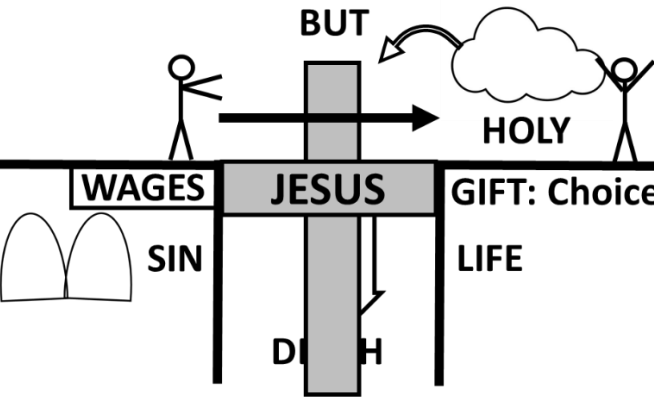
<p>Share Jesus desires His Gospel to be shared throughout all the earth. (Matthew 24:14)</p> <p>Who is one person you can share the Gospel within the next 7 days?</p>	<p><u>Commit to Love and Obey Jesus (John 14:15)</u></p> <p>1. PRAY - Daily (Time: _____)</p> <p>2. Share - One person in next 7 days (Name: _____)</p> <p>3.</p> <p>4.</p>
<p>Meet Again Jesus commands we teach new believers to obey all that He commanded. (Matthew 28:18-20)</p> <p>When and where will we meet again to begin learning how to follow Jesus?</p>	<p><u>Commit to Love and Obey Jesus (John 14:15)</u></p> <p>1. PRAY - Daily (Time: _____)</p> <p>2. Share - One person in next 7 days (Name: _____)</p> <p>3. Meet - (Place: _____ / Time: _____)</p> <p>4.</p>
<p>Invite Others In John 4, Jesus meets a Samaritan woman. She goes back to her home and invites others to meet Jesus.</p> <p>Who will you invite to our next meeting?</p>	<p><u>Commit to Love and Obey Jesus (John 14:15)</u></p> <p>1. PRAY - Daily (Time: _____)</p> <p>2. Share - One person in next 7 days (Name: _____)</p> <p>3. Meet - (Place: _____ / Time: _____)</p> <p>4. Invite Others - (Names: _____ _____)</p>

1-Verse: Romans 6:23

If you can memorize 1-verse, make sure it is Romans 6:23:

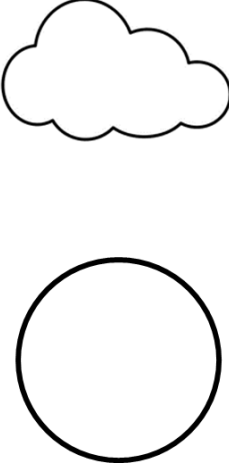
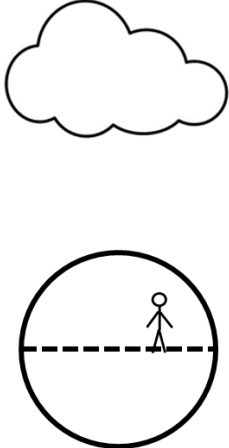
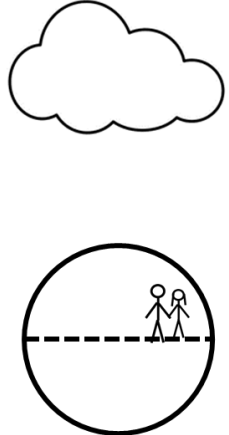
<p>Romans 6:23</p>	<p><i>"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord."</i></p>
<p>The Dilemma First draw a cavern with a man on one side and God, as a cloud, on the other side.</p> <p>On man's side write the word "sin" and on God's side the word "Holy".</p>	<p><u>1-Verse</u></p> 
<p>What is Sin? Sin is defined as missing the target, going our way and not God's way. 10 Commandments: Draw tablets.</p> <p>How many sins caused the separation between God & man? 1 Put a "1" in the middle.</p>	
<p>Wages & Work Write the word "Wages" and in the middle draw an arrow trying to bridge the gap. In the arrow, write the word "Works".</p> <p>What are wages? A wage is something YOU earn from YOUR work.</p>	<p><u>1-Verse</u></p> 

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<p>The Wages for our Works We are living in sin, separated from God. The wages of our works is Death; eternal separation from God.</p> <p>According to Romans 6:23, our “wages”, even for good “works”, is Death.</p>	<p><u>1-Verse</u></p> 
<p>But there is a Way There is a way to cross the gap. Write the word “But”.</p> <p><i>But, the gift of God.</i> Write the word “Gift” and an arrow coming from God.</p> <p>A Gift is something you DON’T work for, it is GIVEN FREELY.</p>	
<p>The Gift Who is giving the gift? God Can man earn the gift? No What does a gift cost the receiver? Free (Note: Someone had to pay for that gift.) But the receiver must Choose to accept or deny the gift. Write “Choice”</p>	

<p>Romans 6:23</p>	<p><i>“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.”</i></p>
<p>What is this Gift? Eternal Life Write the word “Life”</p> <p>Eternal Life is eternally in the presence of God – The broken relationship can be restored!</p> <p>Only God can do this!</p>	<p><u>1-Verse</u></p> 
<p>How do we get the Gift of Eternal Life? Through Jesus Christ! The perfect sacrifice for our sins. Jesus is the Bridge to Life. Our wage is death, His wage is life!</p> <p>How can we receive this GIFT? We must CHOOSE to ACCEPT it.</p>	
<p>Romans 10:9</p>	<p><i>“That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”</i></p>

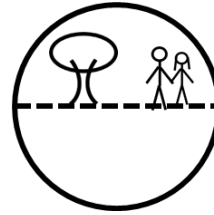
1-Story: God & Man

Genesis 1-3 presents the Problem. The Gospels provide the Solution.

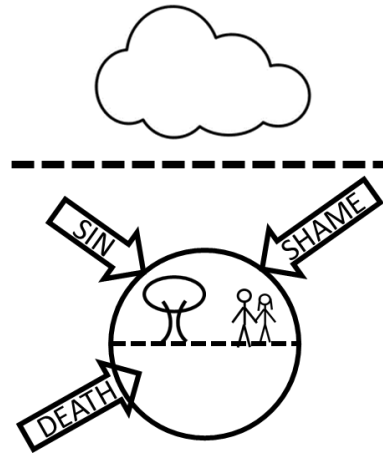
<p>Creation was Holy & Perfect God (cloud) is Holy and Perfect. And He created the world (circle). He created it Holy and Perfect He created the light and the dark, the land and the seas, the birds and the fish, the plants and the animals. Everything was Holy and Perfect. (Genesis 1)</p>	<p><u>1-Story</u></p> 
<p>Man & The Garden Then God made his most special creation; man. Man was special because God created him to be in relationship with God. They could walk together and talk together on the land; and everything was Holy and Perfect.</p>	
<p>A Perfect Place God also created a mate for the man. They walked together in this Holy and Perfect world with God. The man and the woman were naked in this world, just like the animals, but they felt no shame as this world was Holy and Perfect. There was no sin, there was no shame. (Genesis 1-2)</p>	

The First Choice

But God knew, to have a relationship the man needed to have a choice to be in the relationship. So God told the man, "Everything in this world is yours. But one thing; you may eat of any plant in this world except the fruit from this one tree."
(Genesis 2:15-17)

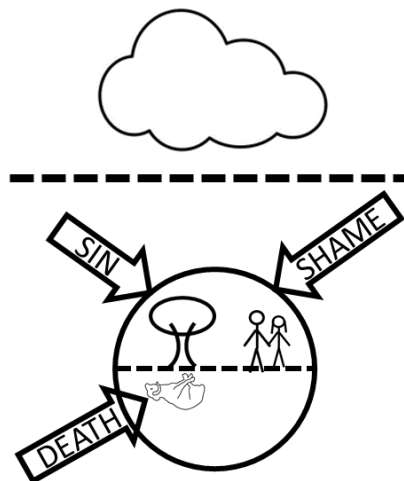
1-Story**The First Sin**

But what did the man do? They ate the forbidden fruit. And the relationship was broken! Immediately sin and shame and death entered the world. The man and woman saw that they were naked and felt great shame. They tried to cover their shame with leaves and hiding behind plants.

**The First Sacrifice**

So God took an animal and He killed it. He made clothing for the man and woman from the skin of the animal to cover their shame.

This was the first sacrifice for sin (The first Korbani).
(Genesis 3)



Seeking Restoration

Since that time, man has been trying to restore relationship with God through his own works and sacrifice. Each generation trying to cover its sin & shame (Genesis 4)

But “things beget their kind” and a sinful man produces a sinful man. We all have this sin inheritance in our DNA/blood/nature.

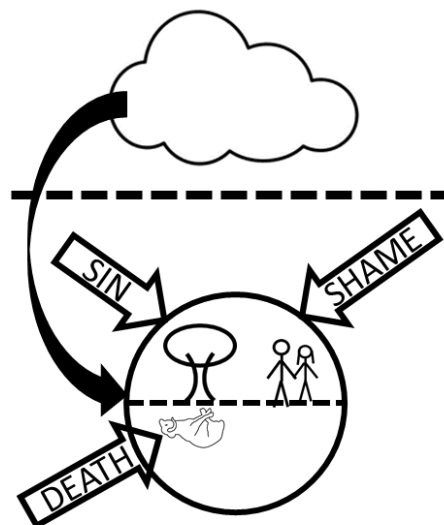
“How many sins did the first man commit to break relationship with God?” 1

“How many sins do we commit each day in thought or deed?”

Therefore, man is not able to restore the relationship good works and sacrifice.

1-Story**The Provision of Restoration**

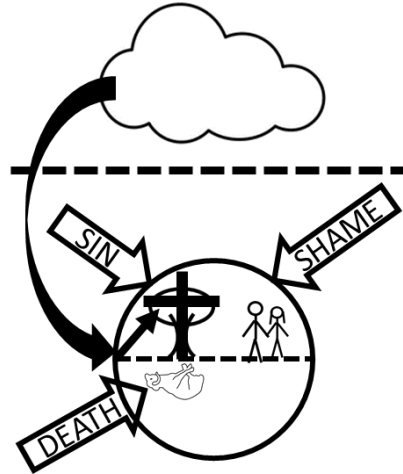
But, 20XX years ago God provided a Holy and Perfect sacrifice. In the womb of a virgin, God conceived (caused to begin) a baby, a new Adam; Jesus. (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23, Luke 1:26-38) No DNA of man and without sin and shame, Jesus could be Holy and Perfect.



The Perfect Sacrifice

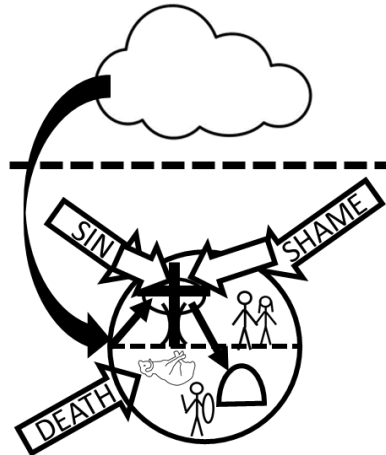
Jesus was filled with God's Spirit. He spoke God's words, performed miracles, even raising the dead. He was sinless. Evil men plotted against him, but God had a better plan. Jesus offered himself as the Holy and Perfect sacrifice for the sins of all men and was crucified. (Psalm 22, Isaiah 53)

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**Sin Is Defeated**

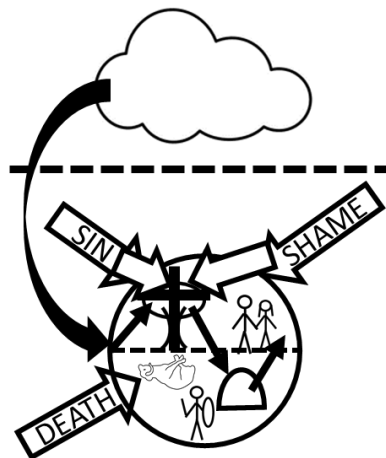
On the cross Jesus died and ALL the sin and shame of mankind was placed upon His perfect & holy sacrifice.

Jesus was buried in a tomb, a huge stone was rolled over the entrance, it was sealed, and a company of soldiers was commanded to guard it.

**Death Is Defeated**

But on the third day, angels rolled away the stone and Jesus walked out; alive!

Jesus had defeated sin, shame, and death. As God's Perfect and Holy provision, He provided a way to restore the relationship between God and man.



<p>Relationship Restored Over the next 40 days Jesus taught His disciples, was witnessed by over 500 followers.</p> <p>He instructed them to take God’s restorative plan to “the ends of the earth”, that those who choose to believe in His sacrifice would be restored.</p> <p>Then Jesus was taken up to heaven where he sits with God now waiting for this message to be delivered to everyone, so they can decide: will they choose to accept or choose to deny God’s redemptive plan? What is your choice? (Finish with Romans 6:23)</p>	<p><u>1-Story</u></p>
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Who Needs to Hear My Story & The Gospel?

(Hint: Start with your phone’s “Contacts” list)

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