

GOD'S STORY

SHARING THE BASICS OF THE GOSPEL

This can be done many different ways. There is one example below which uses verses from Romans. Consider spending an extended period of time in giving the story of the early chapters of Genesis in order to give sufficient background to understand the gospel. Consider using a basic sketch such as the one below as well.

Use your Bible if possible and allow the person to whom you are witnessing to read it for themselves if they can. Have them explain each verse in their own words and make sure they understand each verse before proceeding to the next one.

1. Romans 1:18-20, 28-32- God's identity and role

- Who is God?
- What angers God?

2. Romans 3:23- Man's need for salvation.

- What is man's spiritual problem?
- Who has sinned?
- What is sin?

3. Romans 6:23- The results of sin.

- What is the wage/penalty for sin?
- Who will receive this wage/penalty?
- What is God's plan for man's salvation?

4. Romans 5:6-10- Christ died to pay the penalty for sin and rose again to give new life.

- When did God love us?
- How did He pay for our sin?
- How did he save us and give us new life?

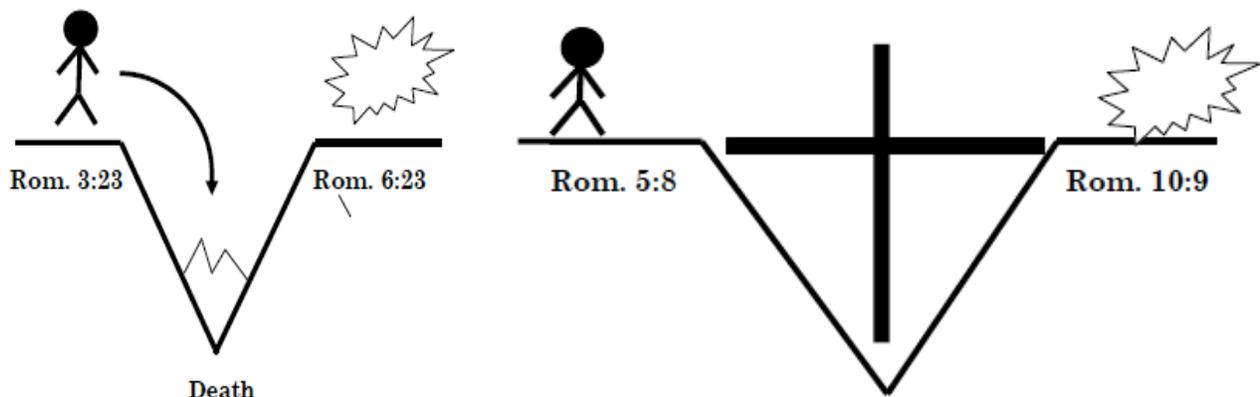
5. Romans 10:9-10- How can a person receive this salvation God offers?

- What two things must a person do to be saved?
- What does it mean to believe?
- What does it mean to call Jesus your Lord?

6. Ask them if they would like to become a follower of Jesus. Pray with them to accept the gift of life and commit their new life to God.

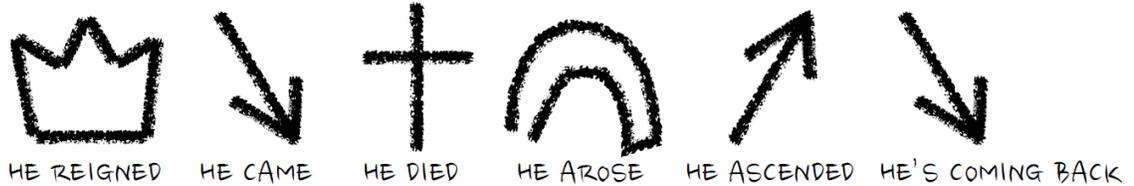
7. Rom. 10:13- Assurance of salvation.

- What does this verse promise?
- What did you just do?
- What did God do for you?



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CREATION TO JUDGMENT APPROACH



In the beginning, God created a perfect world. He made man a part of His family. Man rebelled against God and brought sin and suffering into the world. This meant that man was separated from God's family.



God sent His son Jesus into the world to bring man back into relationship with Himself. Jesus lived a perfect life. He taught the people about God. He performed miraculous acts and healed many people to demonstrate God's love and power.



Despite the fact that Jesus lived a perfect life and therefore did not have to die, He chose to die on a cross as payment for our sins.



He was buried in a tomb. God saw Jesus' sacrifice for sins and accepted it. He demonstrated this by raising Him from the dead on the third day. So if we recognize Jesus as Lord (God) and that He died for our sins, repent of our sins and ask for His salvation then we are accepted back into God's family and He gives us His Holy Spirit to live in us.



Jesus stayed on earth for forty days after being raised from the dead. He taught His followers that through the power of the Holy Spirit they were to bring people from all over the world to be His followers as well, joining the family of God. Then He was taken up into heaven while His followers watched.



In the future He will return to punish His enemies, all those who do not follow Him, and to reign with His family forever.