

The Gospel story using The Four

From the very beginning, there was God. And God spoke and created the entire universe, including the earth and everything in it. And he made a special creation: a man and a woman, who were made in God's own image. And this man and woman, named Adam and Eve,

had

a perfect relationship with God and each other. But one day, Adam and Eve disobeyed God. Their relationship with each other and with God was broken, and they were separated from Him. But because God loved them so much, He immediately began enacting His plan to restore humanity's broken relationship with Him.

Adam and Eve had children, and their children had children, until eventually the whole earth was full of people. But people kept disobeying God.

So, God sent messengers to tell the people to turn away from their disobedience and turn back to God, but the people didn't listen and continued to disobey. One of these messengers said to the people, "We have all disobeyed God. But God has promised to send a savior. This Promised Savior will take the punishment for our disobedience on Himself. He will suffer and die, but God will bring him back to life. And anyone who believes in and follows this Promised Savior will have a restored relationship with God, and will live with Him forever!"

Many generations of people lived and died, waiting for the Promised Savior, and they waited and waited.

And when the time was right, the Promised Savior, who was God's own Son, was born. (draw line down) And His name is Jesus.

When Jesus was about 30 years old, He traveled from village to village, teaching people about God's kingdom. He healed the sick, brought the dead back to life, calmed storms and performed many other miracles. He taught people to love God and love each other.

And Jesus told the people that anyone who believes in Him and follows Him could have a restored relationship with God and live with Him forever.

He told them He was God's Son, the Promised Savior!

Some people loved Jesus and believed He was the Promised Savior, and they followed Him; but, others didn't like what Jesus was saying and doing and they wanted to have him killed. And that's just what they did. And so Jesus suffered and died, taking the punishment for our disobedience. †(draw line across to finish the cross)

But this was all part of God's plan and three days later God brought Jesus back to life!

Jesus spent time with those who followed Him and He promised to send God's Spirit to teach and guide them. Then God took Jesus up into heaven.

Just as Jesus promised, He sent God's Spirit to live in the people that believe that He is the Promised Savior, making it possible to have a restored relationship with God.

And God promises us that one day Jesus will return and put an end to brokenness and disobedience once and for all, and He will restore the world to the perfection it was before Adam and Eve disobeyed. Those who have a relationship with Him will live forever with Him and there will be no more evil, no more sorrow, no more pain and no more death.

? So, would you like to know how you can have a relationship with God/Jesus?

(As you are telling the story you can draw the symbols)