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PANORAMA

From the very beginning, there was **God and only 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 ♥ had a perfect relationship with **God**. Until one day, they sinned by disobeying. Their relationship with **God** was broken, and they were separated from Him.

Well the man and woman had children, and their children had children, and people began to fill the earth. But people kept sinning against **God** and continued to be separated from Him.. ➗

But God had a plan. Because of His great love for us, **God** sent **messengers** to tell the people to turn away from their **sin** and turn back to **God**, but the people didn't listen and continued to **sin.** One of these **messengers** said to the people, "We have all sinned against **God**. But God has promised to send a **savior.** This **Promised Savior** will take the punishment for our **sin** 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, **God** kept His **promise**. This **Promised Savior,** who is **God's own Son,** was born. (draw line down - I) And His name is Jesus. When Jesus was about 30 years old, He traveled from town to town, teaching people about **God's kingdom**. He healed the sick, cast out demons, brought the dead back to life and performed many other **miracles**. He taught people to love **God** and love each other.

And Jesus told the people that anyone who turns away from their **sin** and turns to **God** and follows Him will have a restored relationship with **God** and live with Him forever.

Some people believed Jesus and followed Him. Others didn't like what he said or did. So they wanted to have him killed; and that's what they did! And just like God said through His messenger, Jesus suffered and died taking the punishment for our **sin**. ✝(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!

And Jesus spent time with those who followed Him, teaching them about **God's Kingdom**. He promised to send **God's Spirit** to continue to teach and guide them. After that, **God** took **Jesus** up into **heaven.**

Just as Jesus promised, He sent **God's Spirit** to live in anyone who **believes** that He is the **Promised Savior** and has a restored relationship with **God.**

God has already done everything to show us how much He loves us and wants to have a relationship with us.♥ Our **sin** has separated us from Him.➗ Since Jesus took the punishment for our **sin** upon Himself ☩ we can now have a restored relationship with **God**. If we **believe** that Jesus is the **Promised Savior** and we want to follow Him, we just need to **pray** to God and ask Him to forgive our **sins** and restore our relationship with Him. Would you like to **pray** to have a relationship with **God?**

SUGGESTED PRAYER: Dear **God,** thank You for loving me and wanting to have a relationship with me. Thank you Jesus for dying for my **sins** and **rising** from the dead for me. I realize that I have been living without You. I'm really sorry. Forgive my **sins, God**. I ask You to come into my life and I thank you for giving me a restored relationship with You.

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