

LEARNING THE BASICS

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Slide # 2 WHY STUDY HISTORY? - I was always told that we need to study history so we do not make the same mistakes as were made in the past. We should learn from others in the past so we can learn from their successes – what they did right as well as learn from their failures – what they did wrong.

Slide # 3 WHY STUDY HISTORY? - We should also study history to help us remember past events, our culture and family traditions.

Slide # 4 WHY STUDY BIBLICAL HISTORY? - God is awesome and we need to remember what all He has done in the past and relate it to our present lives. We must remember His Creation and how He created – it is a testimony to His infinite Power and Intelligence. By studying the Bible, we can see how He cared for His people, but we can also see His judgment on those who disobeyed Him.

Slide # 5 WHY STUDY BIBLICAL HISTORY? - We need to study Biblical history too in order to learn more and more about God and Jesus. The Bible is God's Word and His revelation to us about Himself. God wants us to develop a strong personal relationship with Him. To grow in a relationship with God, we must communicate with Him and think about Him often. We talk to Him through our prayers, and He talks to us through His written word. God likes it when we confess to Him, and to others, what we know about Him and His word. But in order to confess what we know, we must study to learn.

Slide # 6 HOW REMEMBER BIBLE STORIES? - So how can you help people to remember the stories of the Bible? We often learn by association and repetition. Jesus often told parables using familiar objects so He could teach several lessons. Over the centuries, families have helped their members remember their past by telling and retelling stories over and over. This is how we remember the details of Christmas and Easter, by retelling the stories every year.

Slide # 7 HOW REMEMBER BIBLE STORIES? - Therefore if we want to help adults and children remember the basics of Biblical history, we can tell the stories by using familiar objects and tell the stories over and over. This is the purpose of "Learning The Basics of The Bible & Christianity" – to help people learn and remember more about the Bible & help them grow in their relationship with God.

Slide # 8 LEARNING THE BASICS - When telling parables about the truths of the heavenly kingdom, Jesus used common items and familiar concepts which helped his audience understand and remember. With "Learning The Basics," you can do the same. Use it to help yourself remember and to help children remember Bible stories as they learn basic colors, shapes and numbers.

Colors, shapes and numbers are universal symbols which nearly all people around the world can understand. Also "Learning The Basics" pocket tool has no obvious Christian symbols, therefore it's an excellent witnessing tool which can be used even in areas which are hostile to Christianity.

See how these colors, shapes and numbers are used throughout this presentation of Biblical History. Memorize what they represent so you can teach the Bible stories and the gospel.

Slide # 9 CONCEIVED PLAN - In the Beginning, nothing existed except God and His Conceived Plan. God is good, clean, pure & holy.

Slide # 10 CREATED UNIVERSE - Then the one **(1)** and only true God said “let there be light (represented by the color **Yellow**)” and He created the universe and everything in it in 6 days - the earth first, then stars, sun, & moon (which are represented by the **circle** and) were signs for seasons, days, months and years. The earth was without form, shapeless (**no shape on page 0**), and void of any forms until God created the seas & land. Then He created all the original kinds of plants and animals and finally man. Then God said that His perfect creation was “very good.”

Slide # 11 CORRUPTED PERFECTION - Adam and Eve **(2)**, the first two people on earth, were given dominion over all the earth. They were to take care of it and do what God told them to do. There was only one thing that God told Adam not to do. He told him to not eat from only one tree – the Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil. But they did not **(X)** do what God asked – they sinned, or disobeyed God. Their sin corrupted God’s “very good” perfection. It tainted **(Gray)** the perfect world and relationship they had with God. All creation would now endure suffering, deterioration and death. Because of Adam’s sin, every person born of man, is born with a sin nature and spiritually dead and in need of a sinless savior. (Remember that Jesus was not born of man. His mother was a virgin.)

Slide # 12 CASTROPHE OCCURRED - Now, as the population of man grew, they continued to disobey God. They worshipped idols – God’s created things, but not God. All of mankind had become evil and selfish except one man, Noah, who obeyed God. So God told Noah to build a huge boat, an Ark (**the Rectangle**), with three decks **(3)** and three dimensions – about 450 feet long by 75 feet wide by 45 feet high, with his 3 sons. Then a catastrophe occurred – God destroyed the earth and its inhabitants with water **(Blue)** covering all land. All died except Noah, his family, and two **(2)** of each land dwelling animal kind (one male & one female) & 7 of some kinds.

Slide # 13 CONFUSED PEOPLE - Once the year-long flood was over, Noah, his wife and 3 sons, and their wives, and all the animals exited the Ark in the Mountains of Ararat (which is in modern day Turkey) and the population of man quickly grew again. But instead of the people spreading around the world as God had commanded, they all lived in one general area. Before long most people worshipped idols again and eventually they built the huge Tower of Babel to honor themselves and their gods. There was only one language among the people. There also were probably no distinctly separated people groups yet, since all their characteristics would have been mixed together **(Brown)**. But God confused the people and forced them to spread **(arrows)** in all four **(4)** directions – North, East, South and West – around the world by making each family group speak a different language. This act caused the start of many nations.

Slide # 14 CHOSEN NATION - About 400 years later, God began His chosen nation of people whom could love and worship Him and whom He could love and protect. Their history of worshipping and disobeying God and of God’s relationship with them is arranged **(Orange)** throughout the Old Testament in five **(5)** time periods: 1st *the Patriarchs* – Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob; 2nd *the 12 tribes of Israel* grew into a large nation of slaves in Egypt; 3rd, once freed by Moses, they *wandered the desert* for 40 years learning God’s laws and benefitting from God’s protection & provisions; 4th, once in their own land, God used *His judges* to remind the Jewish nation to worship God; and lastly 5th, the Israelites wanted an earthly king, so *kings ruled* the Jewish nation. This Jewish nation used the Star of David **(triangles)** as their symbol and the Torah **(5)** as their written guide.

Slide # 15 CHOSEN NATION - The **Star of David**, symbol of Jewish nation, is made with an inverted triangle overlapping an upright one.

Slide # 16 CHRIST CAME - Then, about 2000 years ago, Jesus Christ came to earth, leaving His royal **(Purple)** heavenly home in order to save His people whom He loved **(Heart)**. By the time Jesus came, the Jewish leader had a religion of rules but they did not have a relationship with God. So Jesus chose 12 disciples **(6 twice)** to teach them about God and the heavenly kingdom and to prepare them to spread the gospel, or “good news,” to all nations.

Slide # 17 CROSS DELIVERANCE - The main reason Jesus came to earth though was so He could die on the cross (cross), spilling blood **(Red)** for our deliverance from sin’s penalty of eternal separation from God. God’s Law shows us that we can never measure up to God’s standard of perfection and that we need someone who is perfect & sinless to take away our imperfection and present us faultless before God. The #6 is the # of man and the #7 is the # of God. Jesus is fully human (in body) **(6)**, but He is also fully God (in spirit) **(7)**. He was a perfect man with no sin or defects. Jesus spent over thirty years on earth, but He never once sinned – He was perfect. This made Him the only perfect sacrifice acceptable to pay Adam’s & our penalty for sin. Jesus deserves divine worship **(7)** since He is part of the Trinity, as God the Son, and He obeyed God the Father by willingly being the ultimate, perfect, substitutionary sacrifice for us.

Slide # 18 CROWNED ETERNITY - After Jesus died, He was buried in a tomb, but God healed and raised Him back to life in 3 days. Jesus taught for 40 more days before He ascended into heaven. He was seen by at least 500 people during the 40 days. When Jesus left earth, He promised to return for His believers. He will be our heavenly King forever, being crowned for eternity (8). There is no darkness in heaven, so its golden **(Gold)** streets will forever be lighted, as a star (star) continuously shines.

Slide # 19 CEASED LIVING - So how can you get to this everlasting heavenly kingdom? The Bible says that when we die, or cease living, our bodies will remain in the darkness (black) of the grave (square), but our spirit will live on, either with God in heaven or without Him in hell. We have no promise of a second chance (9), so the only way to know for sure if you will go to heaven is to become a Christian.

Slide # 20 CHRISTIAN LIFE - A Christian is a follower of Jesus Christ. To live a Christian life, you have to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and personal savior, ask for forgiveness of your sin, repent (turn away from a sinful lifestyle), then trust Him and try to obey God’s laws **(10)**. As a Christian you are to continue to grow in your faith and relationship with God just as a seed **(Oval)** grows **(Green)** into a plant. You grow by reading & studying the Bible and praying to God every day. Are you ready to accept Jesus Christ? If so, Tell Him!

Slide # 21 REVIEW - Now let’s see what you remember after just seeing the presentation one time. Let’s look at the symbols again and everyone tell me what you remember. We will do this quickly.

Slide # 22 THRU Slide # 32 (Don’t read the notes to your audience; just use them as a guide. Hit a few highlights – encouraging the audience to participate, then go to the next slide.)

Slide # 33 LEARNING THE BASICS – POCKET TOOL - Once you learn the Basics of the Bible and what the Colors, Shapes & Numbers represent, you can use a Pocket Tool to help teach it to others.

Slide # 34 POCKET TOOL (0 thru 4) - The Pocket Tool has all the Colors, Shapes & Numbers in the order of Biblical History and Gospel as presented in this presentation.

Slide # 35 POCKET TOOL (5 thru 10) - It folds up into a 1/6th sheet of paper, small enough to fit into your pocket.

Slide # 36 INSTRUCTION MANUAL - Now if you would like to learn more about how to use this teaching technique, I have an instruction manual too which list what all the colors, shapes, and numbers represent.

Slide # 37 COLORS REPRESENT - Here is what the Colors represent:

Slide # 38 SHAPES REPRESENT - And what the Shapes represent:

Slide # 39 NUMBERS REPRESENT - And what the Numbers represent:

Slide # 40 BIBLICAL TIMELINE - There is also a Biblical Timeline to help your remember the correct order of the Bible History and Gospel presentation.

Slide # 41 BIBLICAL HISTORY - There is also a brief one page explanation of Biblical History & the Gospel of Jesus Christ just like I presented it to you. You can make your presentation as long or brief as you like depending on your audience and time allotted and the goal you are trying to accomplish.

Slide # 42 WEBSITE SLIDE - To learn more about the Bible, and how reliable the Bible is, and more about the Christian faith, visiting my website www.biblicalreliability.com and see the articles, PowerPoint Presentations & Audio Presentations.

Also see much more information at www.AnswersInGenesis.org where I learned much of what I understand today.

I hope you enjoyed this presentation. If you have any questions, please see me afterwards.

Thank You!