

COLORS represent:

WHITE = pure, clean, good, holy, nothing
YELLOW = light, sun
GRAY = corrupted, impure, tainted, disturbed
BLUE = water, Noah's flood
BROWN = mixed together, blended
ORANGE = "Arrange" God's laws & people
PURPLE = the Royalty of Jesus
RED = Jesus' blood spilt to cover our sin debt
GOLD = Heaven's streets; High value; prized
BLACK = darkness, evil, unclean, death, a hole
GREEN = growth as a seed into a plant.
Primary Colors are Red, Blue & Yellow.
Mix two of these to form Secondary Colors
which are Green, Orange & Purple.
Mix two other Colors for a Tertiary Color.
Mix Black with White to get Gray.
Mix several colors together to get Brown.

SHAPES represent:

BLANK = Nothing, empty, void, clean
CIRCLE = Sphere of earth, sun & moon
X = Multiply & Not, No longer, bad, wrong
RECTANGLE = Noah's Ark shape; a "minus sign" – take away
ARROWS = spread out at Babel, go that way, directions (North, East, South, West)
TRIANGLE = Star of David, symbol of Jewish nation, is made with an inverted triangle overlapping an upright one; Trinity
HEART = Love
CROSS = a "plus sign" – Jesus adds hope and joy to our lives; Symbol of the Christian faith representing Christ's sacrificial death for sin
STAR = shines bright continuously as eternity
SQUARE = the physical grave for our body
OVAL = Christians grow as a SEED does

NUMBERS represent:

0 = Nothing, empty, void
1 = One & only God

2 = Adam & Eve, Good & Evil, two of each created kind – one male & one female
3 = Trinity – Triune God: the Father, the Son & the Holy Spirit; Trinities in Nature:
Space = Height, Width & Depth
Matter = Solid, Liquid & Gas
Time = Past, Present & Future
Noah's Ark with 3 decks & 3 sons
4 = 4 corners of the earth, 4 seasons
5 = first 5 books of Bible = Torah; 5 Jewish time periods
6 = the # of "man," human side of Jesus, Doubled makes 12 for disciples & tribes
7 = divine worship, obedience, completion & Rest (7 day creation week, Sabbath); # of God
8 = lying on its side resembles the symbol for infinity – as never ending time (eternity)
9 = we live & die once unlike 9 lives of a cat
10 = Laws: 10 Commandments

BIBLICAL TIMELINE

0 = **Conceived Plan** of God before time began
1 = **Created Universe** by God
2 = **Corrupted Perfection** by sin/disobedience
3 = **Catastrophe Occurred** with Noah's Flood
4 = **Confused People** at Tower of Babel
5 = **Chosen Nation** – history of OT Jews
6 = **Christ Came** – Jesus' ministry
7 = **Cross Deliverance** to save His people
8 = **Crowned Eternity** – Heavenly Kingdom
9 = **Ceased Living** – Heaven or Hell
10 = **Christian Life** – How to live forever

BIBLICAL HISTORY

The following is a short summary of the Bible. It explains the major events of Biblical Old Testament history (**0-5**), mostly from the book of Genesis, **and** the gospel of Jesus Christ (**6-8**) **and** the need for salvation and how to obtain it (**9-10**). See how these colors, shapes and numbers, in (), are used throughout the summary. Then

use the "Learning The Basics" pocket tool or PowerPoint presentation to teach others.

In the beginning nothing (**0, blank, White**) existed except God and His conceived plan. Then the one (**1**) and only true God said "let there be light (**Yellow**)" and He created the universe and everything in it in 6 days - the earth first, then stars, sun, & moon (**circle**) which 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 land & seas. Then He created all the original kinds of plants and animals and finally mankind.

Adam and Eve (**2**), the first two people on earth, were told to be fruitful and multiply(**X**). They were to take care of the earth and obey God. But they did not (**X**) do all 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.

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 (**Rectangle**), with three decks (**3**) and three dimensions – 300 cubits long by 50 cubits wide by 30 cubits 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).

Once the year-long flood was over, Noah, his wife and 3 sons, and their wives, and all the animals exited the Ark 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.

There were probably no distinctly separated people groups yet, hence all their characteristics would have been mixed together (**Brown**). There was only one language among the people. Before long most people worshipped idols again and eventually they built the huge Tower of Babel to honor themselves and their gods. But God confused the people and forced them to spread (**arrows**) in all four (**4**) directions around the world by making each family group speak a different language. This act caused the start of many nations which eventually developed different physical characteristics as seen today.

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 is *the Patriarchs* – Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob; 2nd *the 12 tribes of Jacob (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 promised-land, God used *His judges* to remind the Jewish nation to worship God; and lastly, 5th, the Israelites wanted an earthly king like the other nations had, 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.

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**) (read John 3:16). He chose 12 disciples (**6 twice**) to teach about God and the heavenly kingdom and to prepare them to spread the gospel, or "good news," to all nations. But the main reason Jesus came to earth 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 Jesus is fully human (body) (**6**), but He is also fully God (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.

After Jesus died, He was buried in a tomb, but God raised Him back to life in 3 days. Jesus (in His now glorified body) taught for 40 more days before He ascended into heaven. Jesus 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 by Jesus, as a star (**star**) continuously shines.

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, a follower of Jesus Christ, and 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 seed (**Oval**) grows (**Green**) into a plant, Christians are to also grow by reading & studying the Bible and praying to God every day.

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