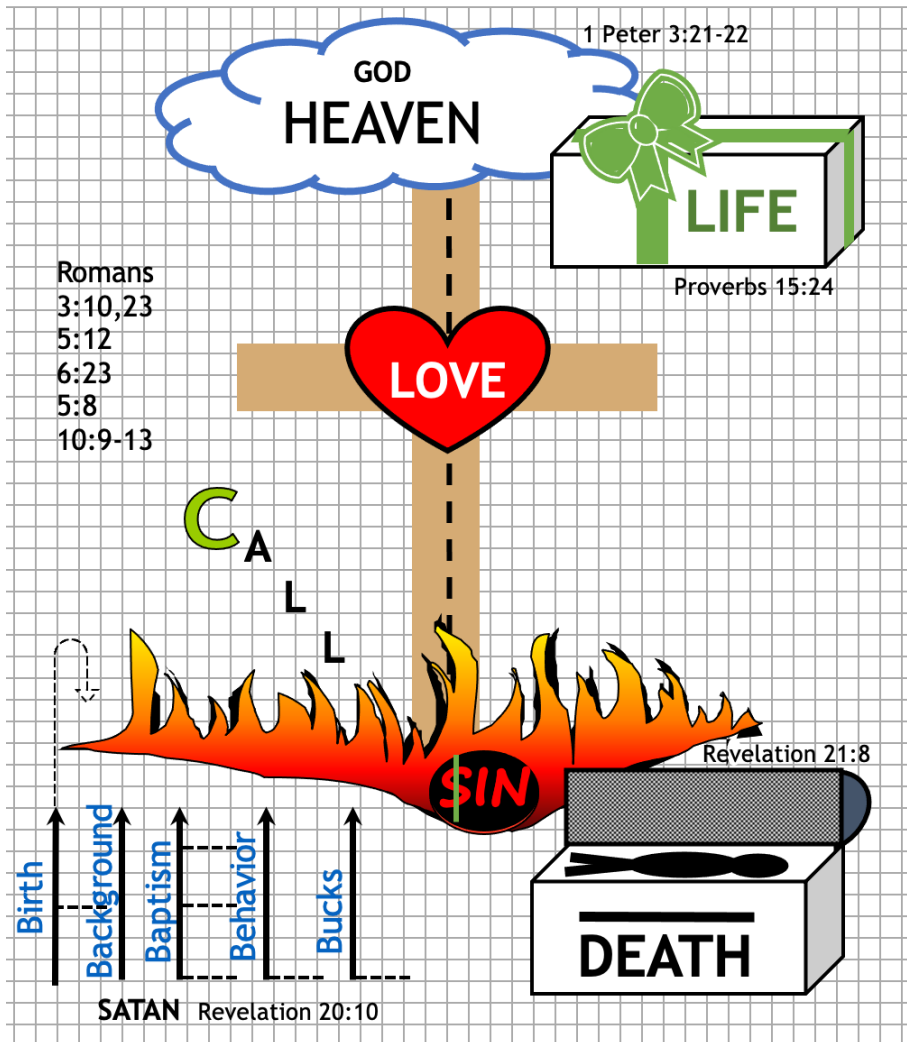


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1. Pray for the Spirit's power and good soil, then start plowing.

Use common items or current news to start a conversation. Ask "If you should die today, do you know where you will spend eternity? Ask "Where?" Then "Why?" Say, "Tell me about it." Ask, "May I draw you a picture? You've heard of crossword puzzles, but this is a crossword picture!"

2. Pitch the Seed

Ask, "Where does God live?" He's everywhere (Psalm 139), but 1Peter 3:21-22 says He rules now from Heaven. Most people will point up and say Heaven. (Draw clouds at top. Inside write GOD and HEAVEN.)

"What separates us from God?" According to Romans 3:10,23. (Notice the diagram and write "ALL" on an angle down-ward on left. Then write SIN near the page bottom.) Isaiah 1:15-18. Scarlet - red, guilty, blood on hands.

SIN means "missing the mark!" Like an archer, the arrows of our own attempts fall short. (Draw arrows and label; like Birth - Romans 3:23. Next, Background - Romans 5:12; Baptism (good works) - Titus 3:5; Ephesians 2:8-9; Behavior - Galatians 5:19-21; 1Peter 1:14-16; Bucks (Money) - 1Peter 1:18-19)

Because of our sin, the Bible says we deserve what? Revelation 21:8 says HELL. (Finish the word from the arrows, then draw fire-like flames across the page.) Romans 6:23 says "the wages of sin (Cross the S in SIN like a \$) is... _____." (DEATH. Draw a 3-D box—a casket—at the bottom right and label DEATH). "...but the gift of God is _____." (Eternal LIFE. Draw similar box with a bow by the clouds and label LIFE. Stop and ask questions as you point to the choices.) "For eternity, would you choose Heaven...or Hell? (Explain Hell). What is your choice between following God or Satan? ...between Life or Death? (No one has ever missed the right answers. Quote Proverbs 15:24 and commend them for being wise.)

So then, how can we "depart" from our hell-bound condition to God? Romans 6:23 says through whom? (Jesus Christ our Lord) He is the only way! (Quote John 14:6. Draw two straight lines from the flames to the cloud with a dotted line in the middle like a road, Thruway or toll road.) Someone had to pay sin's wages or toll. Who did? Do you know what John 3:16 says? (Quote. Then read Romans 5:8. Draw a heart in the middle of the road. Write LOVE in the heart. Finish the verse.) "While we were yet sinners, (Point to SIN at the bottom) ...Christ died for us." (Draw the crossbars. Optional: Write JESUS on crossbeam.)

"Would you like to know for sure if you died today that you'd have eternal life in Heaven?" (Read Romans 10:13.) "Whosoever" = anyone or ALL. (Point to ALL and add a "C" to make CALL. Explain prayer. Bow or kneel together. Pray first asking God to help him/her be willing to receive Christ. Ask him/her to pray aloud, by faith, confess sin and tell God (using the Picture) why he/she needs salvation, then ask for His free gift. If necessary, guide him/her in a prayer of repentance. Sign the drawing with phone # or email and give to the person for further review.)

3. Prepare for growth.

Show verses for assurance. (Romans 5:1; 8:1,35-39; 1John 5:13) Encourage him/her to tell others about this salvation, make a public profession in a Bible-believing church (Romans 10:11) and read the word of God faithfully. (2Timothy 3:14-17; 1Peter 2:2; 2Peter 3:17-18) Connect the convert with the pastor or Christian friend.