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The 7 C's Wordless Book Presentation

The information for this wordless book is based on Answers in Genesis' 7 C's of History: Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, Consummation. These are major biblical events that have affected (and will affect) the world in a major way.

The essential elements of this particular gospel presentation include 1) starting with Creation to show the nature of God's original creation and to demonstrate our accountability to our Creator; 2) explaining the Fall of Adam (Corruption) to understand what sin is and to show our need for a Savior; and 3) sharing God's solution for our sin—Jesus Christ, the Last Adam.

The particular way the gospel message is shared using the Creation Cube will change depending on whether the presentation is to an individual or to a group of people. Individual presentations can involve more personalized questions and answers in a dialogue format, whereas a group presentation may need to be more generic. This is an incredibly flexible way to share the gospel in personal evangelism because the presenter can decide what components he or she wants to emphasize. The presenter is free to just share the basic message, or to add Scripture and apologetic arguments as he or she feels is necessary for the given circumstance. Also, the presenter does not have to feel the burden of memorizing a lot of material because the visual cues on each panel of the cube will help him remember what should be said.

The following script is an example of how to use this presentation in personal evangelism.

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The Script

I would like to share with you how God's Word, the Bible, connects to the real world we live in, and answers questions such as:

- Why is there death and suffering?
- Where did the fossils come from?
- How did Noah fit all those animals on the Ark?
- Where did the so-called "races" come from?
- What does God require of us?

Many people don't realize how the historical events in the Bible connect together and help explain why our world today is the way that it is.

Creation

The Bible starts with the account of how God created everything. God's Word says that all things were created by Jesus Christ and for Jesus Christ (Col. 1:16). In the beginning, everything was perfect. When God had completely finished creating, he called all he had done "very good." Imagine a place with no death, no violence, no disease, no sickness, no thorns, and no fear!

Optional Apologetics

When we carefully study the Bible, we learn that our universe was created in six actual (24 hour) days approximately 6,000 years ago, not billions of years ago.

The type of science that we normally think of as "science," also called "operational science," can never be used to prove anything in the past since the experiments and procedures are conducted in the present. However, the findings of operational science cast doubt on the idea that the earth is many millions of years old:

- Continental erosion: The continents are eroding too fast. If they were millions of years old, they would have eroded away by now.
- Cave formations: Photo monitoring of cave formations has shown that long time periods are not needed for stalactites and stalagmites to form.
- Opals: An Australian scientist has demonstrated that opals can form in a matter of weeks to months under the right conditions.
- Salty seas: The oceans do not contain enough salt to have an age of hundreds of millions of years.

For more information on these (and other) examples, visit AnswersInGenesis.org/go/young.

Corruption

Next, the Bible reveals a corruption that occurred in the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve, the first two humans, were the parents of all humanity. They are our common ancestors. They broke a commandment that God had given them. When Adam and Eve rebelled against God and ate the forbidden fruit, their sin brought death and corruption into God's perfect creation. This explains why so many bad things happen in the world.

Adam's sin ushered death, sickness, and sorrow into the once-perfect creation (Romans 5:12). God also pronounced a curse on the world, changing it completely (Genesis 3, Romans 8:20–22). As a result, the world that we now live in is merely a decaying remnant—a corruption—of the beautiful, righteous world that Adam and Eve originally called home.

We can't blame God for all of the death, disease, pain, and suffering that we experience. In a sense, He gave us what we asked for. God had decreed that death (and all that it entails) was the punishment for disobedience. Since each of us, at some point, has disobeyed a command of God, we each deserve death.

In this account, we also see the first foreshadowing of Jesus Christ's sacrifice for our sin. According to the Bible, when Adam and Eve sinned, they became ashamed and tried to cover themselves with fig leaves. We do the same thing. We try to cover up our sin with our own righteousness (doing good deeds).

But our attempts at righteous living aren't enough to make up for our sin. God killed at least one animal (possibly more) and clothed Adam and Eve with the skin of the animal(s). That shows us that for our sin to be covered, God must provide the sacrifice and blood must be shed.

For more information, visit AnswersInGenesis.org/go/death-suffering.

Catastrophe

Next the Bible tells about a watery catastrophe that occurred in the time of Noah. This event helps to explain where many of the fossils and rock layers came from. From God's Word, we learn that as the descendants of Adam and Eve married and began to multiply on the earth, their wickedness became so great that God brought a watery judgment over the whole earth. In the same way that God once judged by water, He will one day judge the earth with fire (2 Pet. 3:5–7).

Noah and his family were saved from the worldwide deluge by building and boarding an ark. This is a picture of Jesus Christ who is our ark of salvation.

Just as there was one door to the ark, so Jesus Christ is the "door" through which we must enter to obtain salvation. God's Word says that there is no other name given under heaven by which men can be saved except Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12).

The people alive during Noah's day may have believed that he was building a really big ship. However, this belief did not save them from drowning in the flood. Those people in Noah's day had to be *in* the ark to be saved. In the same way, many people today say that they believe in Jesus, without truly embracing the salvation that he offers.

For more information, visit AnswersInGenesis.org/go/noah.

Optional Apologetics

Many people mistakenly believe that fossils require millions of years to form. However, many scientists now admit that this is simply not the case. Fossils have been known to form in a matter of days to weeks with the right concentration of water and minerals. The global flood described in the Bible would have provided good conditions to form many of the fossils that we find today.

For more information, visit AnswersIn

Genesis.org/go/fossils.

Noah could have easily fit all the animals on the ark because the capacity of the ark was equivalent to nearly 500 semi-trailers. Additionally, he didn't need to take two of every species of land animal. Instead he only needed two of every *kind* (family) of land-dwelling, air-breathing animal (for example, only two dogs, not two coyotes, two poodles, two dachshunds, and two wolfhounds). Even young adult dinosaurs would have been able to fit on the ark.

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Confusion

The next event happened around 100 years after the great flood. The historical account of the tower of Babel helps to explain the origin of the so-called "races." From the Bible, we learn that we all share a common ancestor in Adam and Eve (and more recently, through Noah and his family). The Bible says that from one blood God created all men (Acts 17:26). We are all blood relatives—it just depends how far back we go in our family tree to find our common ancestor.

After the flood, men began to multiply, and they again rebelled against God. Instead of spreading out to fill the earth as God had commanded, they gathered together and tried to build a tower to make a name for themselves. God brought a confusion of languages to the various family groups, causing them to be unable to understand each other. The family groups began to move apart. Each group carried with them different genetic characteristics which became more pronounced within their populations over time. From these families, the various ethnic groups and language families developed. Scientists have studied the human DNA and determined that the so-called "racial" differences between us are actually quite small. We are one race, the human race.

For more information, visit AnswersIn-Genesis.org/go/racism.

Many years after the event at Babel, God gave Moses his law, starting with the 10 Commandments, to show us how perfect and holy he is and how much we need him to save us from our lawlessness and sin. When God gave Moses the law, people began to see that they could never measure up to God's standard of

perfection (Romans 3:20)—if they broke any part of the law, the result was the same as breaking the whole lot (James 2:10)!

Many people will say they are basically good. But when we look at God's law, we see a completely different story.

Personal Application

[The law can also be used to show unbelievers the seriousness of their transgressions.] Sin is transgression of God's law. Sin is personal, between an individual and God, and the Bible tells us that everyone has sinned and is in need of a Savior.

1 John 3:4

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

Romans 3:20

For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

Romans 7:7

What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin.

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

[Select several of the following commandments depending on the situation.]

The Fifth Commandment says "honor your father and mother." So, if you've ever disrespected, disobeyed, or not valued your parents, then you're guilty of breaking this commandment.

The Sixth Commandment says "you shall not murder." Jesus said if you even hate someone, you're a murderer at heart. So, if you've ever even hated someone, then God sees you as a murderer at heart. *[The use of the Seventh Commandment requires special adaptation depending on the audience.]*

The Seventh Commandment says "you shall not commit adultery." Jesus said if you even look at a woman to lust you commit adultery in your heart. If you're

not married, then it is called fornication. So, involvement with sex outside of marriage, premarital sex, pornography, and lusting make us guilty of breaking this commandment.

The Eighth Commandment says “you shall not steal.” So, if you’ve ever stolen anything, then you are a thief in God’s eyes. It doesn’t matter if you stole a pencil, a paperclip, or a car stereo—it’s all the same to God.

The Ninth Commandment says you shall not lie. So, if you’ve ever told a lie, then you are a liar in God’s eyes.

It doesn’t matter what I or anybody else thinks about you—it only matters what God thinks.

But there’s good news! God didn’t just leave us in our awful state of guilt and sin. He provided a way for us to be saved from our sin and eternal separation from him.

Christ

God did not leave his precious—but corrupted—creation without hope. He promised to one day send someone who would take away the penalty for sin, which is eternal separation from him (Genesis 3:15; Romans 6:23).

Jesus Christ, the Creator and the Son of God, came to earth and was born as a human being. The Bible tells us that Christ is the infinite God-Man. “In the beginning was the Word [Jesus], and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... And the Word [Jesus] became flesh, and dwelt among us” (John 1:1, 14). The first Adam did not represent the human race well; he disobeyed the commands of the Creator. Jesus Christ, the Last Adam, was born as a human, and lived a sinless life in complete obedience to the his Father.

Cross

Although he had done nothing wrong, Jesus was crucified on a cross, providing the perfect sacrifice for sin. Jesus had to become a member of the human race so that he could die for our sin—the sin that started with our ancestor Adam. The sacrifice had to be Jesus Christ, the sinless Son of God, because the sacrifice needed to be perfect and eternal.

If you want to know how much God values his law and hates sin, look at what Jesus Christ had to suffer on the cross to satisfy God’s justice.

After Jesus died, he was put in a tomb. But Jesus Christ, the Creator of all things (John 1:1–3), was not defeated by death. He rose three days after he was crucified, showing that he has power over all things, including death, the “last enemy” (1 Cor. 15:26)!

For more information, visit AnswersIn-Genesis.org/go/jesus-christ.

Consummation

One day God will bring a new heaven and a new earth, and completely destroy all evil, death, and suffering. Those who have repented and placed their faith in the finished work of Christ look forward to the consummation of all things in the future, when the curse will be removed. In the new heaven and new earth, there will be no death or mourning or crying or pain (Revelation 21:4).

God commands all men everywhere to repent. He has appointed a day of judgment in which he will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ, whom he raised from the dead. (See Acts 17:30–31.)

In the past you may have heard an invitation to receive Jesus Christ. An invitation can be politely refused without any consequences. However, God gives us a *command* to repent. If the command is disobeyed, there are serious consequences: eternal separation from God in hell.

So we have a choice. We can repent of our sin and turn to God and receive his free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. Or we can continue in our rebellion against God and ultimately face eternal judgment. Our eternal destinies depend on whether we are united to the first or Last Adam. “For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive” (1 Cor. 15:22). Have you by faith renounced the disobedience of the old Adam and embraced the forgiveness of sin made possible by the new Adam, Jesus Christ?