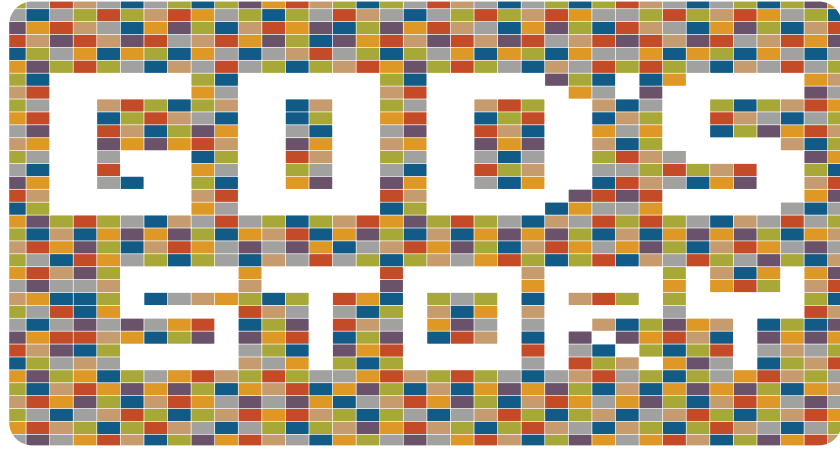
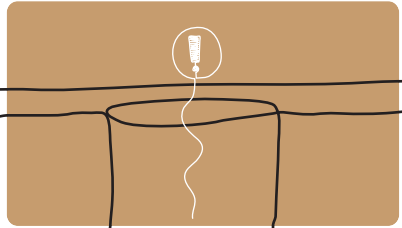
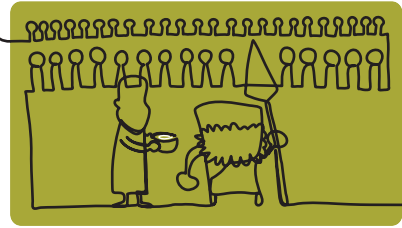
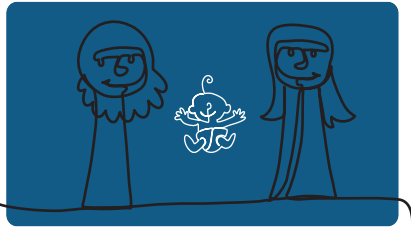
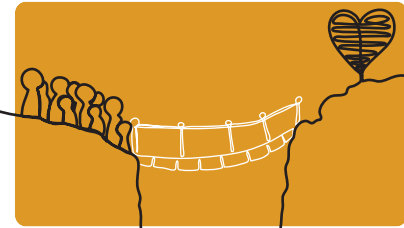
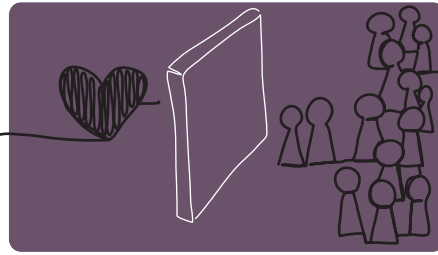
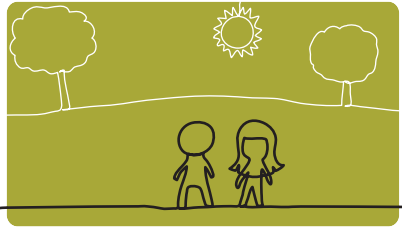
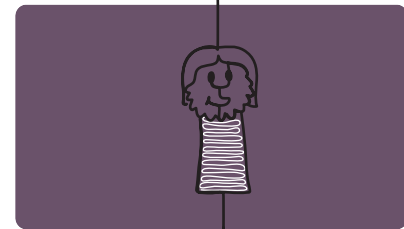
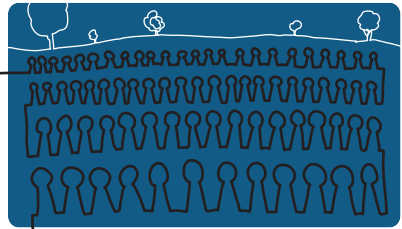
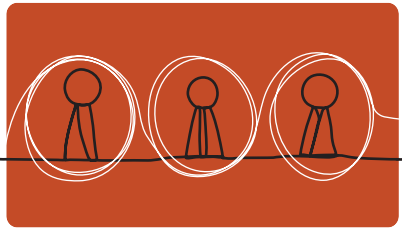
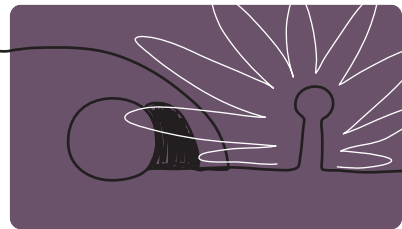
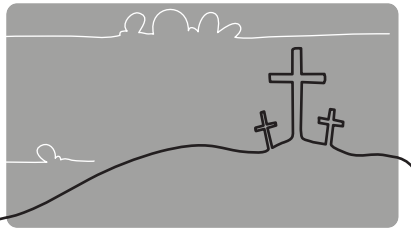
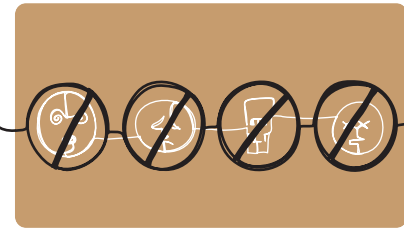
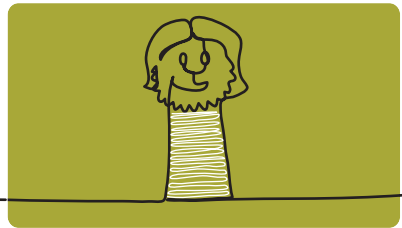
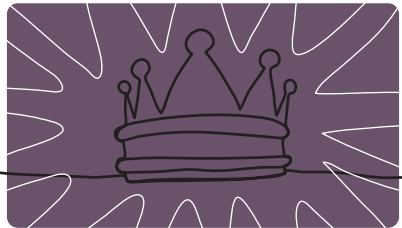
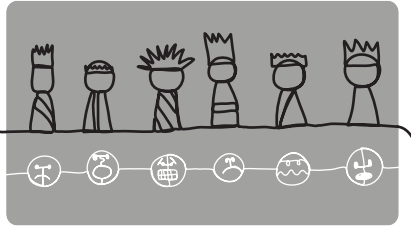


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Hang this poster up, or flip it over for another idea.



Now, God decided to send the Rescuer through a family. And the first two people in this family were named Abraham and Sarah.

They had to wait many years for the son God promised them. But God kept his promise and finally, Isaac was born. *[Genesis 12-20]*

6

But guess what? God didn't want to be separated from us. He loves us.

So he planned a Great Rescue to get rid of the death that keeps us from him. *[John 3:16]*

5

Even worse, Adam and Eve's bad choice separated them from God.

And that means everybody else who was born after them—which is everyone—is separated from God too. *[Romans 3:23]*

4

But unfortunately, God had an enemy who tricked Adam and Eve into thinking they didn't really need God. He told them they could take care of themselves.

So Adam and Eve stopped trusting God, and they chose to disobey him. When they made that choice, all the wrong things in the world began. *[Genesis 3]*

3

At the beginning of time, God created a perfect home. He made us in his own image, so we could live there and be close to him.

The first two people, Adam and Eve, actually walked and talked with God. They loved God and God loved them. He gave them everything they needed. *[Genesis 1-2]*

2

So there are lots of parts of God's story, but let's take a look at the whole thing:

1

And the Israelite kings? *[From 1 Kings: Saul, David, Solomon, Jeroboam, Manassa, Ahab, etc.]*

They made some really bad choices.

10

God asked Moses to save his family, but at first, Moses said no. *[Exodus 3-4]*

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1. Cut along the dotted lines to create story cards
2. Put the story cards in order
3. Fold the double square (this one!) in half
4. Place story cards inside the folded double square
5. Use the cards like a booklet (or mix them up and put them together like a puzzle)
6. Share with your friends!

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Joseph got thrown into a pit and sold by his own brothers. *[Genesis 37]*

8

Through Isaac, God's family got bigger and bigger. But even though they were God's special family, they weren't perfect.

Isaac's son Jacob tricked his twin brother Esau. *[Genesis 25-27]*

7

Then Jesus did something nobody expected. He took our punishment of death. Remember, we deserve to be separated from God by death because we do wrong things.

Jesus didn't deserve to die, because he was (and) is perfect.

16

Jesus did miracles like make sick people healthy and feed hungry people and even bring dead people back to life.

That's because in the Kingdom of God, nobody is ever sick or sad or hungry...nobody dies. And Jesus brought the Kingdom of God...to us! *[Matthew 13]*

15

But Jesus was a king, alright! And he showed us what it's like in God's kingdom.

14

Well, finally, hundreds of years later, Jesus the Rescuer was born, just like God promised!

People were surprised when he showed up as a baby, born in a manger with animals. They expected a mighty warrior! *[Luke 2]*

13

He told them the Rescuer would be a king. And that king would rescue everyone from all the wrong things in the world—all the pain and sadness.

Even death.

12

But God knew the Rescuer would change everything. And He loved his family, even though they messed up. Over and over, He showed them what the rescue would be like by saving his family when they were in trouble—and even telling them what to expect. *[Abraham and Isaac in Genesis 22; Passover in Exodus 12; Prophets like Isaiah and Hosea]*

11

When He does, he'll re-create a new, perfect world for everyone in God's family. It'll be God's Kingdom and an amazing home, just like God planned in the beginning. *[Revelation 21]*

And THAT's how WE can be part of God's story.

22

But that's not the end of God's Story!

God's story is still going. And that means WE can be part of it! And sure, right now we live in a world where we suffer and die.

But one day, Jesus will come back...

21

The Holy Spirit helped people like John, Lydia, Mary, Phoebe, Timothy, Paul and lots of others know and follow Jesus.

Then they showed others how to follow Jesus. And those people showed others. And those people showed others. And...well, you get the idea. *[Acts-Revelation]*

20

God's family started out afraid to do this job, but God sent the Holy Spirit to help them—and us!

The Holy Spirit does things like guide us, teach us, support us, even defend us.

19

Well, after 40 days, Jesus went back to Heaven. But right before Jesus left, he told us that our job is to keep getting to know him—and to tell people that he rescued us. That way, others can follow him.

Then Jesus rose straight up into the clouds! *[Acts 1]*

18

The exciting part is, Jesus came back to life! He completely squashed death.

And now, death can't separate us from God anymore! *[John 13-21]*

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