

SKETCHBOARD

SERMONS

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INTRODUCTION

SKETCHING THE GOSPEL

In our modern world, kindergarten children are taught to draw before they learn to write. The number of illustrated magazines, the newspaper comic strips, the recipe book, all tell the same story — one picture is worth a thousand words. Illustrate your adult sermons and children's messages and prove this for yourself!

ANYONE CAN DRAW:

Perhaps you are already protesting that you have never drawn anything but your breath! Let me encourage you. When a minister saw a friend of mine sketching the Gospel and using similar illustrations to those in this booklet, he said, "If that kind of 'hen scratching' can be used to attract and win souls, I am going to learn to 'hen scratch!'" And he has! And won souls with it! The illustrated messages which follow are all simple because the author is not an artist himself!

SUGGESTED MATERIALS TO USE:

THE BOARD AND EASEL:

Make a board from a piece of 3/8" plywood 3' x 4'. Any lumber yard will supply it. A folding easel can be purchased at a Sunday School Supply depot. If you want a portable board and easel cut the plywood in halves, making two pieces 3' x 3'. Tack 1" beading around the edges of both pieces and hinge in the center. Fit a handle and clasp. Make legs and the back stay from electric conduit tubing. Nail 2' x 3' blocks of wood on the back of the bottom outside edges of the board. These should be inside the bead and flush with it. Now drill a hole in the two bottom corners through the bead and partly into the wood blocks each large enough to fit the tubing. Cut tubing to desired length and you have the board legs. For portability the back stay is made of two pieces of conduit which fit together to make one long leg. (Legs and stay are carried inside the board when not in use). The back stay can be fixed to the board by nailing another block of wood near the center of back of the board and drilling it at an angle with a hole large enough to take the conduit. A small wood clamp tightened over the two center beads saves the board from folding while in use. Always have someone hold the board when using it outdoors. If blown over by the wind, it could injure a child.

For indoor meeting a 5' x 5' sketch board is the best size. The smaller board is not easily seen and looks childish and trivial especially for adult sermons. We use a folding board with an aluminum frame. Canvas is stretched on this and the paper tightened over it. A ping pong table is an excellent board. Lean it vertically with a prop behind it and the weight will keep it firm.



THE LARGE SKETCHBOARD IN USE

"reverse image." (2) Newspaper acts as a blotting paper and absorbs poster paint quickly. This enables various colors to be used without them running together. (3) It is cheap to use.

PAPER:

White newsprint paper is attached to the board with thumb tacks or "bulldog" clips. Newsprint comes in very large rolls and is taken from the printing press when the cardboard core on which it is rolled has only about an inch of unused paper left on it. This is ideal for sketchboard use. Inquire at a small local newspaper for one of these "cores." Large newspapers are reluctant to sell them because they use cores with steel ends which are returnable to the paper companies. Contact the foreman of the press room.

Cut to size from the "core" as you need it. Stretch tightly allowing an inch or so to go around to the back of the board. This is for neatness and will keep the wind from tearing it when used at outdoor meetings.

There are good reasons for using white newsprint paper. (1) A blackboard drawing with white chalk gives a negative picture. It is a

PAINT OR CHALKS:

Pastels may be used but large demonstration type chalks are softer and best. We recommend poster or tempera paints more than chalk. Some use a combination of both in their sketching. Tempera color is put up in small jars and can be purchased at "Woolworths" separately or in a box containing a variety of colors. Five colors are sufficient. The following colors blend best. Black, vermilion (bright red), yellow, emerald green and turquoise (blue).

There is a "trick" in using paint on newsprint. Shake the jar well and pour half of the paint into an empty baby food bottle. Use this because it has a wide neck. Do this for each color. Thin each color with water. Place all your bottles of colors in a small size fishing tackle metal box. The lid of this will provide a brush rest when open. Make sure you have a small bottle of water with the paints. A whole illustrated message can be ruined if the paints do not flow from the brush freely. It will take too long to do the illustration and bog down the sermon. The method must never hinder the message. Paint is correctly thinned when it flows freely but is not so thin that red becomes pink and black, grey, etc.

BRUSHES:

Brushes can be expensive. An inexpensive brush is the 1/2" Signcutter. It is essential that a brush holds enough paint to make a line about 5' long with one dip in the color. A brush will be needed for each color.

A FEW HINTS ON SKETCHING

Work with confidence when drawing before an audience. Look as though you know what you are doing, even if you do not feel as sure of yourself as you could be. Lack of confidence in the medium sows lack of confidence in the message.

Lightly pencil in the outline of what you intend to draw beforehand if you feel at all uncertain of yourself. It is most important that you keep your mind on your message and the use of the pencil will help you do this (because you can set out your picture before the meeting).

Talk as you draw. Keep looking back at the audience. Stand to one side of the board as you sketch. Use firm, definite lines. It is better to draw an imperfect circle quickly, than a scratchy one that looks correct. The audience will forgive your drawing faults if you do it quickly, but if you scratch about they will expect more from you. There is no need to be a "lightning sketch artist" but keep the brush moving. The paint will drip from the brush and it will also run down from the paper if you put it on too slowly. Wipe your brush on the side of the jar after you fill it each time. Use some pressure as you apply the paint. Add water if paint does not flow freely.

Some prefer using one sheet of paper for all the drawings instead of numerous sheets, because when you have finished, the complete sermon is there on the board before your hearers and has a more lasting effect because it is easier to recall.

In each of the following illustrated sermons you will see that a preparatory sketch is shown. This method is used for two reasons, firstly because in the open air a crowd can easily be gathered by attracting them by curiosity. None of the preparatory work makes sense until it is completed. I often spend ten minutes silently doing the preparation sketch in front of a growing audience in the streets of New York City. Recently, a man called out, "You will kill me in a minute if you do not tell me what that is supposed to be!" Secondly, being very limited as an artist I find it hard to add all the colors and complete the drawing while I am preaching. Even when using the large sketchboard I do enough preparatory drawing before I start preaching so that I can finish any illustrated part of the message in five minutes. This frees me from allowing the method to overshadow the Message. Using a 5' square board, the area to be covered with paint or chalk is large and its use can lengthen the sermon too much. To avoid this, fill in all the colors you need to, for trees, grass, sky, etc., and add the outline as you give the talk. This method arouses curiosity before the talk and adds to the interest while it lessens the strain — and it is a strain — of speaking and drawing together.

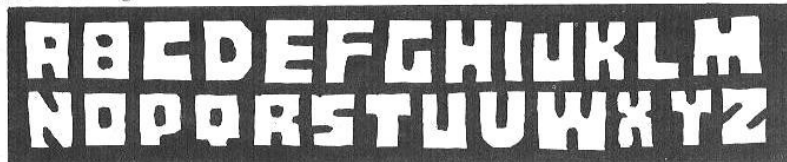
Sometimes draw the whole picture beforehand, coloring it and then leaving the principle figures to be added as you tell the story. An example of this is on Page 16, ("Is the Day of Miracles Past?"). Finish the drawing then add the four men and the palsied man. Outline the globe and add the Cross as you preach. In an indoor campaign I do all the preparation for the board ahead of the meeting time, then leave the board on the platform to arouse curiosity.

When your brush begins to dry up as you work, try what the artists call, "The dry brush" effect. Excellent clouds can be done this way and hills can be vignettied into the foreground. Poster colors are opaque and do not thin out well. The "dry brush" will give you a lighter color effect and assist you in shading.

Try framing your picture with foreground features — a man, palm leaves or tree leaves, a cave or a gate, etc.

The use of jet figures is commended. These little match men are a great aid in telling the story with brush or chalk. Anyone can draw them. Think of where your own arms or legs would be if you were jumping, walking, running, sitting, or kneeling, and it will help you draw these little men. W. C. Smith's books, "Little Jets Tell the Bible Stories," are well worth having. They are out of print at present but you may be able to buy a secondhand copy.

The "ladder" letters are wonderfully useful for emphasizing Bible verses and sermon headings.



These can be set out lightly in pencil beforehand as shown below.



Used like this, you are ready to give your first verse or outline almost immediately. Just fill in the pencil marks as you go. Remember the distance between the horizontal lines governs the number of words you can fit across the sketchboard. Make the spaces between words wider than those between the letters.

Here are the "ladder" letters in their groups. Construction of each group is similar.



A copy of a newspaper will assist you practicing straight lines. Use the lines of type as a guide to your brush as you do the horizontal lines.

REMEMBER: Keep each letter simple. Make it with an absolute minimum of strokes.

REMEMBER: If "ladder" lettering is hard, it is wrong. With "M" say to yourself — "One stroke at the top and two at the bottom." With "W" say, "Two at the top and one at the bottom."

Demonstrating these letters to 100 missionaries from a variety of countries in the world, I realized there were a number of fields where our alphabet was not used, e.g. Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, etc., so I showed them the "shorthand" letters of which a few examples follow:

A1- Bb PEFL CC
DI EFL FF GGC Ht

You can have an interesting time making up an alphabet of your own. All kinds of varieties can be worked out. Set out on the board like this:

"CC III FF - CF"

and fill in at the appropriate time like this:

"GO IN PEACE"

After I had done these, a missionary from Japan said to me "I've got it! Here is how I would do it in Japanese."

First sketch:



then fill in later



"This is our word for 'tree'"

("Who His Own Self bare our sins in His Own Body on the Tree." — I Peter 2:24).

Missionaries using Arabic saw similar possibilities.

When giving an illustrated talk, let the final application be supported by the sketching bringing the whole talk to a climax. Endeavor to make the final brush work the most interesting of all. When you take up your brush or chalk and commence a message, never put them down until you call the listeners to prayer as the meeting closes.

START A SCRAPBOOK

Get a scrapbook and paste in it cuttings from newspapers and magazines, drawing of trees, scenes, people, etc. Commercial artists know how to get excellent effects simply. Keep an alert eye open as you look at newspapers and magazines, and you will find lots of "reference" as the artists call this scrapbook idea. The newspaper art department has hundreds of drawings of hands, faces, scenes, etc. cut from other publications, filed and indexed for ready reference for the staff. Most commercial artists have their own private "reference" file. You will find the same idea invaluable.

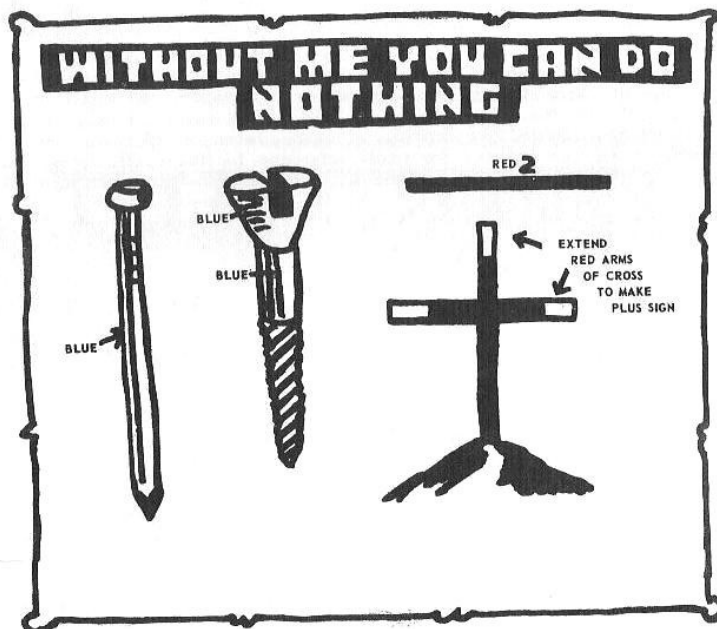
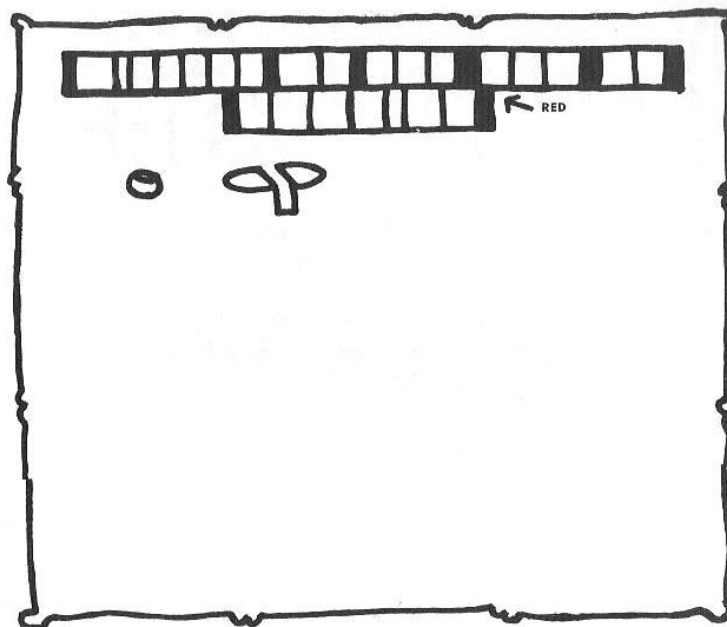
A cheap and most valuable booklet on drawing is "Drawing Bible Pictures" by H. W. Whanslaw.

If you need help or have inquiries about "SKETCHING THE GOSPEL", write —

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EVERYTHING ADDS UP TO NOTHING!

TEXT: "Without Me ye can do nothing," John 15:5.

SKETCHING PREPARATION: Draw in border and "ladder" for the above verse.

I WANT TO INTRODUCE YOU TO ONE OF THE HARDEST VERSES IN THE BIBLE TO BELIEVE.

"WITHOUT ME" (Fill in) This is Christ speaking.

"YOU" (Fill in) He is being personal.

"CAN DO" (Fill in) Think of how much man has done in the last few years. Once when you looked at the moon you saw a man in the moon. Now you don't know whether it is man or a monkey or a mouse!

"NOTHING" (Fill in) Without Christ everything adds up to nothing.

SOME THINGS IN LIFE CANNOT AFFORD TO BE INDEPENDENT. (Draw nail)

When they designed a nail they designed a hammer to go with it. THE HAMMER SAYS, "WITHOUT ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING!" All you can do without the hammer is to bend the nail.

HERE IS A SCREW.

Did you say, "What is that cleft part on the top of it?" THE SCREW DRIVER SAYS, "WITHOUT ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING!" Don't bang it with a hammer. You will ruin it!

A NAIL NEEDS A HAMMER, A SCREW A SCREW DRIVER, AND SINNERS NEED A SAVIOUR.

Here, in one stroke, is what God says about you, if you have not received Christ. (Draw in a minus sign) MINUS pardon, MINUS power over sin, MINUS peace with God, MINUS fellowship with God, MINUS everlasting Life. ARE YOU A MINUS SIGN?

DO YOU KNOW WHAT IS THE WORLD'S GREATEST PROBLEM TODAY?

(Draw a big "I")

This is the problem nationally, internationally, and individually — independence of God. SOMEONE HAS CALLED THIS, "PERPENDICULAR PERSONAL PRONOUNITIS" or "I" DISEASE!

DID YOU NOTICE WHAT THE BIG "I" REALLY IS? (Lay the brush along the Minus sign)

It is a minus sign standing up and making a noise trying to disguise itself, but God is never deceived.

WHAT CAN WE DO TO GET RID OF THE BIG "I" — THE MINUS SIGN?

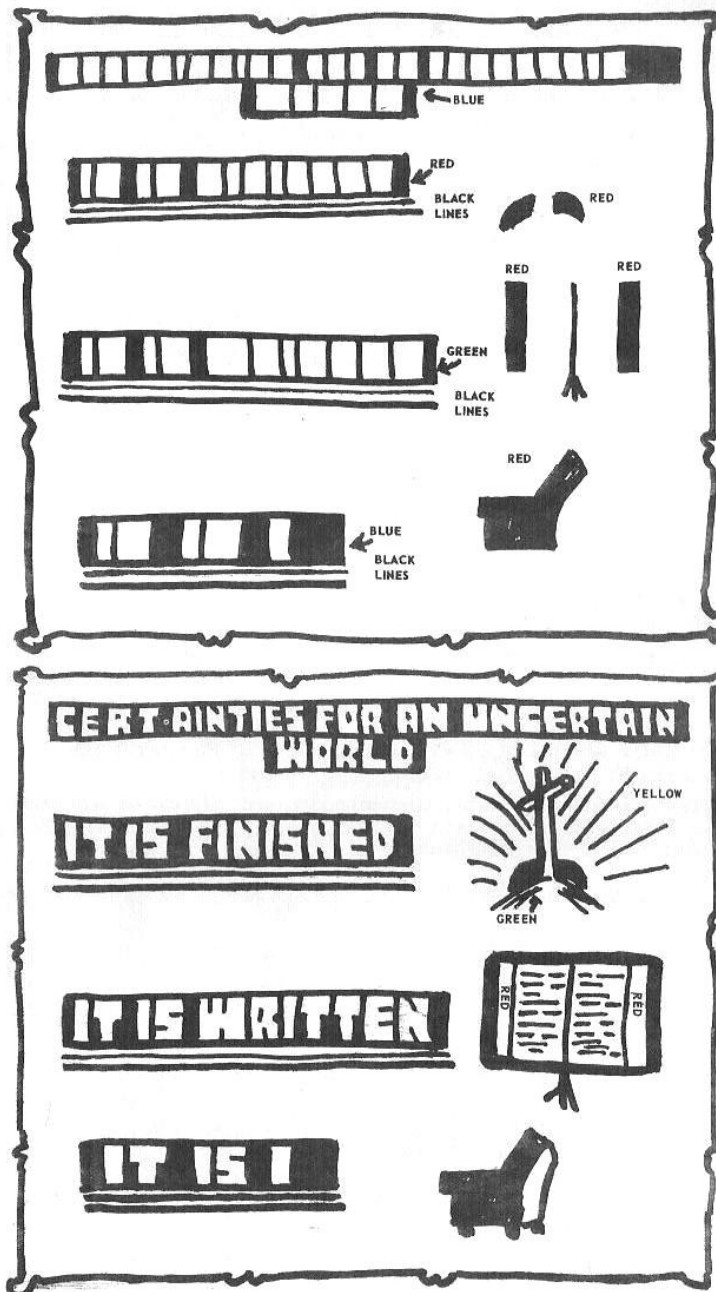
It has to be taken up a hill, a green hill. "There is a green Hill far away without a city wall. Where the dear Lord was crucified, Who died to save us all."

When we come to see that EVERYTHING ADDS UP TO NOTHING WITHOUT CHRIST and we come to Him knowing we are guilty sinners, then Calvary becomes the BIG "I" crossed out. (Cross out the "I" and make a cross).

A CHRISTIAN IS ONE WHO SAYS, "NOT I BUT CHRIST." (Extend the cross to make a plus sign).

NOW IT IS PLUS pardon, PLUS power over sin, PLUS peace with God, PLUS everything worth while!

WILL YOU RECEIVE HIM?



CERTAINTIES FOR AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

READING: Matthew 4:1-11.

SKETCHING PREPARATION: Prepare the title "ladders" and draw in the Verse "ladders" with the red areas shaded beside them.

THIS IS A DAY OF GREAT UNCERTAINTY.

When We Are Very Certain, We Say, "IT IS!" (Fill in)

The world is looking for things they can be sure about.

Here's Our First Certainty - "IT IS FINISHED!"

When Christ died upon the Cross (draw cross), He uttered these wonderful words - the Way of Salvation was complete - "It Is Finished. Yes, indeed, finished - every jot - sinner, this is all you need - tell me - is it not?"

Archeologists in Palestine found an ancient bill with "TETELESTAI" ("It Is Finished" - Greek) written right across it - PAID IN FULL.

James Hudson Taylor as an unconverted young man read these words, "The Finished Work of Christ," and said, "Then there dawned upon me the joyous conviction that as the whole work was finished - and the whole price paid - there was nothing left to do than to get down on my knees and accept Him."

IT IS WRITTEN.

Christ gave us His Precious Blood to save us - and His Wonderful Word to assure us. Here is certainty, indeed. How can I know I can have forgiveness? It is written in Acts 10:43, *Whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins.* How can I have everlasting Life? "It is written" - John 3:16.

IT IS I.

Christ gave us His Blood to save us, His Word to assure us, but best of all, He has given us His wonderful Presence to go with us in this life and into the countless ages of Eternity.

Not just the Word - but the Author of it.

Not just pardon - but the Pardoner.

Not just Life - but the Life Giver Himself.

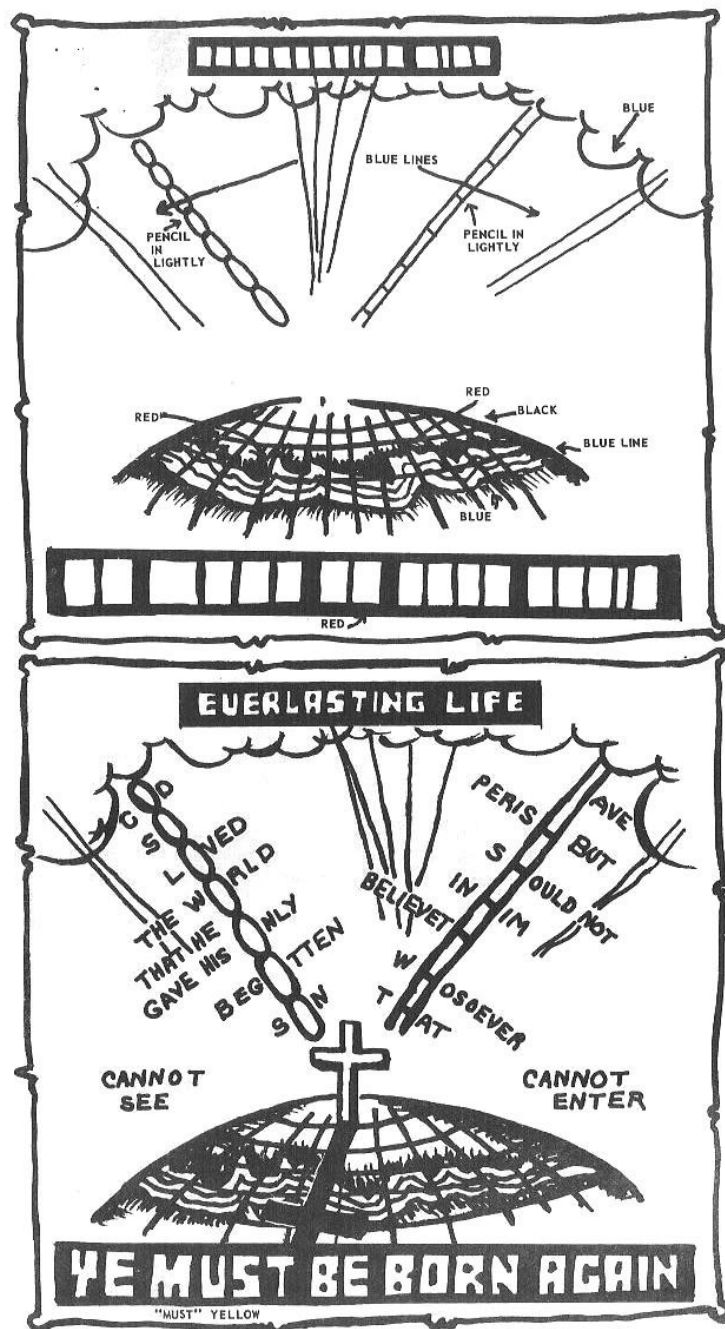
A man, calling on a dying friend, remarked on the chair beside his bed. "I had trouble in praying when first converted," the sick man answered. "My pastor suggested I put that chair (draw in chair) in my room and make a certain time for prayer each day - thinking of Christ sitting in the chair - then just go and talk to Him. Prayer has been different since then." He died a few days later, and was found with his hand resting on the chair.

*"Yea, though I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death,
I will Fear no Evil, for Thou Art With Me."*

Do you know this wonderful Saviour? Why don't you open the door of your life to Him? He says,

"BEHOLD I STAND AT THE DOOR AND KNOCK, IF ANY ONE HEARS MY VOICE AND WILL OPEN THE DOOR, I WILL COME IN."

This is how a Life of Certainty begins.



A GREAT MYSTERY AND ITS SIMPLE SOLUTION

TEXT: "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." — John 3:7.

SKETCHING PREPARATION: Draw in border, top of world, clouds, lettering, "ladder" for "EVERLASTING LIFE" and "YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN."

In a Chicago traffic jam, a taxi driver called out as he saw the O.A.C. Gospel van, "When I come back to earth again, I want to be a king!" He had seen the lettered, "Ye must be born again," on the van's side.

ONE OF THE MOST MYSTERIOUS VERSES TO THE AVERAGE PERSON.

Nicodemus was mystified. The most involved mystery often has a simple solution.

CHRIST CONFOUNDED NICODEMUS IN ORDER TO CONVERT HIM.

"Cannot see . . . Cannot enter . . . unless born again." (Fill in)

Nicodemus could have answered, "Yes" to all the standard questions on righteous living, but he was not born again. "Art thou a master of Israel and knowest not these things?" V. 10.

NICODEMUS RECEIVED THE SOLUTION TO THE MYSTERY WHEN

HE CONFESSED HE WAS COMPLETELY BAFFLED.

"How can these things be?" V. 9

HOW SIMPLE (AND YET PROFOUND) THE ANSWER!

(Fill in "EVERLASTING LIFE")

Life comes through birth. Birth brings us into a family. (John 1:12) A newborn baby has no past to regret and everything ahead of it. (II Corinthians 5:17)

IN ANSWER TO THIS MYSTERY CHRIST GIVES NICODEMUS

THE SIMPLEST VERSE IN THE BIBLE.

God bridged the gap between Heaven and earth by the links of His love. (Fill in links, preaching on each one)

GOD — It all started with Him

SO — A little word with great meaning

LOVED — He loved because He is love

THE WORLD — If you live in the world you are one of those He loves

THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON — Sin separated man from God.

God gave His Son to bear our sins.

THE HEART OF THE NEW BIRTH IS THE CROSS. (Draw cross)

Birth costs much. We have natural life because someone went to the gate of death to give us life. Everlasting Life is available because of the sufferings of Calvary.

GOD LOVED AND GOD GAVE.

This is His Side of the New Birth.

WE BELIEVE AND WE HAVE. (Fill in the ladder, preaching on each "H")

THAT — So that

WHOSOEVER — Richard Baxter said, "If God had said Richard Baxter, I would have thought He meant some other Richard Baxter but 'whosoever' includes all the Richard Baxters that ever lived!"

BELIEVETH — Believe you are the sinner the Saviour came to save.

IN HIM — Not just a creed or a set of rules but a Person!

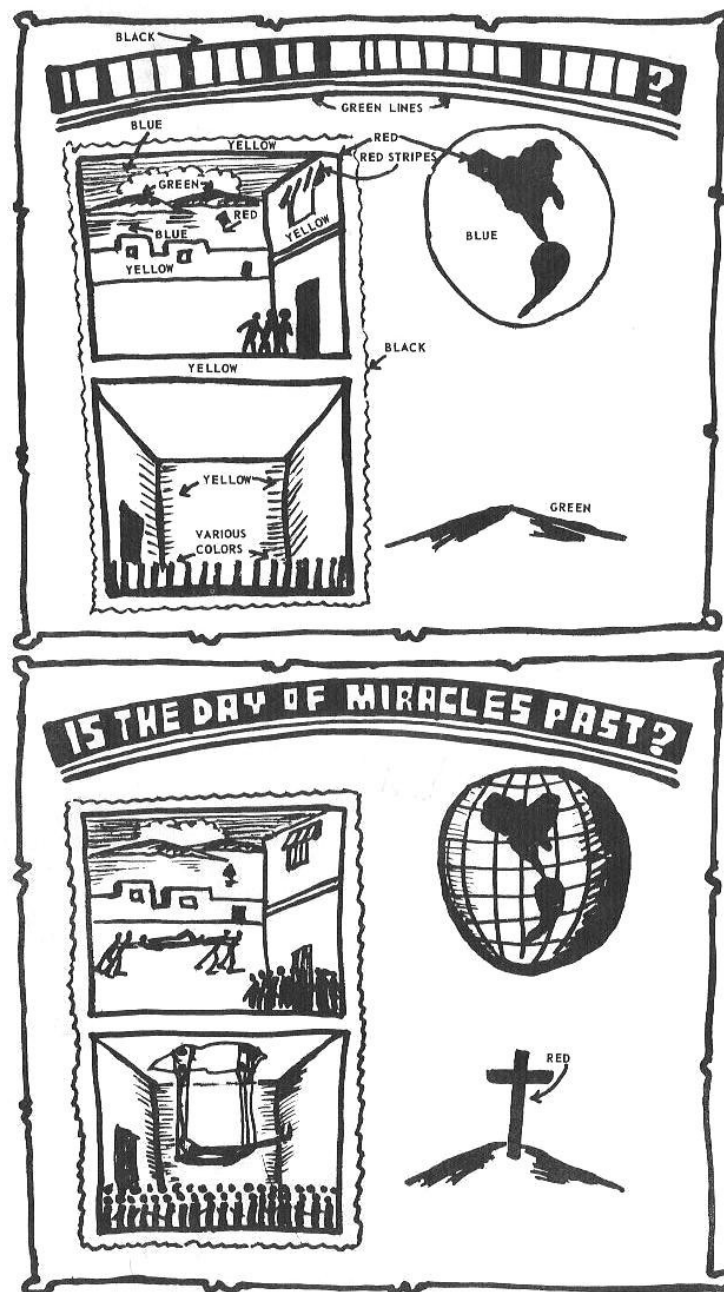
SHOULD NOT PERISH — Negative side

BUT HAVE — Positive, present possession.

EVERLASTING LIFE.

This is our side — Not a rung by rung effort, but an instantaneous salvation. The moment we believe in Him we are saved and born again.

ARE YOU BORN AGAIN?



IS THE DAY OF MIRACLES PAST?

TEXT: "Whether is easier to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk." — Luke 5:23

SKETCHING PREPARATION: Draw in title "ladder," borders of pictures and all color areas. (Outline of each picture and principal figures to be added as you preach).

A CROWD GATHERS AROUND DOOR IN THE SEASIDE VILLAGE OF CAPERNAUM — CHRIST HAS RETURNED.
(Fill in building outline and crowd)

FOUR MEN COME CARRYING THEIR HELPLESS FRIEND.

He has a great need. They must get him to the Saviour. (Draw in palsied man and four friends) How can they get in with such a crowd?

LET'S LOOK INSIDE WHERE THE LORD IS.

He is speaking. Many are listening with interest — many with antagonism. A noise in the roof.

THE ROOF BROKEN UP AND THEIR FRIEND LET DOWN.
(Draw in gap in ceiling, four heads, and man on bed.)

CHRIST SAW THEIR FAITH AND SAW THE MAN'S REAL NEED.

"Thy sins be forgiven thee." How disappointed the four friends were! They wanted a miracle for time. Christ wanted an eternal miracle.

"WHO BUT GOD ONLY CAN FORGIVE SINS?"

The query of His enemies but here His Deity is manifested.

"WHAT IS EASIER TO SAY, 'THY SINS BE FORGIVEN THEE' OR TO SAY, 'RISE UP AND WALK?'"

Was it easier for Him to do a physical miracle — "Rise and Walk" (Fill in the world) — or a spiritual miracle — "Thy sins be forgiven" — the miracle of miracles? (Draw in cross).

When he made creation, "He spoke and it was done," but when He brought a New creation into being it cost Him the Blood and sweat and tears of Calvary.

"BUT THAT YE MAY KNOW THAT THE SON OF MAN HAS POWER ON EARTH TO FORGIVE SINS."

The Lord says to the sick of the palsy, "Rise take up thy bed and go into thy house. The outward miracle . . . the inward miracle.

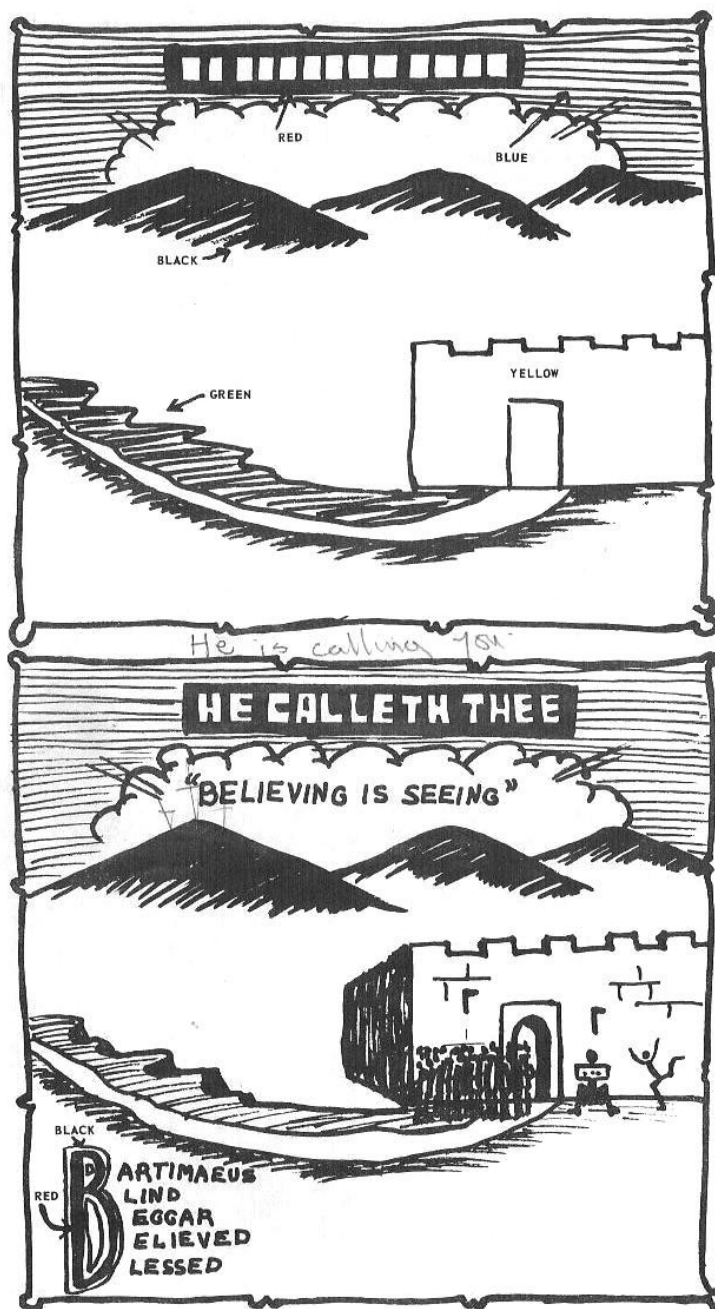
CHRIST ALWAYS DOES THE DOUBLE MIRACLE WHEN HE SAVES.

He gives the power to walk in His ways when He says, "Thy sins be forgiven thee."

"HE SAW THEIR FAITH AND SAID . . ."

Does He see your faith in Him so that He can say:

"THY SINS BE FORGIVEN THEE?"



BELIEVING IS SEEING (Children)

TEXT: "He calleth thee." — Mark 10:49

SKETCHING PREPARATION: Make a border. Draw in the text "ladder," the yellow area of the city wall, the green beside the path, the clouds, sky and mountains.

TODAY WE ARE GOING TO DO SOME "B" COLLECTING. — MARK 10:46-52.
(Paint in a large red "B" with a black outline)

HERE'S THE NAME OF OUR STORY — "BELIEVING IS SEEING."

We get things mixed up and say, "Seeing is believing." God says, "Believing is seeing."

BARTIMAEUS (Fill in) SAT OUTSIDE THE OLD CITY OF JERICHO. (Draw in)

He sat beside the gate (draw in) because many came along the path into Jericho. (draw in)

WHY DOES HE SIT THERE? — BLIND. (Fill in)

How would you like to be blind? There could be some blind people here today. Have you SEEN that you are a sinner and need the Lord Jesus?

BARTIMAEUS COULDN'T BE A FARMER, A SHOPKEEPER,
OR A CARPENTER SO HE BECAME A — BEGGAR! (Fill in)

NOW FOR THE STORY OF THE MOST WONDERFUL DAY OF HIS LIFE.

He went to the gate as usual. Today could be your biggest day, if what happened to Bartimaeus happens to you — he met Jesus.

A NOISE OF MANY FEET — A CROWD COMING THROUGH THE GATE!

Nearly bursting with curiosity he asked a man who came by, (Draw in) what was happening.

BARTIMAEUS IS TOLD IT IS JESUS OF NAZARETH.

He has heard of Him, Jesus can heal sick people, raise dead people and HEAL BLIND PEOPLE!

BARTIMAEUS CALLS OUT, "JESUS . . . HAVE MERCY ON ME!"

He cannot see Jesus but do you have to see Him to trust Him? Have you found our next "B"? — BELIEVING. (Fill in)

THE CROWD TELLS HIM TO BE QUIET.

Bartimaeus takes no notice and calls again. Don't let others put you off from trusting the Saviour.

CHRIST ASKED SOMEONE TO CALL HIM. BARTIMAEUS CAME IMMEDIATELY.

A man came with a message, "He calleth thee." (Fill in)

"WHAT WILT THOU THAT I SHOULD DO UNTO THEE?" THE SAVIOUR ASKED.

"Lord, that I might receive my sight." "Go thy way, thy faith has saved thee!" Then the miracle that changed his whole life happened.

"BELIEVING IS SEEING."

You want to see Jesus in Heaven some day? Believing is seeing.

HE FOLLOWED JESUS IN THE WAY.

He did not want the old life again. He witnessed as he went. LUKE 18:43.
Here is our last "B" — BLESSED. (Fill in)

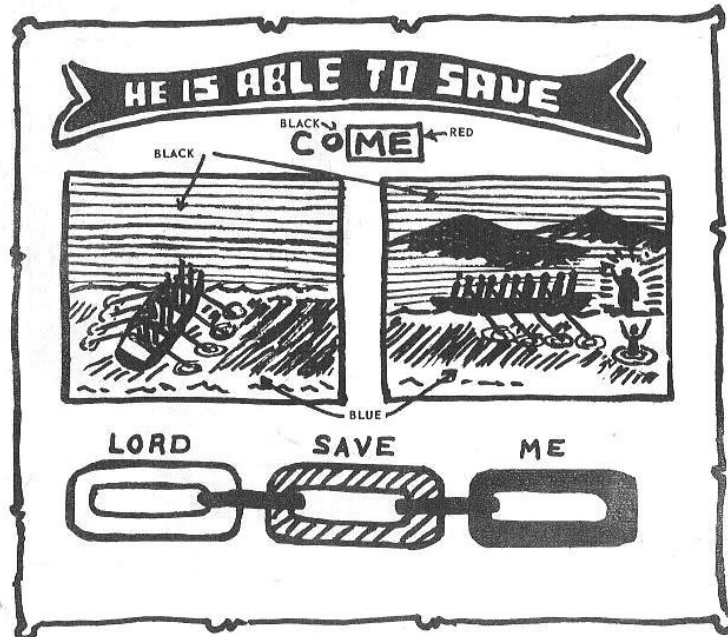
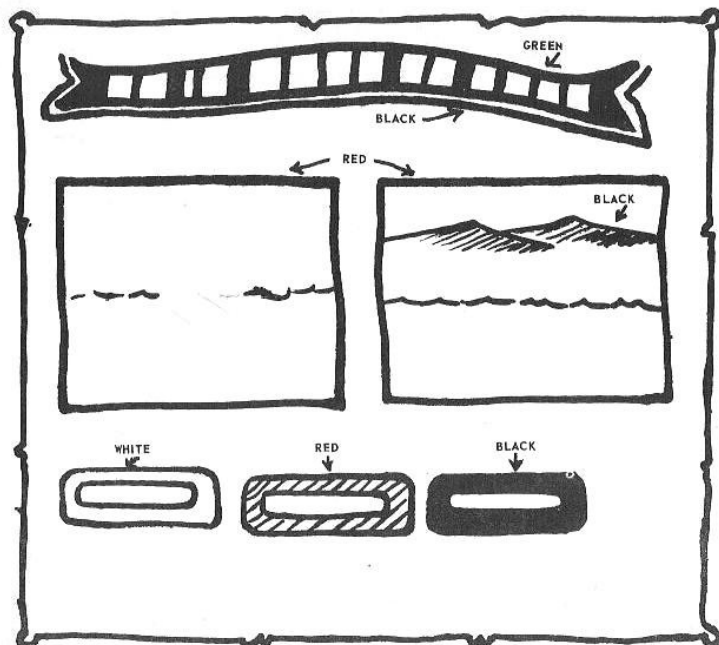
THAT IS WHAT THE LORD JESUS DID FOR BARTIMAEUS.

LET ME TELL YOU WHAT HE DID FOR YOU.

(Draw in the three crosses on the hill at the back of the city) He was on His way to Jerusalem to die for you when He met Bartimaeus.

HE CALLETH YOU.

You do not have to see Him. Believe today and see Him one day in Heaven.
BELIEVING IS SEEING!



A STORMY NIGHT (Children and Adults)

TEXT: "He is able to save." — Hebrews 7:25.

SKETCHING PREPARATION: Draw in title ladder, two frames, wave and mountain outlines and three links.

"HE IS ABLE TO SAVE" (Fill in)

ONE DAY AS THE SUN SANK, CHRIST SENT HIS DISCIPLES
TO THEIR SHIP AND THE CROWD TO THEIR HOMES — (Matthew 14:23-33)
Much to talk about as they walked to their boat. (Draw boat and men).

DARKNESS COMES UPON THEM AS THEY ROWED ACROSS LAKE.
Some are afraid of the dark — some love it! (Darken sky)

A STORM LASHED THE LAKE. (Fill in blue waves)
Wind against them, making no progress. Trying hard but not getting anywhere. A picture of many today. Their problem — Christ is not with them!

THE SAVIOUR SAW THEM AND WAS CONCERNED.
He cared enough to come down from the mountain.
He cared enough for us to come from Heaven.

HE WALKED ON THE WATER. (Draw in)
They cried out in fear, "A ghost!" Christ is our best Friend and Only Hope. Instead of welcoming Him, so many are afraid of Him. "Be not afraid, IT IS I."

"IF IT BE THOU BID ME COME TO THEE ON THE WATER."
Peter was not convinced.

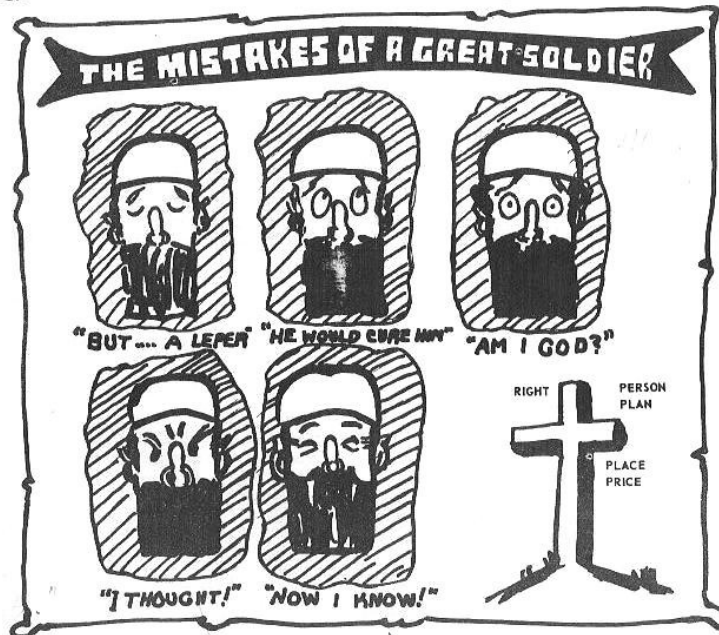
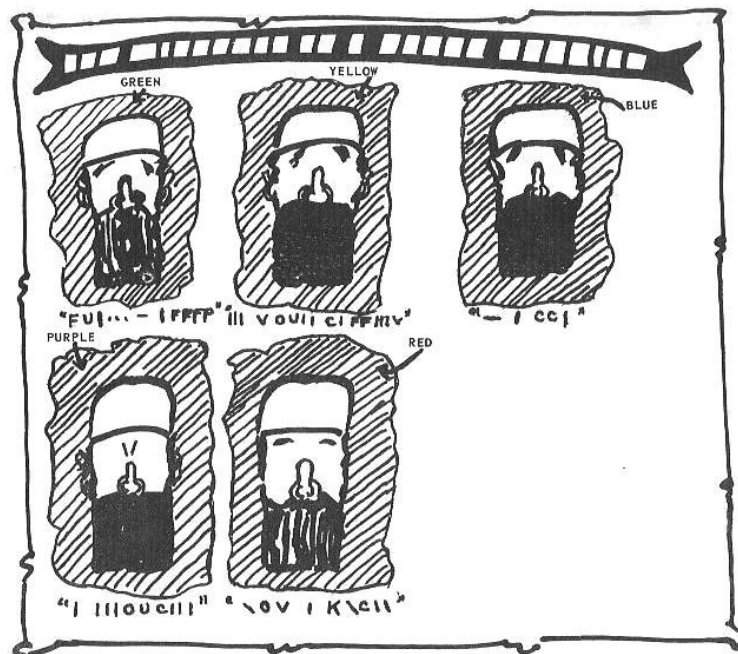
"COME!" (Draw it in)
An invitation with your name on it — (underline "ME"). His first step convinced him.

THE WALK ON THE WATER.
THEN A LOOK AT THE DIFFICULTIES INSTEAD OF THE SAVIOUR.
"Beginning to sink" (Draw Peter sinking)

"LORD, SAVE ME!"
Immediately Jesus stretched forth His Hand and caught him.

THE GOSPEL CHAIN — THREE LINKS.
"LORD" — No one else could save him. Not "James" or "Andrew", but "Lord!" — Acts 4:12.
"SAVE" — Red for danger — Peter was sinking. Red for Christ's Blood given to save us.
"ME" — Black because the one whose name is on here is a sinner and in danger of sinking unto destruction.

Say to Him, "Lord, save me!" "Whosoever Shall Call Upon the Name of the Lord Shall Be Saved." — Romans 10:13



THE MISTAKES OF A GREAT SOLDIER (Children and Adults)

TEXT: "the Blood of Jesus Christ...cleanseth us from all sin."—1 John 1:7.

SKETCHING PREPARATION: Put the border in and prepare the title "ladder." Draw the the faces and the areas of color. Pencil the eyes in lightly. Draw "shorthand" letters under the faces.

"SOME GREAT SOLDIERS HAVE MADE SOME GREAT MISTAKES" (Fill in title)
Napoleon's attack on Moscow.

NAAMAN, A GREAT SOLDIER: (II Kings 5)

He was a great man with his master and honorable, a great deliverer and a mighty man of valor. (Verse 1)

"BUT HE WAS A LEPER" (Verse 2) (Fill in eyes and letters)

This spoiled everything. The best of us have a big "BUT" in our lives. Whatever our goodnesses or achievements "ALL HAVE SINNED." (Romans 3:23)

"HE WOULD CURE HIM OF HIS LEPROSY" (Verse 13) (Fill in eyes and letters)
Good news from the little maid.

MISTAKE NO. 1 — HE GOES TO THE WRONG PERSON

The King of Syria says, "Go to, go, and I will send him to the King of Israel. (V. 5)

THE KING OF ISRAEL IS ANGRY

"Am I God (Fill in) to kill and make alive?" he asks Naaman. (V. 7) (Fill in eyes)

ELISHA SENDS FOR NAAMAN

Naaman waits with dignity (and leprosy) for Elisha to come out to him. A messenger comes and says, "Go and wash in Jordan seven times." He gets angry. (Fill in eyes) "I thought (fill in) he will surely come out to me." (V. 11)

MISTAKE NO. 2 — HE HAS THE WRONG PLAN

"Are not the rivers of Abana and Pharpar better than all the waters of Jordan?" (v. 11)

MISTAKE NO. 3 — NAAMAN WANTS TO GO TO THE WRONG PLACE

He turns back to Damascus with all his plans, pride AND LEPROSY.

GOOD ADVICE FROM HIS SERVANT

If the prophet had asked you to do some great thing, would you not have done it?"
"WASH AND BE CLEAN!" (v. 13) THE SIMPLICITY OF GOD'S SALVATION.

NAAMAN WASHES SEVEN TIMES IN THE JORDAN

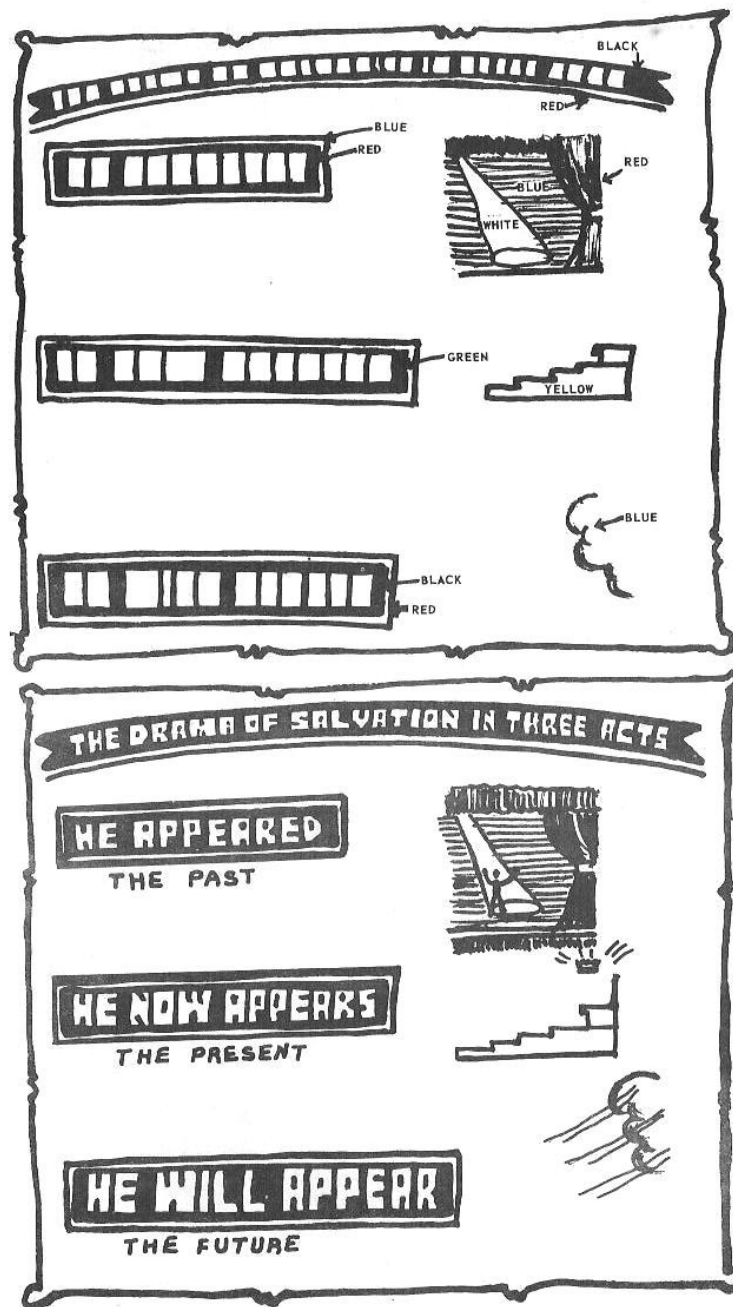
"His flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child." (v. 14) Like a new birth.

MISTAKE NO. 4 — HE WANTS TO PAY THE WRONG PRICE

He wanted to pay for God's Salvation (Verses 15 and 16)
"Now I know (Fill in) that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel." (Fill in eyes)
Are you saying, "I thought" or "Now I know"? (Draw in Cross)
Have you gone to the RIGHT PERSON? (Fill in) Humble yourself — you are a sinner. You cannot save yourself.

THE RIGHT PLAN — "Wash and be clean! Calvary is the RIGHT PLACE because it is the RIGHT PRICE — not corruptible things as silver and gold but the precious BLOOD OF CHRIST. (Fill in)

"WASH AND BE CLEAN!"



THE DRAMA OF SALVATION IN THREE ACTS

TEXT: "... Once in the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself . . . Now to appear in the presence of God for us . . . unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time." — Hebrews 9:24, 26, 28.

SKETCHING PREPARATION: Frame the sketch. Draw title "ladder" and the three text "ladders." Add areas of color as indicated on preparatory sketch.

NOTHING MORE DRAMATIC HAPPENED IN THE WHOLE HISTORY OF THE WORLD THAN THE DRAMA OF SALVATION

The Bible is a dramatic Book. It is full of dramatic happenings. But every situation fades into the background as the curtain goes up on the drama of salvation.

HE APPEARED: (Fill in)

There is nothing more dramatic than when the author himself walks on to the stage. The Creator of all things personally appeared upon the stage of this world. That's the story of salvation.

HE APPEARED TO PUT AWAY SIN.

Every lamb slain on Jewish altars said, "Sin must be recognized and dealt with," but in the Old Testament times the sacrifices only covered sin.

AT CALVARY CHRIST PUT AWAY SIN BY THE SACRIFICE OF HIMSELF

Your sin can be put away forever. The Resurrection guarantees it. The curtain falls as He ascends to Heaven.

HE NOW APPEARS. (Fill in NOW first)

That was the story of THE PAST. (Print the words under "He appeared") Christ is no longer here and we have to live in a difficult world. How is the life of victory over sin possible, NOW?

HE NOW APPEARS IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD FOR US

When we trust Him, He becomes our Advocate with the Father. His prayers support us in the Battle of Life.

"SIMON, SIMON, BEHOLD, SATAN HAS DESIRED TO HAVE YOU THAT HE MIGHT SIFT YOU LIKE WHEAT BUT I HAVE PRAYED FOR THEE THAT THY FAITH FAIL NOT." — Luke 22:31.

The Saviour knew what problems lay before Peter in the future, including his denials. Peter's eventual triumph and glorious victory evidenced on the Day of Pentecost can all be summed up in this, — "I have prayed for thee."

"He NOW appears in the presence of God for us." (Fill in "THE PRESENT") He can give us victorious salvation, NOW.

HE WILL APPEAR

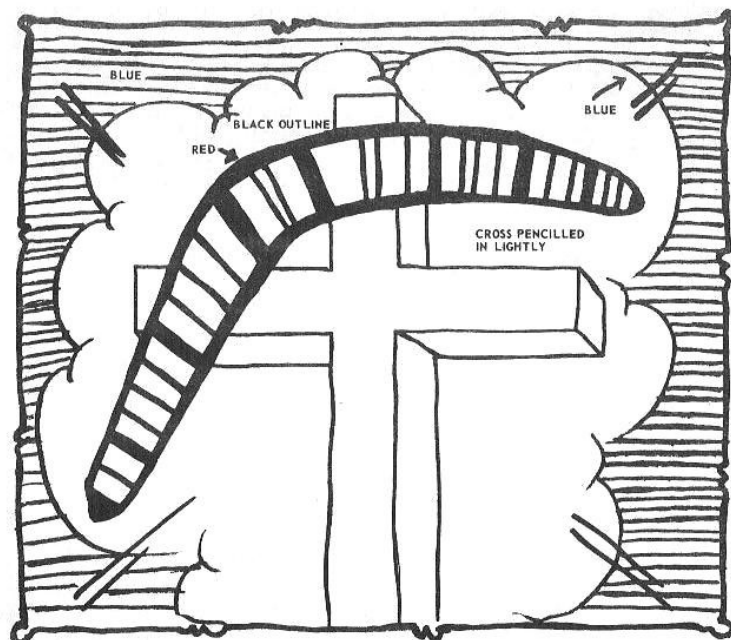
The final act in salvation's drama. (Fill in "THE FUTURE")

These three dramatic appearances are recorded in Hebrews 9. This Chapter records the Jewish Day of Atonement and its fulfillment in Christ. The Lamb was slain, the High Priest went into the Holy of Holies in the Tabernacle and presented the Blood of sacrifice there. All Israel waited with bated breath for Him to reappear.

ARE YOU SO LOOKING FOR THE SECOND APPEARANCE OF THE SAVIOUR?

All the prophecies of His first coming were fulfilled to the letter. All the prophecies of His second coming will be fulfilled. (Tell of some of the signs being fulfilled) As the days get darker, the promise of His coming gets brighter.

HE WILL APPEAR THE SECOND TIME — TRUST HIM AS YOUR SAVIOUR TODAY AND BE READY



THE WORLD'S BIGGEST BOOMERANG

TEXT: "Be sure your sin will find you out." — Numbers 32:23

SKETCHING PREPARATION: Make the border. Draw the boomerang "ladder" and cloud background. Pencil the cross in lightly.

THE BOOMERANG — THE INVENTION OF THE WORLD'S MOST PRIMITIVE RACE

Many aborigines of Australia are still living in Australia's desert areas as they did a thousand years ago. They never planted a crop, never knew what a wheel was until the white man came. Yet they invented one of the most modern things in the world — a boomerang.

THE BOOMERANG IS AN AIRFOIL — A PLANE WING.

I own a boomerang. Everyone who sees it wants you to throw it. A friend of mine was sceptical as to whether a boomerang would come back but he threw it and it came back and almost brained him!

"BE SURE" (Fill in)

My friend exclaimed, "It sure comes back!"

LET'S TALK ABOUT THE WORLD'S BIGGEST BOOMERANG

"SIN" (Fill in) "YOUR SIN" (Fill in)

"All have sinned," God says and He means you.

"WILL" (Fill in), absolutely certain, "FIND YOU OUT!" (Fill in)

KING AHAB FOUND BY BITTER EXPERIENCE THAT SIN IS A BOOMERANG,

I Kings 21 and 22

HE COVETED NABOTH'S VINEYARD. "Give me thy vineyard." I Kings 21:2

HE OBTAINED IT. Jezebel, his wife, had Naboth murdered. (Verse 13)

ELIJAH PRONOUNCES GOD'S JUDGEMENT ON HIM. (21:20, 22)

The boomerang of sin will come back.

THREE YEARS PASS IN PEACE. The boomerang does not immediately return. You could throw it and forget you did it. (22:1)

AHAB GOES TO WAR AGAINST SYRIA. King Jehoshaphat joins him. (22:4)

JUDGEMENT PRONOUNCED AGAIN. (22:17) "Be sure — will." — Numbers 32:23

AHAB DISGUISES HIMSELF. (22:30) He thinks he can avoid the boomerang.

A CERTAIN SOLDIER DREW A BOW AT A VENTURE (22:34) He escaped the thirty two captains and all their chariots but could not escape the One Who had said, "Be sure your sin will find you out." The arrow pierced between the joints of his armour.

SIN IS THE WORLD'S BIGGEST BOOMERANG (22:37, 38)

There is no escape but . . . (Begin to draw in the cross)

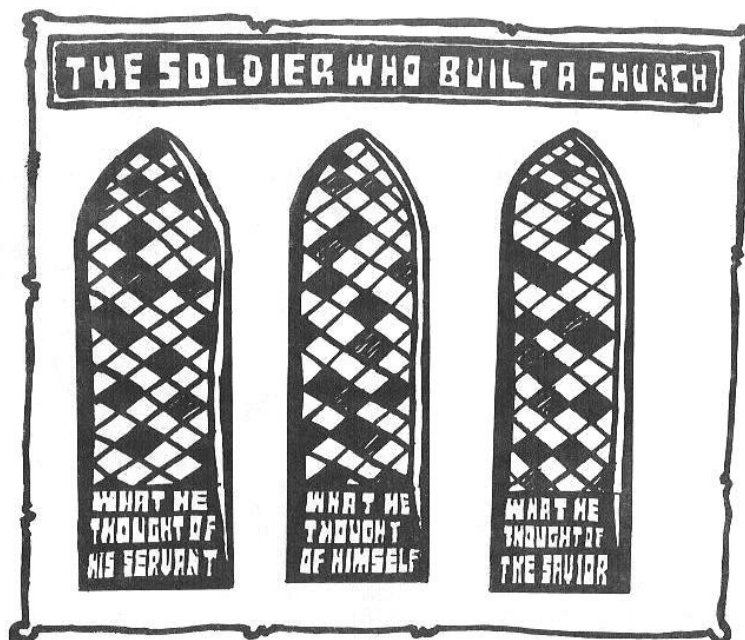
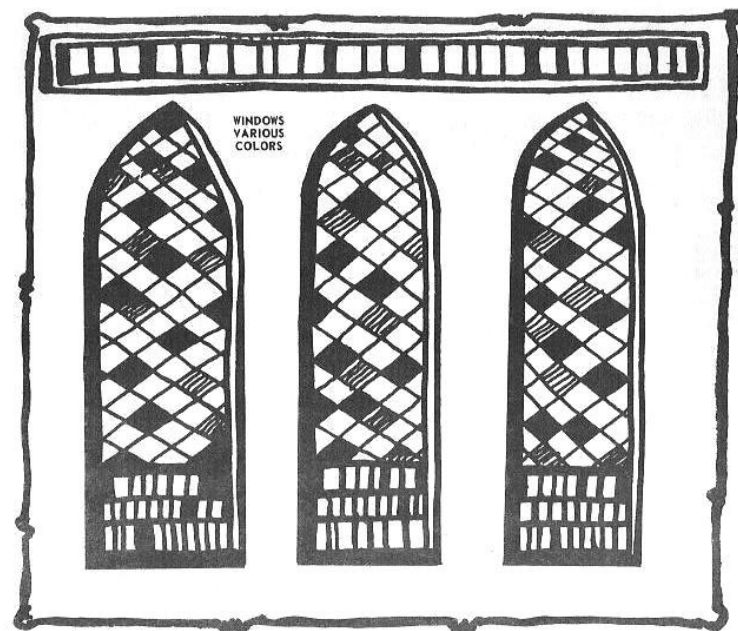
AN ABORIGINE, AN EXPERT, THREW A BOOMERANG ONE DAY AND IT DID NOT COME BACK!

How could this be? This dark-skinned Australian had demonstrated his skill to a crowd of us. He had made it come back perfectly a number of times but this time it didn't.

I GOT IN THE WAY!

And it hurt! (Finish the cross)

CHRIST TOOK THE FULL FORCE OF SIN'S JUDGEMENT ON THE CROSS



THE SOLDIER WHO BUILT A CHURCH

TEXT: "He loveth our nation and he hath built us a synagogue." — Luke 7:5

SKETCHING PREPARATION: Make a border. Prepare the title "ladder." Draw in the window, filling in the diamond panes in various colors. Draw the three outline "Ladders" (what he thought, etc.).

CAPERNAUM — AN IMPORTANT GALILEAN TOWN — DISAPPEARED AND FOR CENTURIES NO ONE KNEW WHERE IT LAY BURIED. (Matthew 11:23, 24)

Archeologists have now excavated it. Tell Hum is the site of ancient Capernaum. (Begin filling in "The Soldier Who Built . . .")

ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING BUILDINGS OF CAPERNAUM IS A RUINED SYNAGOGUE. (Fill in "A CHURCH")

Some authorities believe that the foundations of this church are part of the original church this soldier built.

HE WAS A ROMAN CENTURION. (Luke 7:1-10)

Capernaum was an important custom center on a trade route. This Roman Centurion was in command of one hundred soldiers stationed there. How interesting that part of the excavated church could be his and that we can see it today! (Fill in, "WHAT HE THOUGHT") More important, we can see after 2000 years what his actual thoughts were!

WHAT HE THOUGHT OF HIS SERVANT. (Luke 7:2) (Fill in)

Servants were slaves in those ancient days. How we think of others is so important.

WHAT HE THOUGHT OF HIMSELF. (Luke 7:6, 7) (Fill in)

The Jews thought much of him. "He is worthy . . . he loveth our nation and has built us a synagogue," Verses 4, 5. He realized that the best works are not enough. He used John the Baptist's words and those of the Prodigal. John 1:27, Luke 15:18, 19.

WHAT HE THOUGHT OF THE SAVIOUR. (Luke 7:7, 8) (Fill in)

"I have the power to command," he said to the Saviour. "But You have all power in Heaven and earth. Speak the word only and my servant shall be healed." (Matthew 8:8)

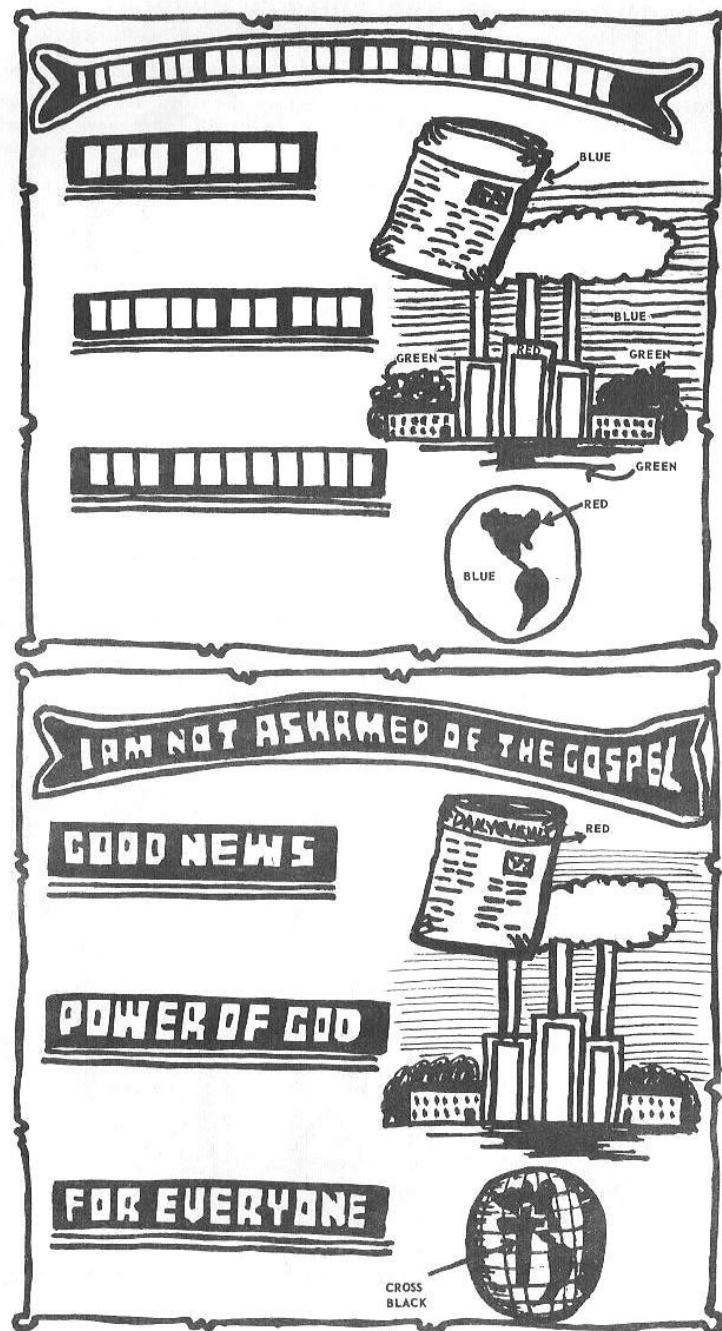
"I HAVE NOT FOUND SO GREAT FAITH, NO, NOT IN ISRAEL."

The Saviour marvelled at him. "His servant was healed in the selfsame hour." (Matthew 8:13)

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF YOURSELF?

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE SAVIOUR?

YOUR UNWORTHINESS IS YOUR CONDEMNATION.
HIS WORTHINESS CAN BE YOUR SALVATION.



A GOSPEL TO BE PROUD OF

TEXT: "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the Power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." — Romans 1:16

SKETCHING PREPARATION: Put the border in. Prepare the title "ladder" and draw the three outline "ladders" and beside them the newspaper, power station, and the world.

AL CAPONE, PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER ONE OF U.S.A. IN THOSE DAYS, WAS CAUGHT AT LAST

He had not a shadow of shame for his former life, "I spent the best years of my life giving people the lighter pleasures. All I get is abuse and the existence of a hunted man."

PARDON MY PRIDE — WHEN I SEE WHAT MEN BOAST OF, A SENSE OF GENUINE PRIDE COMES TO ME

"I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the Power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." — Romans 1:16

AL CAPONE WAS PROUD OF HIS SIN. I AM PROUD OF GOD'S ANSWER TO MAN'S SIN.

Paul had been an enemy of the Gospel but changed by the Saviour, he now writes to Rome, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel . . ."

A FEW REASONS HE WAS PROUD OF THE GOSPEL

We can echo them just as confidently today.

THE GOSPEL IS GOOD NEWS (Fill in "GOOD NEWS")

The word "Gospel" just means "good news." (Fill in "DAILY NEWS") No need to apologize for good news. Some news is hard to give. GOOD NEWS IS THRILLING. Ask any newspaper reporter. JOHN 3:16. The world's best news.

THE GOSPEL IS THE POWER OF GOD (Fill in "POWER OF GOD")

"Power" reminds us of the atom. The One Who made the atom is the Gospel's Saviour. "All power is given to Me in Heaven and in earth." Illustrate WITH A GOOD CONVERSION STORY — John Newton, Jim Vaus, etc.

THE GOSPEL IS FOR EVERYONE (Fill in "FOR EVERYONE" and draw in the world)

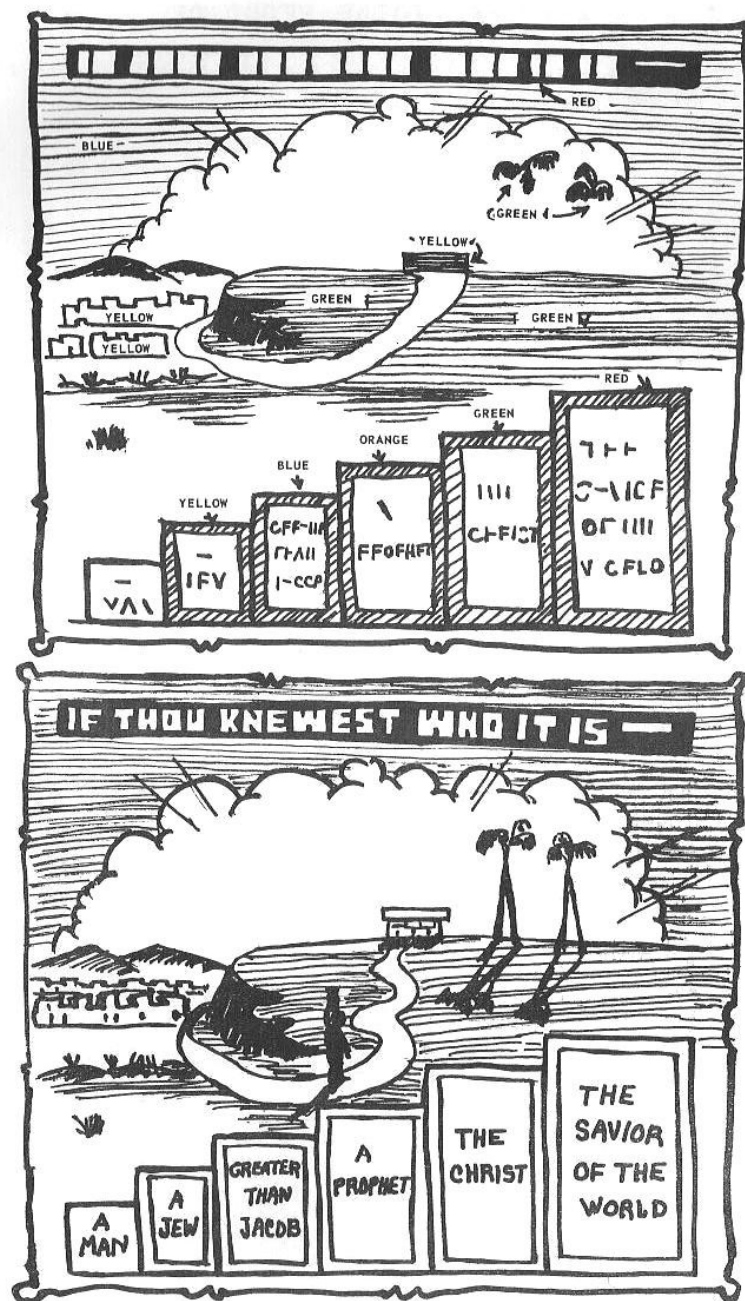
This is the Gospel of the God Who made everyone. He wants to save and satisfy everyone.

"THE GOSPEL IS THE POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION TO EVERYONE . . . THAT BELIEVETH."

"What has Christ ever done for me?" a man challenged us at an open air meeting. "Have you ever allowed Him to do anything for you," we challenged back. "No, I haven't and I don't intend to," was his reply.

FAITH IN THE SAVIOUR IS THE KEY TO SALVATION

HAVE YOU BELIEVED HIM FOR SALVATION?



WHEN IGNORANCE IS NOT BLISS

TEXT: "If thou knewest the Gift of God, and Who it is that saith to thee, 'Give Me to drink;' thou wouldest have asked of Him, and He would have given thee Living Water," — John 4:10

SKETCHING PREPARATION: Draw border, text "ladder," put in color areas as indicated on preparatory sketch. Draw in the six squares and put in colors around inside edge. Sketch in the "shorthand" letters.

"WHEN IGNORANCE IS BLISS IT IS FOLLY TO BE WISE."

This is an old proverb but ignorance is not always bliss.

THE THRILLING STORY OF HOW IGNORANCE WAS DISPELLED IN ONE WOMAN'S LIFE . . . (John 4:3-43)

. . . And through her to a whole town.

CHRIST COMES TO SYCHAR'S WELL

"He must needs go through Samaria," Verse 4. Why? Here's the answer.

THERE COMES A WOMAN OF SAMARIA TO DRAW WATER

She came at high noon because few people were around in that heat. (Fill in)

SHE SEES A MAN (Fill in) SITTING ON THE WELL.

"GIVE ME TO DRINK," HE SAYS. (Verse 7)

Yes! He is a Man and he was tired, hot and thirsty."

SHE LOOKS AT HIM AND SEES HE IS A JEW (Fill in)

"How is it that Thou, being a Jew, asks drink of me . . . a woman of Samaria?" (V. 9)

"IF THOU KNEWEST (Fill in) THE GIFT OF GOD AND WHO IT IS . . . (Fill in) YOU WOULD HAVE ASKED HIM . . ."

If she only knew Who it was! Now watch the unfolding revelation He gave to her.

"ART THOU GREATER THAN OUR FATHER JACOB?" (V. 12) (Fill in)

Is He greater than the patriarchs? John 8:58

"WHOSOEVER DRINKETH OF THIS WATER SHALL THIRST AGAIN: BUT WHOSOEVER DRINKETH OF THE WATER THAT I SHALL GIVE HIM SHALL NEVER THIRST," V. 13, 14

Our greatest need — for our soul — thirst to be satisfied.

"I SEE THAT THOU ART A PROPHET." (Fill in)

"Give me of this water," she says. "Go, call thy husband," — V. 16.

SIN LAYS IN THE WAY OF SOUL SATISFACTION.

"WHEN THE CHRIST (Fill in) COMES HE WILL TELL US ALL THINGS," V. 25

She tries to get into a religious argument to cover her sin.

"I THAT SPEAK UNTO THEE AM HE!"

What a revelation of the Saviour to a needy sinner!

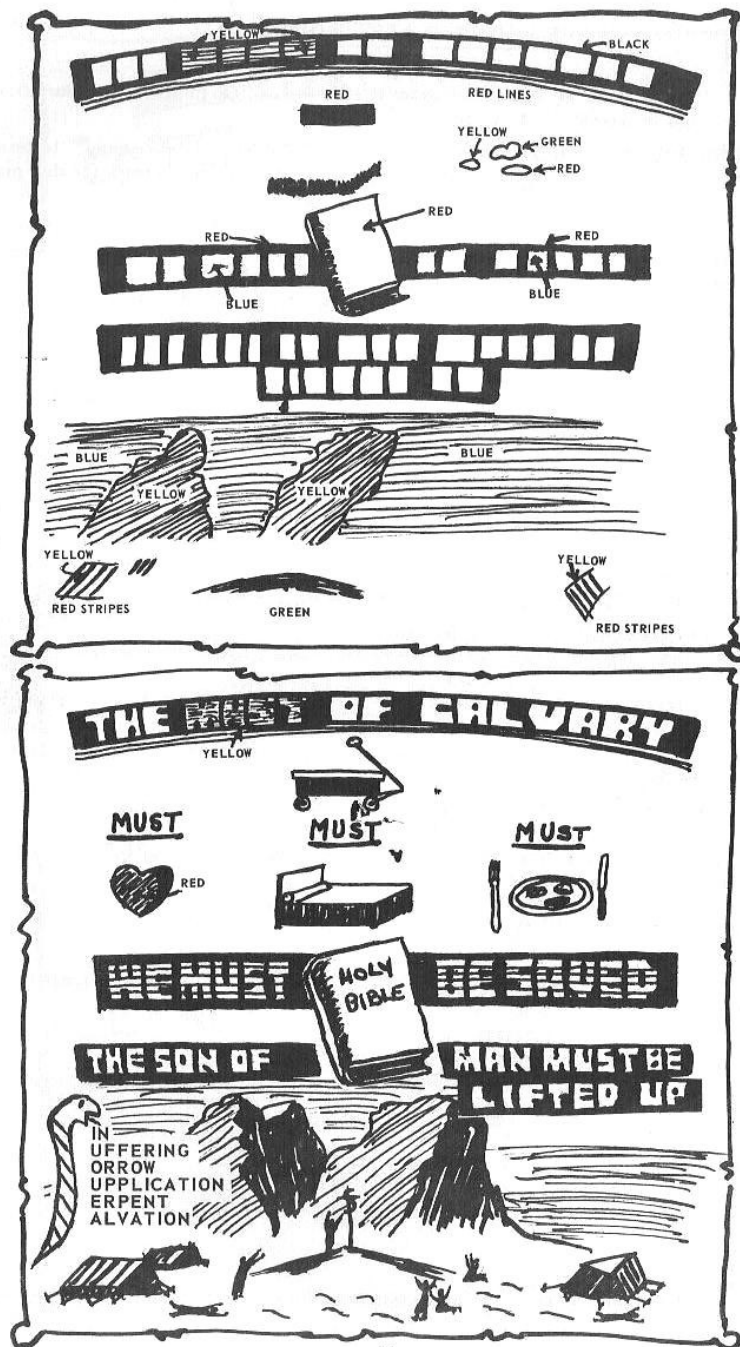
"COME, SEE A MAN, WHICH TOLD ME ALL THINGS THAT EVER I DID!"

She leaves her water pot, goes back to the city with the shattering news. BLISS HAS TAKEN IGNORANCE'S PLACE!

"THIS IS INDEED THE CHRIST THE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD!"

Now the whole town knows Who He IS! V. 10

DO YOU?



THE 'MUST' OF CALVARY

TEXT: "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness even so must the Son of Man be lifted up." — John 3:14

SKETCHING PREPARATION: Draw border, the title "ladder" (note the yellow section) the two text "ladders," (noting the blue background in the first one) the Bible, and areas of color as shown on preparatory sketch. Mountain background may be finished.

THE BOY WHO WOULD NOT GET OUT OF THE LITTLE RED WAGON (Draw wagon)

His Mother tried, then the manager of toy department but he wouldn't budge. Finally, the psychologist came and whispered something in his ear and out he got! The Manager was curious and asked what he had whispered. The psychologist smiled. I said, "If you don't get out of that wagon, I'll paddle the hide off you!"

MODERN PSYCHOLOGY HAS TRIED TO TAKE SOME OLD FASHIONED WORDS OUT OF OUR DICTIONARY. (Draw in "MUST")

You must never say "MUST" to anyone, they tell you.

NATURE SAYS "MUST" AND MEANS IT!

You *MUST* sleep. (Draw bed and "MUST")

Your heart *MUST* beat. (Draw heart and "MUST")

You *MUST* eat. (Draw in plate and "MUST")

THE BIBLE IS AN UNPOPULAR BOOK BECAUSE IT DOGMATICALLY SAYS "MUST" AND PAYS NO ATTENTION TO THE CRITICS WHO DISAGREE

"You *MUST* be saved," Acts 4:12. (Fill in) That's the *MUST* of salvation.

BUT THERE IS A *MUST* ABOUT THE METHOD OF SALVATION

Men would like to invent their own way of being saved.

"THE SON OF MAN *MUST* BE LIFTED UP," John 3:14. (Fill in. Draw Tents)

Here is Christ's picture of God's way of salvation. (Numbers 21:1-9)

SIN (Fill in large "S" like a serpent then word "SIN")

God calls ordinary things sin — grumbling is serious. We all do it.

SUFFERING (Fill in and draw people dying and serpents)

The Lord sent fiery serpents. (Verse 6) He punishes sin — Not popular but true.

SORROW (Fill in) "We have sinned, we have spoken against the Lord," Verse 7.

But sorrow is not enough.

SUPPLICATION "Therefore the people came to Moses," Verse 7. Prayer is not enough.

SERPENT: Moses made a serpent of brass at God's command and lifted it up. (Verse 8, 9) (Draw in)

THE INSTRUMENT OF JUDGEMENT BECOMES THE WAY OF SALVATION

Here is the mystery of the Cross. Christ takes the judgement of sin in His Own Body on the Cross. This serpent had no sting and because He was sinless He could take the judgement of our sins. (II Corinthians 5:21)

SALVATION WAS IN THEIR OBEDIENCE NOT THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT GOD SAW IN THE LIFTED SERPENT.

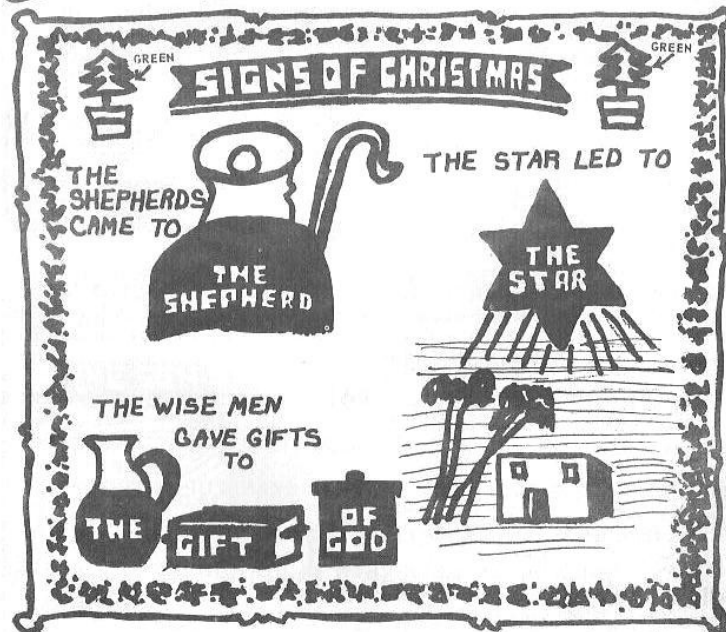
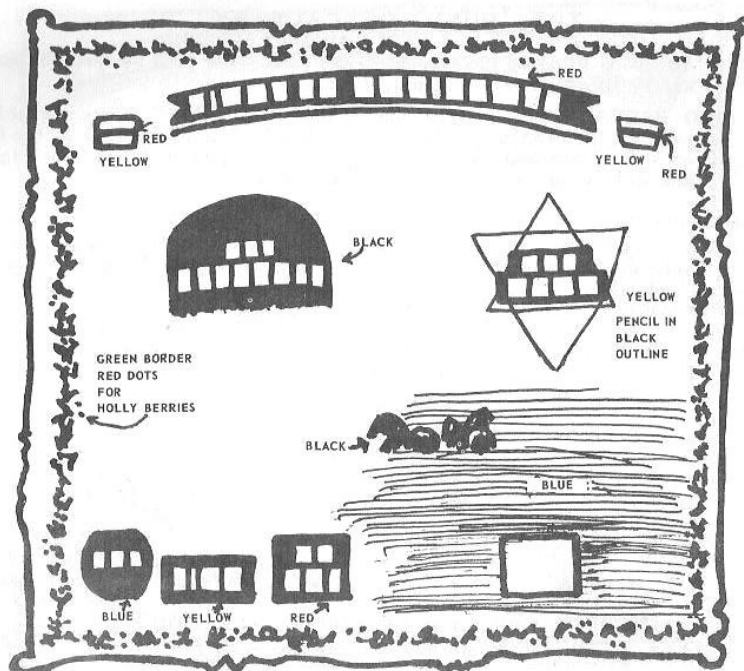
We will never understand all that Calvary means.

"EVERY ONE THAT IS BITTEN WHEN HE LOOKETH UPON IT SHALL LIVE," THE LORD SAID.

They lived for a few more years but

CHRIST SAYS, "WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE."

Look and live. It is urgent!



SIGNS OF CHRISTMAS

TEXT: "This shall be a sign unto you." — Luke 2:12

SKETCHING PREPARATION: Draw in the holly border with green and red dots. Prepare "ladders" for the shepherd, star, and gifts. Add color areas. The shepherd, star, and gifts can be lightly pencilled in.

"SIGNS OF CHRISTMAS" (Fill in title)

Lights, bells, Christmas songs, trees, toys — all say, "Christmas is here again!"

GOD HAS HIS SIGNS OF THAT FIRST WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS!

THE SHEPHERDS, THE STAR AND THE GIFTS ARE SOME OF THEM.

THE SHEPHERDS CAME TO THE ONE WHO WAS HIMSELF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.
(Draw in the shepherd and lettering)

"There were in the same country SHEPHERDS abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock . . . unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, Which is Christ the Lord!" (Luke 2:8, 11) AND THEY CAME WITH HASTE AND FOUND . . . THE BABE LYING IN A MANGER. (Verse 16)

WERE THE SHEPHERDS WATCHING THE SHEEP OF SACRIFICE? They came to the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. "THE GOOD SHEPHERD THAT GAVE HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP" John 10:11. Mixed metaphors but glorious truths!

THE WISE MEN FOLLOWED THE STAR WHICH LED THEM TO THE BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR. (Draw in the star, house, etc. and lettering)

"There came wise men from the East to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is He that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen HIS STAR in the East, and are come to worship Him," Matthew 2:1, 2. And "when they saw the Star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child . . . and worshipped Him." (Verses 10, 11)

THOSE WERE DARK DAYS IN THE WORLD'S HISTORY BUT THE LIGHT OF PROPHECY TOLD OF HIS COMING.

"Thus it is written by the prophet . . . out of thee shall come a Governor," (V. 5, 6)

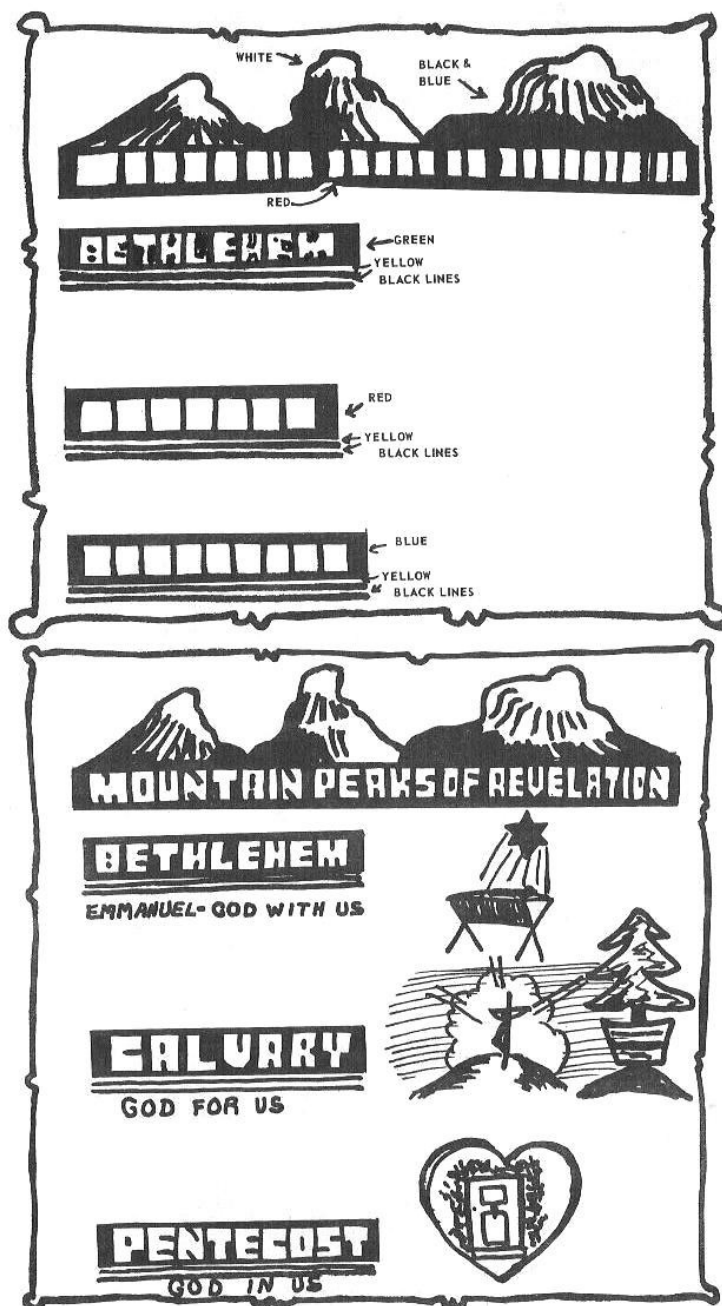
AS THE WORLD GETS DARKER TODAY, WE LIFT UP OUR EYES TO LOOK FOR THE SECOND APPEARANCE OF THE BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR. (Rev. 22:16)

He came. He will come again! Every Christmas star reminds us of His near return. (II Peter 1:19)

THE WISE MEN GAVE GIFTS TO THE ONE WHO HIMSELF WAS THE GIFT OF GOD!
(Draw in the gifts and lettering)

"When they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down, and worshipped (Them? Never! —) "HIM" and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; GOLD, (He is the King of kings, V. 2) and FRANKINCENSE AND MYRRH." (for He was born to die) Wise men always worship Him. Are you wise?

HAVE YOU SEEN HIM AS THE GOOD SHEPHERD WHO GAVE HIS LIFE FOR YOU?
HAVE YOU RECEIVED HIM? HE IS GOD'S CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR YOU? John 3:16
ARE YOU READY FOR HIS APPEARING AS THE BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR?



MOUNTAIN PEAKS OF REVELATION

TEXTS: "God with us" - Matthew 1:23 — "God . . . for us" - Romans 8:31.
 "Christ in you" - Colossians 1:27.

SKETCHING PREPARATION: Draw border. Sketch in mountain and title "ladder."
 Make the three outline "ladders."

Have you stood on a lookout point and looked at a MOUNTAIN (fill in) range? You will see tall and taller mountains with valleys between but the PEAKS (Fill in) will stand above all the rest.

GOD HAS REVEALED HIMSELF IN MANY WAYS, BUT HERE ARE THE MOUNTAIN PEAKS OF REVELATION

These are the high points of His salvation plan.

BETHLEHEM: (Fill in — then draw star and manger)

A Babe is born, "THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US," John 1:14. Words reveal thoughts. God's deepest thoughts are revealed by the Word.

"They shall call His Name EMMANUEL which being interpreted is GOD WITH US." (Fill in) Are you surprised that His birth was miraculous? It would be a bigger surprise, if it wasn't — for HE IS GOD MANIFEST IN THE FLESH.

CALVARY: (Fill in)

Some people do not like the Christmas tree. "It is of heathen origin," they say. And it is but Christ has done with that tree what He does with any heathen He touches — He has transformed it into a symbol of Himself. A CHRISTMAS TREE REMINDS US OF THAT TREE IN EDEN'S GARDEN. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Sin made Christmas necessary.

A CHRISTMAS TREE REMINDS US OF HIS DEATH ON THE TREE. "Who His Own Self bare our sins in His Own Body on the Tree." — 1 Peter 2:24.

The greatest Gift of all times hung on a Tree! GOD FOR US. (Fill in) IT REMINDS US THAT HE HAS OPENED THE WAY TO THE TREE OF LIFE. Revelation 22:14.

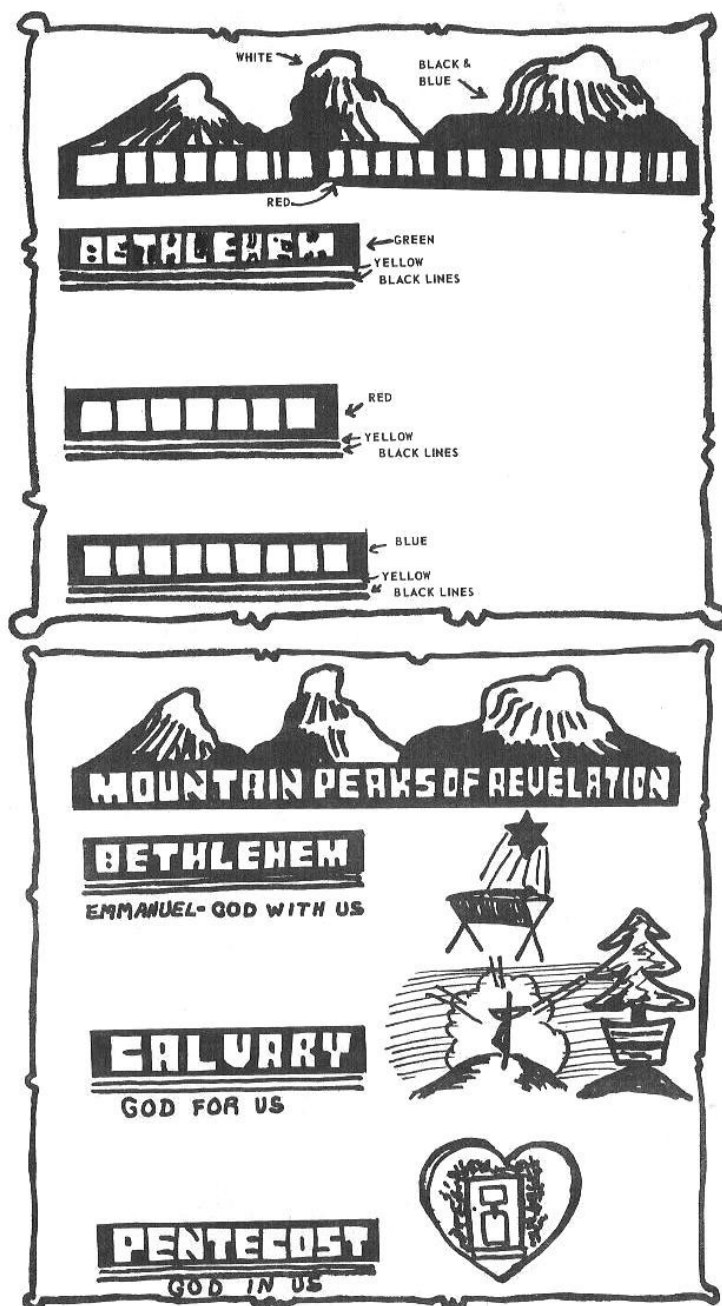
PENTECOST (Fill in)

He died, He arose, He ascended but on the fiftieth day in the feast of Pentecost, He sent the blessed Holy Spirit as He had promised. "I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you." GOD IN US. (Fill in)

HAVE YOU ASKED HIM INTO YOUR HEART? (Draw heart and door)

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ASK HIM IN TODAY! — Revelation 3:20.



MOUNTAIN PEAKS OF REVELATION

TEXTS: "God with us" - Matthew 1:23 — "God . . . for us" - Romans 8:31.
"Christ in you" - Colossians 1:27.

SKETCHING PREPARATION: Draw border. Sketch in mountain and title "ladder."
Make the three outline "ladders."

Have you stood on a lookout point and looked at a MOUNTAIN (fill in) range? You will see tall and taller mountains with valleys between but the PEAKS (Fill in) will stand above all the rest.

GOD HAS REVEALED HIMSELF IN MANY WAYS, BUT HERE ARE THE MOUNTAIN PEAKS OF REVELATION

These are the high points of His salvation plan.

BETHLEHEM: (Fill in — then draw star and manger)

A Babe is born, "THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US," John 1:14. Words reveal thoughts. God's deepest thoughts are revealed by the Word.

"They shall call His Name EMMANUEL which being interpreted is GOD WITH US." (Fill in) Are you surprised that His birth was miraculous? It would be a bigger surprise, if it wasn't — for HE IS GOD MANIFEST IN THE FLESH.

CALVARY: (Fill in)

Some people do not like the Christmas tree. "It is of heathen origin," they say. And it is but Christ has done with that tree what He does with any heathen He touches — He has transformed it into a symbol of Himself. A CHRISTMAS TREE REMINDS US OF THAT TREE IN EDEN'S GARDEN. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Sin made Christmas necessary.

A CHRISTMAS TREE REMINDS US OF HIS DEATH ON THE TREE. "Who His Own Self bare our sins in His Own Body on the Tree." — 1 Peter 2:24.

The greatest Gift of all times hung on a Tree! GOD FOR US. (Fill in) IT REMINDS US THAT HE HAS OPENED THE WAY TO THE TREE OF LIFE. Revelation 22:14.

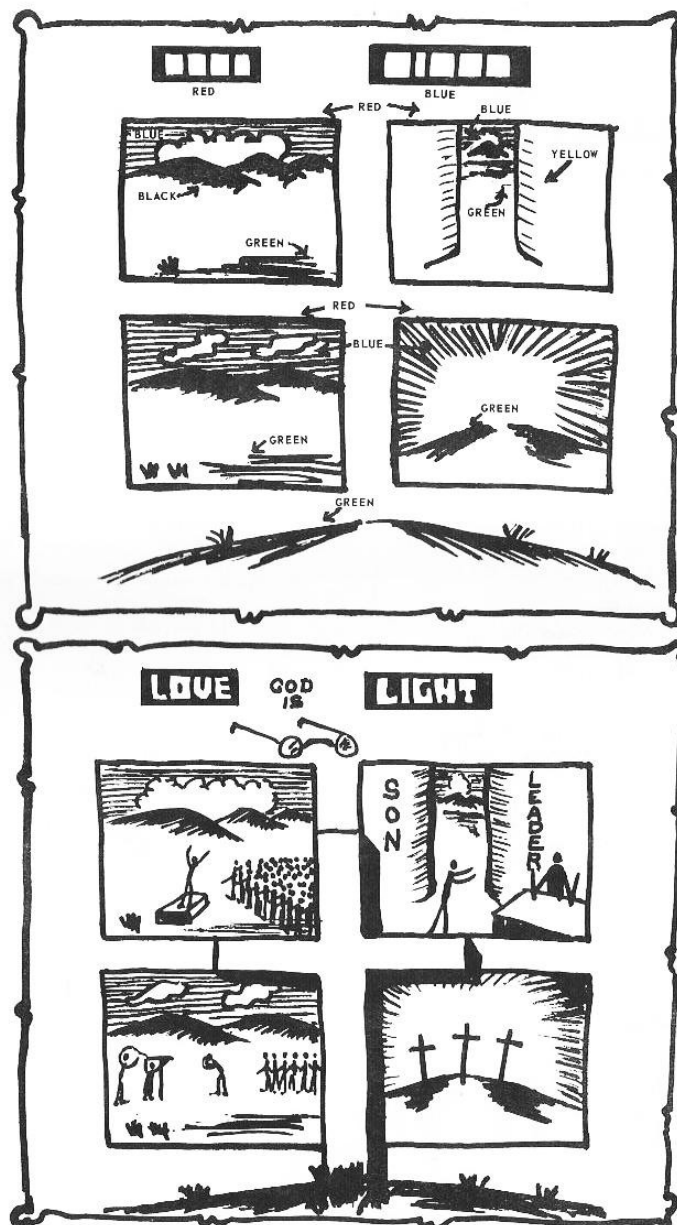
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LOVE WILL FIND A WAY

TEXT: "Who His Own Self bare our sins in His Own Body on the Tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by Whose stripes ye were healed." — 1 Peter 2:24

SKETCHING PREPARATION: Draw "ladder" for "LOVE" and "LIGHT", then the four frames filling in colors in each and taking care that enough room is left between them for the Cross to be added later.

"GOD IS" (Draw in)

One of the greatest themes that can engage the human mind.

"GOD IS LOVE" (Fill in ladder)

God does not merely love — He is Love.

"GOD IS LIGHT" (Fill in ladder)

Light is the opposite of darkness. Sin is darkness. The God who loves is the God that hates. He hates sin.

"GOD MUST PUNISH SIN"

All history proves this. Socrates saw this and said, "God might be able to forgive sin, but I don't see how He can, because I don't see that He should."

HOW CAN HE DO IT?

Show His hatred for sin and still be LOVE? Show His love for sinners and still be LIGHT?

STORY OF SCHAMYL:

Renowned Caucasian military leader and religious leader of last century. Caucasians were warlike tribes always fighting and killing each other. Schamyl, at their request, became their leader on condition they would obey him. This brought in a New Order for them. Then one day he found that bribery was rife among them. He assembled them and spoke to them.

PUNISHMENT FOR ALL WHO BROKE HIS LAWS:

A hundred lashes at the whipping post! (Complete first picture)

A LAWBREAKER DISCOVERED.

Sitting in his tent one day Schamyl is informed by a follower that someone has been found guilty of bribery — HIS OWN MOTHER!

LOVE AND LIGHT IN CONFLICT

Broken-hearted for two days he wrestles with the problem. As the SON of his mother, he loves her, but as the LEADER of the people he must deal with her sin.

SIN MUST BE PUNISHED

Every time the whip descends it seems to say what all history says, "You cannot sin and get away with it."

THEN SCHAMYL SEES THE SOLUTION AND TAKES HER PLACE

He rushes forward on the fifth stroke and holds back the whip. "Set her free and tie me in her place."

THAT DAY HIS FOLLOWERS LEARNED TWO GREAT TRUTHS—HIS MOTHER THREE

(1) *Sin Must be Punished.* (Fill in center Cross on frame 4) No one could say Schamyl treated sin lightly. His broken body was evidence of this. The Cross shows us what God thinks of sin.

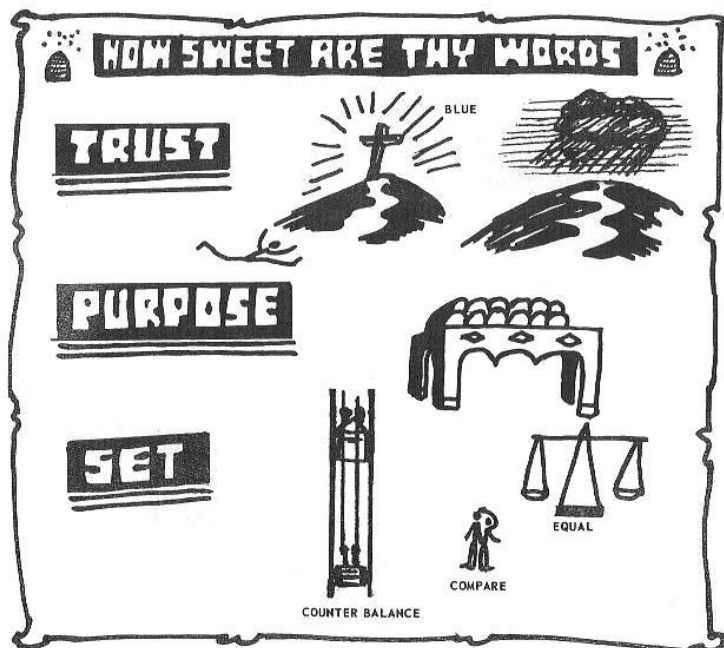
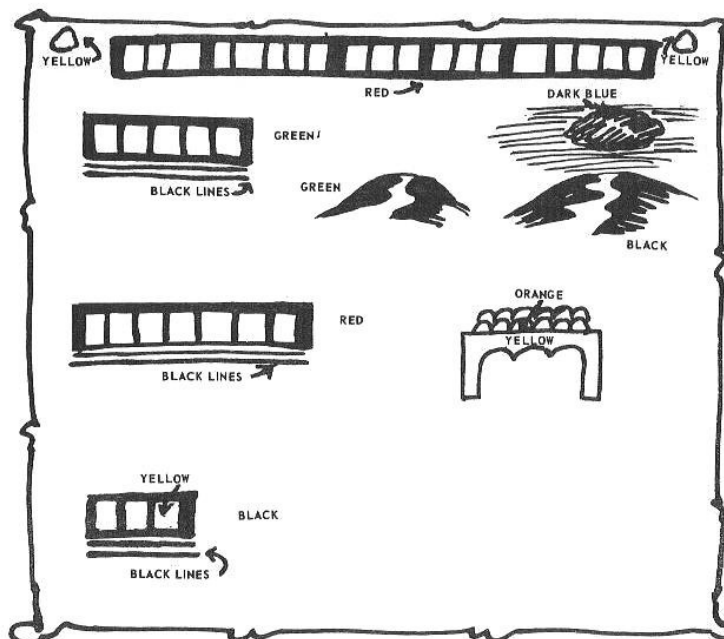
(2) *Love Found a Way to Release a Guilty Sinner.* Not by overlooking the transgression but by paying the penalty for it. (Draw in crosses beside center cross) His love was written in his body.

(3) *Substitution — the Strongest Challenge to a New Life.* (Draw in large cross between the four frames) Could Schamyl's mother see what her sin did to her son and go back to the thing that caused his sufferings?

CALVARY HAS MADE A WAY FOR LOVE AND LIGHT TO MEET

Paul saw this in the Cross and said, "The life I now live I live by the faith of the Son of God Who loved me and gave Himself for me."

HAVE YOU SEEN IT?



"HOW SWEET ARE THY WORDS" (Christians)

TEXT: "How sweet are Thy Words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth," — Psalm 119:103

SKETCHING PREPARATION: Draw border. Make title "ladder" and three outline "ladders." Fill in areas of color as indicated in preparatory sketch.

BIBLE STUDY IS AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY

Reading the Bible is not enough. Start studying it! Buy yourself a good concordance. A STRONG'S CONCORDANCE is recommended.

A CONCORDANCE IS A BIBLE DICTIONARY (Fill in title)

It shows where every word in the Bible can be found and STRONG gives its meaning in the Hebrew and Greek.

NOW FOR AN EXAMPLE OF BIBLE STUDY USING A CONCORDANCE

TRUST: (Fill in)

Psalm 11:1 — "In the Lord put I my TRUST: how say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain?"

STRONG: "TRUST" — (Hebrew) To flee for protection.

"I HAVE FLED TO THE LORD FOR REFUGE ("Trust") HOW SAY YE . . . FLEE . . . TO YOUR MOUNTAIN."

I have fled to Mount Calvary for refuge. (Draw in Calvary and man running) Don't tell me to run to MT. WORRY, MT. RELIANCE-UPON-MEN, etc. etc. (Draw in dark mountain)

ON AN OFFICE DOOR: "Why pray when you can worry?" You have to give up one or the other! YOU CANNOT BE IN TWO PLACES AT THE ONE TIME WITHOUT BEING TORN APART. This accounts for the rise in mental illness. "I WILL TRUST AND NOT BE AFRAID." — Isaiah 12:2.

PURPOSE: (Fill in)

Acts 11:23 — "He . . . exhorted them all that with PURPOSE of heart they would cleave unto the Lord."

STRONG: "PURPOSE" — (Greek) To place before, to exhibit, a setting forth, i.e. proposal, the SHEW BREAD (in the Temple)

"PURPOSE" IN ACTS 11:23 IS THE SAME WORD AS "SHEW BREAD" IN HEBREWS 9:2

How could this be? SHEWBREAD in Hebrew means "Presence Bread" — the Bread of the face." (See Exodus 25:30 and Leviticus 24:5-8) (Draw table and bread) II Timothy 3:10- "Thou hast fully known . . . my purpose," Paul says.

OUR PURPOSE OF LIFE IS AS OPEN BEFORE GOD AS THE SHEWBREAD IN THE TEMPLE

What does God see in you? What is your purpose? Riches, success, etc., or devotion to Him and His will?

SET — (Fill in)

"I have SET the Lord always before me because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved." — Psalm 16:8.

STRONG: "SET" (Hebrew) To level, compare, equal, adjust, counterbalance.

"EQUAL" (Isaiah 40:25) "COMPARE" (Proverbs 3:15) ARE THE SAME HEBREW WORD AS "SET" — Psalm 16:8)

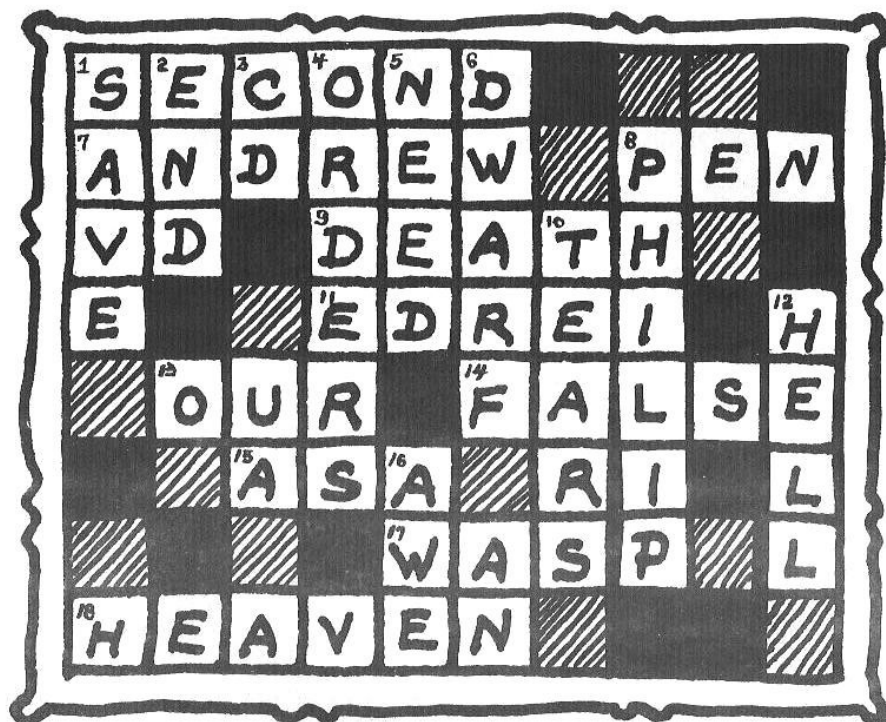
How can this be? Compare — one thing against another. Equal — the same as something else. Counterbalance — one weight balancing another.

DAVID DID THIS WITH GOLIATH — (I Samuel 17)

He said, "You are a giant but God is a bigger giant than you." (Verse 45) Saul saw Goliath. (Verse 33) David saw the Lord. (Verse 37)

HAVE YOU SET THE LORD BEFORE YOU —
COUNTERBALANCED YOUR PROBLEMS WITH HIM?

"Adjust" your life in the light of Psalm 16:8 and Verse 9 will be true for you.



PERSONAL WORK CROSSWORD (Christians)

TEXT: "Preach the Gospel to every creature." — Mark 16:15.

PREPARATORY SKETCH: Draw crossword and fill in various square with different colors. Ask audience the questions and fill in answers as they give them.

"NOT EVERYONE IS CALLED TO PERSONAL EVANGELISM."

This is Satan calling and he hopes you are listening!

PERSONAL WORK IS THE MOST IMPORTANT WORK IN THE WORLD.

DR. CHAPMAN'S IRISH JANITOR claimed the Spirit's power and in a few months led sixty people to Christ.

NOW FOR OUR CROSSWORD!

Listen closely! A couple of misstatements have been slipped in to catch you!

NOTE: "A" is for ACROSS and "D" for DOWN.

A. (1) WHAT COMMANDMENT IS CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH PERSONAL EVANGELISM?

SECOND (Fill in) "Am I my brother's keeper?" One of the world's oldest questions. The answer is "Yes!"

D. (5) WE WILL NEVER START PERSONAL WORK TILL WE SEE THIS

NEED — WILBUR CHAPMAN — "Get quietly alone, read John 3:36, 'The wrath of God abideth on him.' Put your unsaved girl, wife, husband in there."

D. (3) A WOMAN IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, "SHE HATH DONE WHAT SHE . . . (First and last letter)

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D. (2) "WHAT SHALL BE THE . . . OF THOSE WHO OBEY NOT THE GOSPEL?" END AN INFIDEL once said, "Did I firmly believe as millions say they do that the knowledge and practice of religion in this life influences destiny in another, religion would be to me everything. I should labor in its cause alone. I would strive to look upon eternity alone and on the immortal souls around me soon to be everlastingly miserable or everlastingly happy. I would go forth to the world and preach to it in season and out of season and my text would be, 'What shall it profit a man if he gain the world and lose his own soul?'"

A. (8) A MOST USEFUL WEAPON IN PERSONAL WORK

PEN Write to your friends and relatives. Send them some good Gospel booklets or tracts.

A. (13) WE ARE ALWAYS SAYING PERSONAL EVANGELISM IS SOMEONE ELSE'S RESPONSIBILITY. IT IS

OUR

A. (14) PETER MET CHRIST FIRST OF ALL WHEN CLEANING HIS NETS — TRUE OR FALSE?

FALSE

A. (7) WHO BROUGHT HIM TO CHRIST?

ANDREW Andrew brought 3000 to Christ through Peter at Pentecost. EDWARD KIMBALL brought a million souls to Christ when he led Moody to Him.

D. (8) WHO WAS CALLED AWAY FROM PERSONAL WORK WITH A NEGRO TO GO TO A REVIVAL?

PHILLIP Was he?

D. (6) WE ARE TO GROW IN GRACE. SOME OF US COULD BE DESCRIBED AS A

DWARF

A. (9) A SERIOUS CONSIDERATION WHEN WE THINK OF OUR LOVED ONES OUTSIDE CHRIST.

DEATH

D. (4) IN MARK 16:15 ("PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE") WE HAVE OUR

ORDERS CHARLES PEACE, a double murderer said to the Chaplain, "Do you believe it? If I did I would crawl across England to tell men."

A. (11) WHERE OG WAS KILLED

EDREI We read of his bed and then his defeat. "Awake thou that sleepest."

D. (10) A USEFUL THING IN PERSONAL EVANGELISM

TEARS General Booth, "Try tears."

A. (15) A GOOD OLD TESTAMENT KING.

ASA

A. (17) DON'T BE LIKE THIS IN PERSONAL WORK.

WASP If you "pressurize," they may sign a decision card just to get rid of you!

D. (16) GOD SAYS WE OUGHT TO TREAT HIS WORD WITH THIS

AWE

A. (18) A REASON WHY WE SHOULD WITNESS TO THE LOST — WE BELIEVE IN THIS.

HEAVEN

D. (12) ANOTHER REASON

HELL JUDGE MINGINS was an infidel in his youth. After his conversion he visited his old companions in Philadelphia. One of them asked him, "Do you believe in hell and that all will go there who reject Christ?" "Certainly!" "Does Christianity dry up all the milk of humanity in your veins?" said his friend. "You have lived under my roof for three days and have not said a word to save me!"

D. (1) CHRIST CAME TO DO THIS.

SAVE

WHO ARE THESE OPEN AIR CAMPAIGNERS?

Open Air Campaigners is probably the foremost exponent of outdoor preaching of the Gospel in America. Based on the Word of God the presentation of the Gospel is Christ centered, direct, positive, challenging, and is being used of the Holy Spirit to turn men's hearts to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

Think of it — there are 70,000,000 people in this country who never darken a church door! This missionary organization is seeking to reach this great and needy body of unreached men and women and boys and girls. Converts are referred to sound local churches.

This interdenominational work, founded in Australia more than sixty years ago, has been a leader in the evangelical ranks. Uncounted numbers of spiritual Christians trace their conversions to Christ to the ministry of Open Air Campaigners.

In recent years representatives were sent to the United States and Canada to establish the work here with the same high standards for excellence in its ministry, methods and equipment. With an efficient fleet of Gospel vans, specially equipped to provide a preaching platform, canopy, lighting and visual aids, a staff of U. S. trained men now "witness for Christ by all means everywhere."

