

INTER-CONTINENTAL CROSS-POLLINATION LEADS TO ILLUSTRATING THE GOSPEL

Training for Trainers (T4T) is a CPM (Church Planting Movement) strategy developed in one Asian country and first introduced in *Mission Frontiers* in 2011.

Any-3 is a fruitful approach to evangelism based on John 4, developed for reaching Muslims in a different Asian country, and featured in the Jul/Aug issue of Mission Frontiers. One key is asking the other person what they are doing to pay off their sins before sharing the gospel.

The *First and Last Sacrifice Story* is a gospel presentation often used with *Any-3* evangelism in Muslim cultures.

Tim, working with a long-term team to start a T4T movement among Muslim immigrants in a major European city, asked God, "How can I turn a verbal presentation of the *First and Last Sacrifice Story* into a visual Gospel I can leave with a person I talk with?"

Here is the result:

THE GOSPEL ILLUSTRATED: LEAVE BEHIND MORE THAN WORDS

- Draw a circle filling the top portion of a page. Write "Kingdom of God" inside in large letters, then describe and list various attributes: perfect relationships, justice, peace, love, etc. Write opposite attributes outside the circle. Let the other person add their ideas.

- Draw a crude tree and initials for Adam & Eve inside the circle as you describe the original paradise God gave them to manage, and the one rule by which they were to show their love—not eating fruit from this one tree. (Some find stick figures of prophets offensive, so we use initials.)

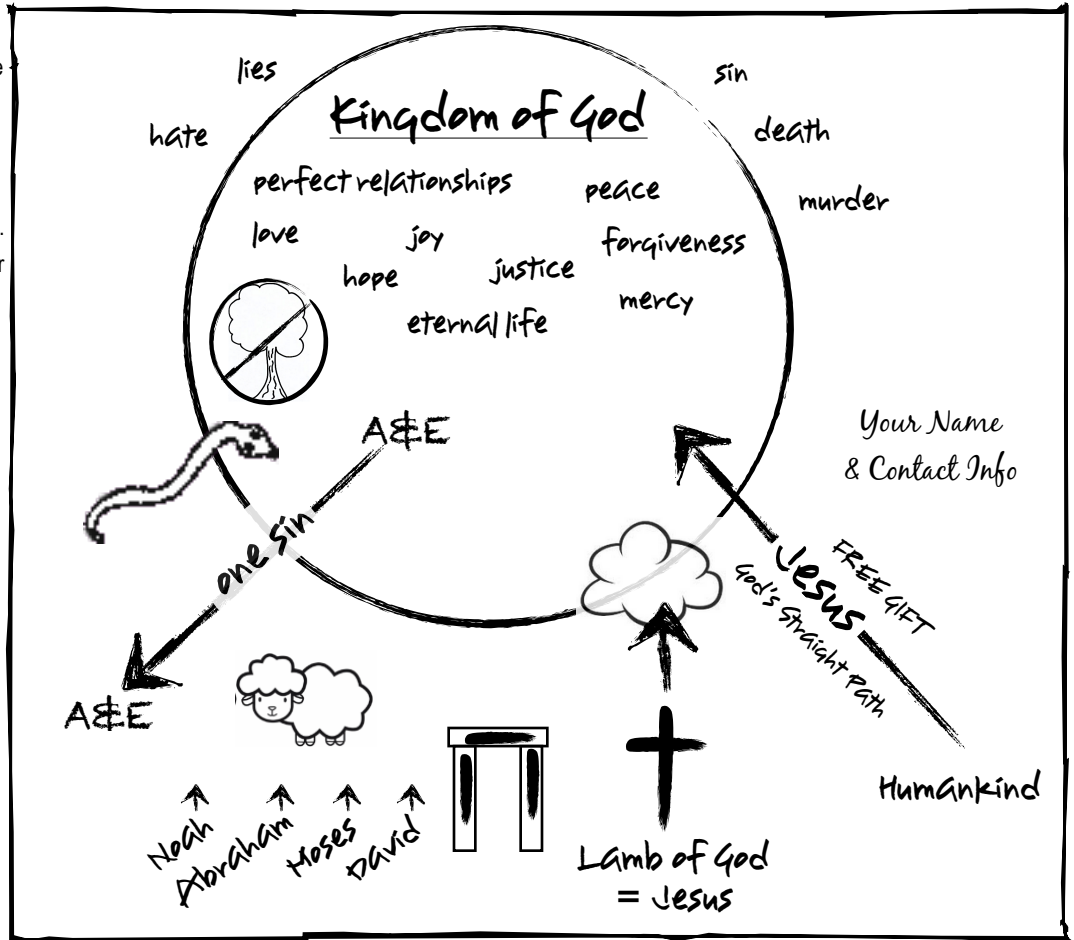
- Draw a snake entering the picture as you describe how a rebellious fallen angel took on this disguise to trick A&E into disobeying, and an arrow from the tree with A&E now outside the circle as you explain that we don't know how many good things they had done, but just one sin broke their relationship with God.

- Draw a doorway marked with blood on the top and sides as you describe how God sent judgment on the Egyptian oppressors but spared the Israelites who sacrificed a lamb. Say "Shed blood saved life. No shed blood left death."

- List Old Testament prophets and note they taught and practiced sacrifice: Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, etc. Draw an upward arrow by each name as you note these prophets all pointed people back to God.

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- Write "Lamb of God = Jesus" as you tell how John declared him "the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."



(The less professional your own artwork appears, the more comfortable others will be reproducing it.)

- Draw a cross as you explain that Jesus, the Word of God, came to earth through a virgin and lived a sinless life, then provided the perfect and final sacrifice for all sin. Now God forgives all who trust His finished work and stop relying on their own efforts to be good. "Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins" He 9:22 (ESV).
- Draw an arrow rising into a cloud as you tell how God raised Jesus from the dead to sit at God's right hand until He returns to judge the earth.
- Draw an arrow bringing humankind into God's Kingdom. Label it "Jesus," "God's Straight Path," and "FREE GIFT" and say "The Injil says Jesus is God's free gift—

perfect sacrifice to provide us the straight path back to God and His Kingdom."

- Ask in conclusion: "Does it make sense that God saw we can never be good enough, so He provided a straight path into His Kingdom that doesn't depend on our efforts?"
- If they agree, ask "Do you believe this?" If yes, have them read Ro 10:9-10, then pray with them.
- In any case, ask "Would you like to meet again to discuss stories about Jesus?"
- Add your contact information, get theirs, and leave your drawing with them.