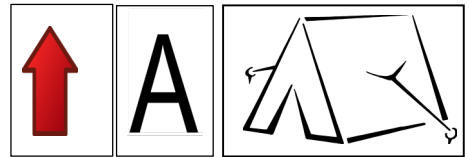
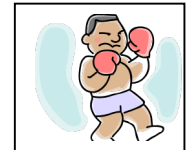


**C** Creation to Camping

- In the beginning **GOD** created the heavens and the earth
- **A** – Adam, the first man God created
- **A** – Abraham, the father of all nations. Abraham was the father of Isaac; Isaac was the father of Jacob; Jacob was the father of Joseph who was sold into slavery by his brothers and went to Egypt where he became a successful man in Pharaoh's house. God put Joseph in this position to eventually save his family and God's people.
- **A** – Aaron, a priest and brother to **AA** Moses – the man who led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt. The Israelites camped in **TENTS** in the wilderness for 40 years before entering the promised land.

**C** Conquest

- Joshua led the Israelites into the promised land and took leadership of the nation; wall at Jericho
- The Israelites had to fight for the promised land; they didn't just get it handed to them by God
- Once they entered the promised land, the Israelites fell into sin and living pagan lifestyles, forgetting about the one true God who brought them out of Egypt.
- God raises up judges to rescue Israel several times, but the rescues were only temporary due to continued sin
- God's judgment fell on the Israelites because of their continued disobedience (sin, rebellion, independence)

**C** Crown

- **King Saul** – anointed by Samuel (one of the judges), but rejected by God as the rightful King because of his bad decisions and disobedience; Saul dislikes David and fears losing his throne
- **King David** (a man after God's own heart) – Samuel anoints him as a boy; David and Goliath; becomes king of Judah while the kingdom of Israel (in the north) rejects God. Eventually David rules all of Israel and established Jerusalem; David and Bathsheba; David's sons are Absalom and Solomon. King David has both successes and failures.
- **King Solomon** – becomes the last king of united Israel after his father David dies. Solomon asks God for wisdom and God is pleased. Solomon was the wisest king to ever live. Solomon builds the temple for the Ark of the Covenant. Solomon then makes some bad decisions and begins to worship the gods of his wives and is overtaken by his lust for women. After his death, the kingdom splits (North - 10 tribes of Israel / South – 2 tribes of Judah)

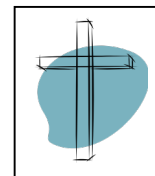
**C** Captivity

- God sends *many* prophets to warn His people to turn away from their wicked ways and return to the Lord God or else they will face great and terrible punishment
- The Northern Kingdom of Israel neglects the warnings and coming judgment announced by the prophet Hosea and they are taken into captivity (722 B.C.) by the Assyrians
- The priest/prophet Jeremiah warns Judah of their destruction if they don't turn back to God. They don't listen, and, as predicted, the Southern Kingdom of Judah (along with Jerusalem) is taken into Babylonian captivity in 586 B.C.
- Even during captivity God protected and provided for His faithful followers. God is faithful in fulfilling His promises and so the Jews (from Judah) return to Jerusalem from their 70-year exile in Babylon.
- Other prophets tell of life for the Jews after their return from exile. They stressed the importance of correct worship of God, God's great mercy and hope, and encourage them to conform to the law of God again and keep God first in their lives. Some even told of the coming Messiah and the future reign of Jesus Christ as well as the New Heaven and Earth.



## **C** Can't Hear      **SILENCE**

- God is silent for 400 years. There are no prophets or miracles done at this time, but God is still very much at work behind the scenes. He's preparing the world for the appointed hour – the birth of God's Son, Jesus Christ (Galatians 4:4)
- During this time, there are political shifts between the Persians, Greeks, and finally the Romans. There are also cultural shifts where the Greek language, thought, and style became dominant. The geography changed as well. The area of Palestine (formerly known as Canaan) was divided into three areas: Galilee, Samaria, and Judea. Religious shifts were also going on at this time and new religious "parties" were formed among the Jews. These included the Pharisees, Sadducees, Zealots, and scribes. There is also a language shift. Hebrew, Aramaic, Latin, and Greek were spoken. Many Jews were fluent in Greek and Aramaic (Jesus spoke Aramaic).
- After the 400 quiet years, the world was prepared for the rapid spread of the gospel. There was a new world language. It was easy to travel because of the peace brought about by the Roman Empire, and Jewish settlements and synagogues were present everywhere.



## **C** Christ

- Sent by God at the appointed time to ignite a new kingdom of believers; Jesus is the Messiah
- He is God's Son sent to earth as the one true sacrifice (the sinless Lamb of God) for the sins of all people.
- Jesus tells believers to "Go and Make Disciples" (learners and followers of Christ)
- Salvation comes through faith alone in Christ's death on the cross, His burial, and His resurrection
- Jesus taught people, healed people, performed many miracles, and showed compassion to all people



## **C** Community

- Believers become the Body of Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit
- Believers are to spread the Gospel of Christ to the world
- Christians must have a desire to produce good fruit, obey God's law and live a holy and righteous life in the eyes of God. Christians should live a redeemed life.

## **C** Completion and Commencement

- God completed what he started, and now He is beginning something new
- Christians are to continue watching for the return and triumph of the Lord Jesus Christ
- Non-believers face Final Judgment on the Last Day
- God's wrath of holy judgment will come upon the wicked Earth
- God will create a New Heaven and a New Earth for believers to live eternally with Jesus Christ; it will be a place of happiness – no tears, pain, mourning or death



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