

## Gospel Presentations Used in T4T Packages

### *T4T Classic – Lesson 1 “Assurance of Salvation”*

In T4T, Ying teaches new believers to share their testimony as a bridge, then pull out a photocopy of lesson 1 which is “Assurance of Salvation.” He is giving lost people a chance to have assurance that they can be saved. It’s very simple: pull out the sheet of paper (like a tract) and work through it with the lost person. Don’t ask for permission; just tell!

Mostly by using this simple gospel presentation, over a million people in East Asia have come to faith.

What follows is the skeleton of that gospel presentation. **If you just walk people through an outline, it will be rather boring.** Ying includes many stories and illustrations of each point along the way. To use the presentation effectively, insert some examples and stories that will help illustrate the points.

## Lesson 1 – The Assurance of Salvation

Congratulations, you are a child of the Heavenly Father (Acts 17:28-29)! From this point on, you can have a new relationship with God and receive all of His promises. Here's how you can know Him.

### I. Let us review how we receive eternal life through Jesus.

(A) What is the result of sin?

(Isaiah 59:2) \_\_\_\_\_

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(B) People try many different ways to find God, yet fail. Why?

(Ephesians 2:8-9) \_\_\_\_\_

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(C) How does God draw us to Himself?

(1 Peter 3:18) \_\_\_\_\_

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### II. The way of salvation

(A) The redemption of Jesus + your faith + repentance = salvation

Has God done what he wants to do (death and resurrection)?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No

Have you done what you need to do (believe and repent)?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No

If you have "believed," then you are saved!

(B) What does Jesus promise to those who follow Him?

(John 10:28) \_\_\_\_\_

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(C) Eternal life does not only mean you will live forever; this life with God also means that we are able to live a life of holiness, righteousness, kindness and strength. We will forever receive the blessings of God.

(D) Believing in Christ not only means you will have eternal life, but starting right now, you have a new life, letting you feel peace, happiness, and blessings at this very moment. You will also become one to bless others.

### III. Your response

Do you know you have been saved? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No

Do you know you have received eternal life? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No

Conclusion: \_\_\_ I have been saved \_\_\_ I have not been saved \_\_\_ I still don't know

**IV. If anyone is in Christ, he is a \_\_\_\_\_, the old \_\_\_\_\_, the new has come. (2 Corinthians 5:17)**

The saved will be changed. Have you experienced the following changes? (If so, share a testimony. If not, I will share with you my testimonies about these.)

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| ___ inner peace                   | ___ awareness of sin         |
| ___ constantly feel God's love    | ___ desire to read the Bible |
| ___ peace of having been forgiven | ___ ability to defeat sin    |
| ___ attitude of becoming better   | ___ caring for others        |

**V. If you sin again, are you still saved?**

(1 John 1:9) \_\_\_\_\_

(1 John 1:6-7) \_\_\_\_\_

(Also Heb 6:4-8, 10:26 to guard against people living in sin but claiming to be saved.)

**VI. Please joyfully fill in your spiritual "birth certificate."**

On \_\_\_\_ (yr) \_\_\_\_ (mo) \_\_\_\_ (day) I received Jesus into my heart to be my savior. He forgave my sin, became my Lord, and took control of my life. Now I have become a child of God, and become a new creation. I have begun a new life.

Signature:

**VII. Memorize Bible verses.**

"He who has the Son has life, he who does not have the Son, does not have life," 1 John 5:12.

**VIII.** When you receive this great salvation your life is full of joy and peace! The first thing that you should do is to share this good news with those around you. Tell five people all that you have heard and learned today. In addition, train these individuals to share and train others. In the following weeks continue to teach at least five more individuals. This is the great news and it is God's will; He is willing for all to receive salvation.

## *C2C – The Creation to Christ Story*

In work with the illiterate animists, they knew so little about God, much less the Bible that we began to use 40 chronological Bible stories from creation to Christ to share the gospel. The idea was to get a person of peace and his *oikos* together to listen to all 40 stories. However, we ran into several problems:

- Our church planters couldn't remember 10 stories, much less all 40!
- The security situation, plus the mobility of the young people leaving the villages, meant that we did not have the same group together for more than 2-3 weeks usually. We didn't have time to get through all the stories.
- We couldn't get the gospel out there fast enough to find the persons of peace. We wanted to filter for response much faster.
- It betrayed a misconception we had about oral learners: that they take a long time before they can understand and make an informed decision to follow Jesus

After many tries, we reduced the number of stories and combined many. Eventually, we put the content of the basic 40 stories into one story that we could tell in 10-15 minutes! This gave people enough basic Bible knowledge to make a well-informed decision to follow Christ with the worldview they had. It enabled us to find the people the Spirit was attacking rather than assuming we had to do all the preparation of their hearts ourselves!

Another colleague began trying out C2C on his people group, and together we began to refine it more and more<sup>1</sup>. Eventually, people from many nations have used C2C, and we continue to refine it as we learn from them. **One thing I love about C2C is that about two-thirds of the story is just about Jesus. He draws people to Himself.**

In time, C2C has been adapted and used in more contexts with good results. It's simply the whole Bible story in 10-20 minutes. People love listening to stories, especially this one. Twice my wife shared C2C with taxi drivers who refused to let her get out of the taxi until she finished.

It has been one of the most easily learned and passed on stories. In one instance I know of Chinese speaking evangelists shared C2C with a Tibetan girl who was bilingual (Chinese-Tibetan). She heard it in Chinese and believed. She immediately went home to share it with her mother *in Tibetan*. Her mother believed. Stories are much easier to remember and pass on (even in a different language) than some other forms of communication.

The C2C story that follows can also be found as a stand-alone document on the T4T website to hand out if you need to.

### ***Adapting C2C***

Many people are using and adapting C2C.

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<sup>1</sup> Thanks again to Allen James for his immense contribution here. He is one the best C2C trainers I know.

For Muslim listeners, people just leave out the phrase “God sent His only Son Jesus” and insert the phrase “God sent Jesus from heaven” or “He was the Word of God.” This helps the listeners to hear the gospel first, then learn what Jesus’ Sonship really means.

For post-moderns, in the beginning we change this phrase “I want to tell you a story from the Bible. It is God’s Word, so it is true and reliable.” Instead we use something like this: “I want to tell you a story that is changing the lives of people all over the world.” Most will not initially believe in propositional truth, but do care about relevance.<sup>2</sup>

There are eight basic parts of the story. The easiest way to learn the story is by listening to the whole story, learning the basic subject of each of the eight parts, and then trying to state each of the eight parts in your own words.

In addition, a C2C training video is available on the T4T website.

Learn to tell the story in 10-15 minutes when possible. You can always expand the story for parts people don’t understand. Every part of the story comes from some place in Scripture, so you can unpack that section more after telling the entire story.

Recommendations for learning C2C

- Use your own words to share the basic concepts.
- Section titles are to help you remember the story.
- Memorize a few key phrases that you build the story around (**boldface**)
- Don’t use many proper nouns (names) except for God, Jesus, the devil – it confuses lost people.
- Learn the eight basic sections of the story.
- Any time you’re stuck, just say “But God still loved them” until you know what to say next.
- Don’t add extra details or dialogue. It will confuse you.
- Don’t add your opinions or interpretations yet – just tell the Biblical story
- In the section about the ten commandments, reference the commands that your hearers most often disobey.

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<sup>2</sup> Thanks to Pete Leininger in Europe for this great adaptation.

## The Creation to Christ Story (A summary of the Bible's basic message)

I would like to share with you a story that is changing the lives of people around the world.

### PART 1 - True Story from the Bible:

This is a summary story of the Most High God's relationship with the world. This story is from a book called the Bible. Men did not make up the Bible. It is the word of the Most High God. The Most High God is more powerful than any ancestor, person, government or god that people worship. This story is true and reliable because it is the word of the Most High God.

### PART 2 – Created for a Relationship With God

**Creator:** There is only one God, and He is the Most High God. He existed in the beginning before there was anything else. The Most High God is the Creator. He created everything on earth and in heaven and is all powerful over everything. When God began to create things, He just used His words. He spoke and everything came to being. He created angels to worship and serve Him. They were very beautiful. He also created everything we can see -- the sky, land, water, mountains, oceans, sun, moon, stars, all plant and animals. Finally, He created man according to His image. God created man to enjoy all that He has created. God created everything and saw that it was good.

**God and Man in Relationship:** God placed the man and woman in a beautiful garden to live. They had a very good relationship with Him and with each other. He told them to take care of the garden and enjoy everything. He gave them a special command: they could eat from every tree in the garden except one. If they ate from that one tree, they would be punished and die. The man and woman listened to God and had a wonderful relationship with Him in the garden. **God created us to have a wonderful relationship with Him forever!**

### PART 3 – People are Separated from God

**Fall of the Devil:** However, do you remember the angels God created? One of the angels was very smart and beautiful. This angel became very proud. He wanted to be like God and to have the other angels to worship him instead of God. Only God deserves all the worship and service. Therefore God cast the disobedient angel, the devil, and the other angels who listened to him out of heaven. These bad angels are known as demons.

**Disobeying:** One day, the devil tempted woman to eat the food from the tree that was forbidden. The woman listened to the devil and ate the fruit. Then she gave it to her husband to eat. Both of them disobeyed God's command. **Disobeying God's command is sin.** God is righteous and holy. He must punish sin. God cast the man and the woman out of the garden, and their relationship with God was broken. Human beings and God were now separated forever.

**All Have Sinned:** Like the first man and the woman, all people like us since then have sinned by not listening to God's commands and are separated from God. The result of sin is eternal punishment in hell. **We cannot live forever with God as we were designed.**

### PART 4 – People Can't Come Back to God

**10 Commands:** Over time, the number of people on earth multiplied. Yet God loved them very much and wanted them to have a relationship with Him. He gave them 10 commandments to follow. Remember God is perfect and holy, so we must be perfect and holy to live with him. The 10 commandments teach people how to relate to God and how to relate to people. Some of the commands were: do not worship other gods or make idols; honor your parents; do not lie, steal, murder or commit adultery. However, no one was able to obey all of these commands.

**Sacrifices:** So, each time they sinned, God allowed them to repent of their sins and offer a blood sacrifice to take the place of their punishment. This sacrifice was shedding the blood of a perfect animal like a lamb. If they would repent and offer the blood sacrifice, God would forgive them and let the animal die in their place. **Only**

**by the shedding of blood can a person's sin be forgiven.**

However, people kept sinning and the sin sacrifice became a ritual rather than something from their heart. God became tired of their insincere acts. People were still separated from God. **We cannot come back to God on our own no matter what we do.**

### PART 5 – Jesus Comes to Earth

**God Sends Jesus:** However, God still loved us very much. Therefore He gave us a perfect way to reconnect to Him. God sent Jesus to show us the way back to Himself. Who is Jesus? Jesus is God's one and only son.

**Teacher:** When Jesus was on earth, He was a wise teacher. Many people would come to hear Him teach about how they could return to God.

**Storm:** Jesus was also a powerful **miracle worker**. On one occasion, He was with some of His followers crossing a large lake on a boat. It was late at night. While Jesus was sleeping, a powerful storm arose on the lake. Jesus' followers were very afraid. They awakened Jesus and said, "We are about to die!" Jesus rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Immediately the wind and rained stopped. **Jesus' power is greater than the powers of the world.**

**Feed 5000:** On another occasion over 5,000 people came to listen to Jesus teach about God. When evening came they had not eaten and were hungry. Altogether they only had five loaves of bread and two fish. Jesus used the five loaves of bread and two fish to feed over 5,000 people. **Jesus' power is able to satisfy man's needs.**

**Demon-possessed Man:** Another time, Jesus saw a man with many demons inside him. The man was very powerful and dangerous. Yet Jesus loved the man and cast the demons out of him. **Jesus is more powerful than the evil spiritual world.**

**Raising the Dead:** Finally, on another occasion, Jesus' good friend became sick and died. Jesus was not with him. Several days later Jesus arrived at His friend's house. Jesus felt very sad. His friend was already in the tomb. Jesus went to the front of the tomb and said, "Friend, come out." His friend was rose up and walked out of the tomb alive! **Jesus' power is greater than death.**

**Love: Jesus did all these things because He loves people and wants us all to come back to God.**

### PART 6 – Jesus. The Perfect Sacrifice

**Perfect:** Unlike us, Jesus never sinned. He obeyed His Father in heaven perfectly. He alone never deserved to be punished.

**Cross:** Therefore most people loved Jesus. However, there some religious leaders were jealous of Jesus. These men arrested Jesus and decided to kill Him. They placed Jesus on a large cross which is two large pieces of wood shaped in a "T". They took His hands and His feet and nailed them to the cross. His precious blood flowed from His hands, feet and body. Jesus suffered much pain on the cross.

**Substitute:** Jesus is the perfect sacrifice. Jesus was perfect and did not deserve to die. Instead, Jesus died for all mankind. God loves us and allowed Jesus to die on the cross in our place. Only through the shedding of Jesus' precious blood was God able to forgive our sin. Jesus death demonstrates God's love towards us.

**Resurrection:** After Jesus died, he was placed in a secure tomb. However this story doesn't end here. On the third day Jesus rose from the dead and showed Himself to His followers! Then He returned to His Father in heaven. **Jesus took our punishment and now provides a way for us to come back to God!**

### PART 7 – The Wandering Son

Before He left the earth, Jesus told a story to his followers about a father and his sons.

**A Son Leaves:** The father had two sons. The younger one said to his father, "Father, give me my share of the inheritance." So he divided his property between them. The younger son got together all

he had, set off for a distant country and there wasted his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, he began to be in need. So he went and got a lowly job feeding pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

**Comes to His Senses:** One day he came to his senses. He said, "How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.'"

**Repents:** So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him. He ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son."

**Restored:** But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his

feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found." So they began to celebrate.

**Jesus Brings Us Back:** We are all like the younger son. We all have left God and are forever separated from Him. We all must repent of our sins and return to God. Only Jesus can lead us back to God's side and make us His son or daughter. We can live with Him forever in heaven.

Jesus said, "**I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.**" John 14:6

**Question:** We must go through Jesus to return to God. How can we go through Jesus? You must admit to God that you have sinned against Him. You must believe that Jesus died in your place. You put your trust in Jesus to bring you back and give you eternal life as God's son or daughter. From that point on, you let Jesus be your Master and obey His word.

**\*\*Do you want to let Jesus bring you back to God?**

**How to Come Back to God**

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The whole Creation to Christ story is summarized in one verse: "**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes [trusts] in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**" John 3:16

To come back to God, you must put your faith (trust) in Jesus. To do that, we must turn from our old sinful life and ask God to forgive us. "**If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**" 1 John 1:9 He is a treasure worth joyfully giving your life to gain!

**Therefore, to return to God you must repent (turn from) your sins and believe in Jesus as your new Master.**

**Prayer:** God wants you, your family and friends to return to Him. To return, you must believe in your heart and confess . . .

*"God, I know you love me, but I have sinned against you.*

*However, Jesus is the perfect sacrifice for my sin. I believe and trust in Jesus to take my punishment.*

*I confess I have sinned and am sorry. God please forgive me.*

*I put my trust in You Jesus and ask you to lead me back to God.*

*I agree to joyfully obey You as my Master from this moment on as I read the Bible.*

*Thank you for my new and eternal life as your child."*

You can talk to God through prayer and He will hear you. If you truly mean it, then you may want to sign below to remember that today you came back to God!

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**Assurance**

If you truly turned back to God, you are now God's child. You have a brand new life! The Bible says:

**"I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."** 1 John 5:13

No matter what happens, you are now God's child forever! He wants you to rest assured that you have a new life and nothing can separate you again!

It is important now to meet with other believers, read God's Word and pray to Him regularly to grow in your new relationship with God.

**Go Tell and Train Five**

God's plan is not only to bring you back but to bring back you family and friends *through you*. God is waiting for your whole family to believe in Him. Go home and tell your family and friends this good news. God loves them too! **Write down the names of at least five people you want to tell this story to this week. Whom do you think most would like to hear this?**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Let's practice telling the story together several times and then pray for the people you will tell. If they decide to follow Jesus, train them to repeat the process the next week with five of their friends or family. I am giving you five copies of this lesson that you can give to them.**

I will meet again with you soon to see how you are doing with this, and I will train you in the next step in growing in your new relationship with God.

## *Foundational Bible passages for C2C*

Some people ask which passages the C2C story is based on. Here are the majority of the passages.

- 2 Timothy 3:16
- Psalm 115:3-8
- 1 Chronicles 16:25-28
- Nehemiah 9:6
- Genesis 1:1 – 2:3
- Genesis 1:26-27
- Genesis 2:4-25
- Ezekiel 28:12b-17
- Isaiah 14:12-15
- Genesis 2:8-9, 16-17; 3:1-24
- Isaiah 59:2
- Romans 3:23
- Romans 6:23a
- Exodus 20:1-17
- Hebrews 9:22b
- Lev 1:1-3; 4:13-21
- Isaiah 1:11
- John 3:16
- Luke 1:31-37
- Matthew 5:1-7:29
- Mark 4:35-5:20
- Mark 6:30-44
- John 11:1-44
- John 10:7-15
- Psalm 23:1-3
- 1 Peter 2:22
- Hebrews 9:14
- John 1:29
- Luke 23:20-25, 32-48
- Revelation 5:9
- 1 Peter 1:19
- Romans 5:8
- Luke 24:1-50
- Isaiah 53:6
- Luke 15:11-24, 32
- John 14:6
- Romans 10:9,10



## *Any3 Gospel Presentation*

An effective gospel presentation today has emerged out of a Southeast Asian Muslim background CPM<sup>3</sup>. **Any3** means, anyone, anywhere, any time. It is a very simple way to BRIDGE and share the GOSPEL to Muslims. However, with adaptation, the bridge section has been effective with almost anyone (see chapter on bridges to the lost).

Any3 has been used as a rapid way to get to the gospel to filter for persons of peace among Muslims in a friendly, non-combative way. It uses a bridge you can adapt for almost any context, then uses a sort of Creation to Christ story built around the idea of sacrifice. If the hearer does not respond immediately, then the witness moves to other sacrifice stories from the Old Testament.

### **Witness Well Any3 Approach**

#### *Goals:*

- 1) To get people to understand and admit that they are lost.
- 2) To show the difference between salvation by grace and salvation by works.
- 3) To filter open people by using the gospel.
- 4) To either invite the person to receive Christ or to end the initial witnessing conversation with the person on a good note, making follow-up possible.

#### *Necessary Tools:*

- Basic understanding of target culture and its religious beliefs.
- Ability to carry out a conversation in a relaxed and natural way in target language.
- Understanding of how to present the gospel in a way that it shows the difference between grace and works as a way of salvation.
- Knowing how to use the sacrifice stories, particularly Adam and Eve, is often very helpful to show why Jesus' sacrifice for sins is necessary.

#### ***Application (5 Steps to Witness Well)***

-----BRIDGE-----

- 1) **Getting Connected** (Build Rapport through Small Talk, usually 15 minutes.)
  - “How are you?” and “Who are you?”
- 2) **Getting to the Point** (Transition to Spiritual Matters)
  - Pray for an open door.
  - If open door doesn't immediately happen, say, “Which religion do you follow?” or if you already know, “You follow the \_\_\_\_\_ religion, right?”
- 3) **Getting Them Lost** (Reveal Common Sin Problem and Frustration of Failing in our Religious Duties, by letting them talk about their religious experience.)
  - “Almost all religions are the same, aren't they?”

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<sup>3</sup> Special thanks to my colleague who developed this. For security reasons, I cannot share his name.

- i. The point of religion is to try to do good and be good enough to please God, so that God will receive us. Almost all religions are concerned with doing good things to offset our sins, but we never get our sins paid off.
- ii. We are all frustrated, aren't we? We try our best to please God, but fail (sin) continually, leaving us frustrated.
- We are all sinners, aren't we?
  - i. Our sin debt gets larger instead of smaller, doesn't it?, because we sin every day, don't we?
- What are you doing to get your sins forgiven? (let them talk about it, then ask the following questions)
  - i. Are your sins paid off yet?
  - ii. When will they be paid off?
  - iii. In eternity, will your sins be forgiven?

-----GOSPEL-----

**4) Getting the Gospel to Them** (Brief Presentation of the Gospel to Show How You're Sure Your Sins Are Forgiven because of Jesus' Death and Resurrection, usually 5-8 min.)

- "What I believe is different from that."
  - i. My sins are already paid off, and it's not because of the good things I do. By the way, you're probably a better person than I am.
  - ii. My sins are paid off because God himself has made a way to forgive sins.
    - 1. Jesus came from Heaven and was born of a virgin.
    - 2. Jesus lived a holy life.
      - a. Jesus never sinned, although tempted.
      - b. Jesus never married, was from the ordinary class rather than from the upper class, and early in his public ministry fasted for 40 days and 40 nights.
      - c. Jesus performed might miracles, including raising people from the dead.
      - d. Jesus began prophesying to his followers that He was going to surrender Himself to evil rulers and would be killed to pay for people's sins, and would rise again 3 days later.
    - 1. All of our forefathers gave blood sacrifices to have their sins forgiven (Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Noah, Abraham, Moses).
      - a. Adam and Eve
      - b. 1 Sin Brought Severe Punishment from God Although They Had Done Many Good Deeds
      - c. Animal Skins Given By God Showed that a Blood Sacrifice Had Been Offered to Forgive Their Sins.
    - 2. John the Baptist – "Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world."
    - 3. According to the Law, Prophets, Psalms, and the Gospel (NT), "without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness of sins."
  - 3. Jesus died to pay our sin debt, and then three days later he was raised from the dead, proving that God received Jesus' sacrifice.

4. The Gospel says that if we believe Jesus paid for our sins with His death, and surrender ourselves to Him as Lord, we will be saved. That's why I know my sins are forgiven, and it's not because I'm a better person than you, because I know you're probably a better person than me.

5) **Getting On With It**

- If not open to the gospel, share the gospel briefly, then change the subject.
- If open to the gospel
  - i. **Invite them to receive Christ.**
  - ii. Briefly tell them the other sacrifice stories.
  - iii. Invite them to invite friends to study the sacrifice stories.

**\*\*At this point, some people are including Part 7 from C2C (Prodigal Son story) to call people to commitment by asking the same question: "Would you like for Jesus to bring you back to God?"**

If they do not believe at this point, the following sacrifice stories are shared in succession over several days or weeks:

1. **Adam and Eve**—supporting verse: (Leviticus 17:11) "For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life."
2. **Cain and Abel**—supporting verse: (Hebrews 11:4a) "By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings."
3. **Noah**—supporting verses (Genesis 8:20-21a) "Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. The Lord smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: 'Never again will I curse the ground because of man...'"
4. **Abraham**—supporting verses (Romans 4:2-3) "If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. What does the Scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.'"
5. **Moses** (Two important points: Passover and the Giving of the Law)—supporting verse (Hebrews 9:22) "In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness."
6. **Isa al-Masih [Jesus the Messiah]** (Show Jesus film or tell the story of the life and sacrifice of Isa al-Masih)—supporting verse (1 Peter 3:18) "For al-Masih died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit..."

### *Common Difficulty*

- “I think God will forgive my sins, because He is merciful.”
  - Answer: God has said there is only one way He will forgive sins, that is through blood sacrifices.
  - After sharing one or more of the sacrifice stories and emphasizing the necessity of blood sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins, tell the motorcycle illustration, or one like it:

“Suppose a person wants to buy a motorcycle (or a car). He usually makes a payment plan at the bank to pay \_\_\_\_\_ per month. Let’s say I bought a motorcycle this way, but when it was time to pay the first month’s payment, I didn’t have enough money. So I tried to find a way out on my own. I gathered up five chickens which I was raising to feed my family, and then took the chickens to the bank. Imagine walking into the bank with chickens. People are looking at you like you are weird, and you are embarrassed. Finally, the cashier calls your number, so you approach the counter with your chickens and lay them on the counter. Will he/she receive your chickens as payment for your motorcycle? Of course not, he/she will laugh, right? Why? Because the agreement for payment was money, not chickens. That’s how it is with God. God has made an agreement with mankind that sins can only be paid through the shedding of blood. And Jesus shed His blood as the final and only way for people’s sins to be forgiven.”