

3 Circles Gospel Illustration

Step 1 - God's Perfect Design

1. Ask "if you could create a perfect world, what would you put in it?"
 - golf course, shopping, city, world peace, etc.
2. Draw a circle and in it write "God's Perfect Design"
 - "When God created the world, it was perfect. God created Adam and Eve and they lived in a garden with food everywhere, there was no hunger, there was perfect peace, everything was perfect. They had a perfect relationship with God. We couldn't dream it up any better."
 - There's a good chance that something they mentioned was in God's perfect design. Try and tie that in if you are able to.
3. "That sounds like a pretty ideal setup doesn't it?"



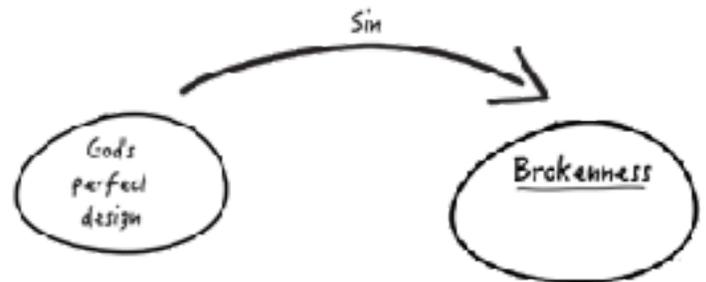
Step 2 - Sin

1. Draw an arrow from the God's Perfect Design circle to the right. Write SIN on the arrow.
2. "Unfortunately this perfect world didn't last long. Adam and Eve could eat from any tree in the garden but God was protecting them from one tree and told them not to eat it. Adam and Eve ate it and disobeyed God bringing sin into the world and ruining the perfect relationship they had with God."



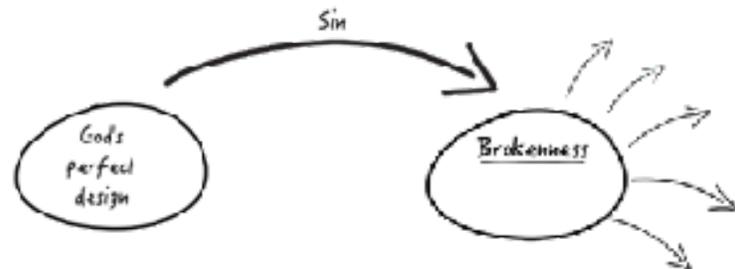
Step 3 - Brokenness

1. Draw a circle and write BROKENNESS inside.
2. "When Adam and Eve sinned that brought brokenness into the world. It is the same way in that when we sin, it leads to brokenness."
3. "What are some examples of brokenness that you see on campus?"
 - Write these examples underneath the circles
4. "God never created it to be this way but because of sin we all experience brokenness in our lives."



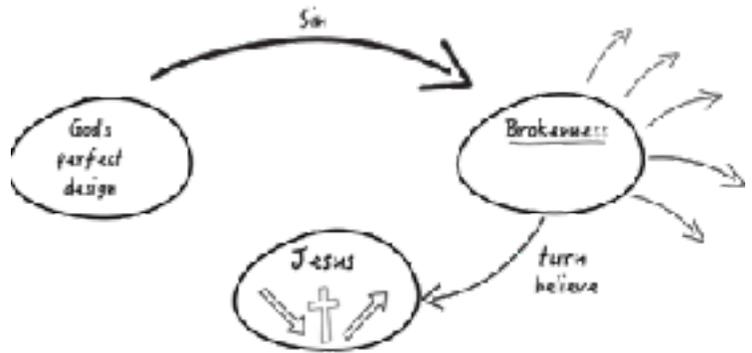
Step 4 - How we fix brokenness

1. Draw some squiggly lines away from the circle with brokenness.
2. "What are some ways that we try and fix this brokenness on our own?"
 - Alcohol, parties, sports, school, popularity, success, etc.
3. "We all try and fix this brokenness on our own but ultimately we have to keep trying to fix it because none of these "solutions" every last. Luckily, God loves us so much that he provided another way to help us fix the brokenness in our lives."



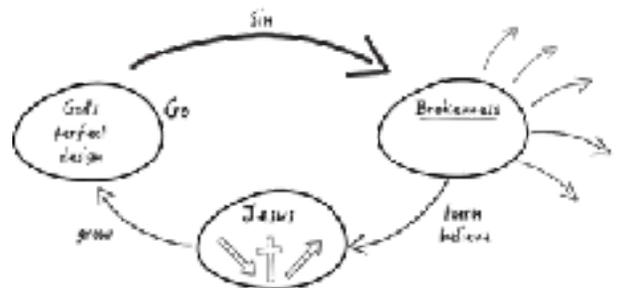
Step 5 - Turn and Trust/the Gospel

1. Draw an arrow from the circle with Brokenness to another circle and draw a cross in the circle.
2. *“Because God loves us he made a way for us to escape the brokenness in our lives. He sent Jesus, his son, to live the perfect life that we couldn’t and die on a cross, paying the penalty for our sins, and then was buried and rose again 3 days later showing that he had power over death, our sin, and the brokenness that is in our lives.”*
3. *“In order to let Jesus fix our brokenness the Bible tells us we have to make a decision to turn from our sin and trying to fix brokenness on our own and trust that Jesus died on the cross for our sins and rose from the grave 3 days later.”*



Step 6 - Go and Grow

1. Draw an arrow from the circle with the cross to the circle with God's Perfect Design. Write GO and GROW on the arrow.
2. *“After we make this decision to turn and trust in Christ our perfect relationship is restored with Christ and we Go and tell others about the change in our lives as well as how Jesus can heal the brokenness in our lives as well as continue to grow in our relationship with him.”*



Step 7 - Decision Opportunity

1. *“We mentioned that in order for Jesus to really heal the brokenness in our lives we have to make the decision to turn from our sin and trying to fix brokenness our own and trusting the Jesus died on the cross for our sins and rose again.”*
2. *“On a scale from 1-10 with 1 being I only fix brokenness on my own to 10 being I've made the decision to trust in Jesus as my Lord and savior and for him to fix my brokenness, where would you say you are at?”*
3. *“What do you think it would take for you to be at a 10 or go all in?”*