

Gospel Visual: Wall of SIN, Cross of the SON

Lightly sandpaper one side of a 9 x 12" sheet of heavy brown construction paper (to make it stick to a flannel-board). Cut it into 3 strips 3" x 12", and cut one strip in half. Butt one 6" strip with a 12" strip and tape the seam on the unsanded side. This 18" strip and the other 12" strip will form a cross on the board.

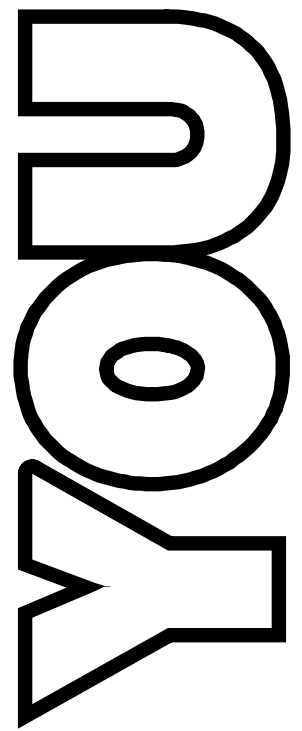
Color the large letters on this sheet red or another color, or just leave them white. If you wish, color the letters in "YOU" and "GOD." Cut out the rectangles with "SIN," "YOU" and "GOD" and the square with the "O." Paste the word "SIN" on the unsanded side of the 18" strip (over the seam), leaving 1" above the "S." Paste the "O" on the unsanded side of the 12" strip positioned horizontally, in the center. Paste the "YOU" and "GOD" on pieces of construction paper about 2.5" x 5" and sandpaper the backs.

Presentation

(Placing YOU on the left side of board) Do you know who made you? That's right, (placing GOD on right side of board) the Bible says that God made you -- He made the whole world! And the Bible says He loves everyone in the world: **"For God so loved the world..."** (Jn 3.16 KJV) He loves you and wants you to know Him and love Him and live with Him forever.

But we were all born with a problem that's like a wall that keeps us apart from God (placing vertical strip SIN). It's called sin, and it's all the things we do that God says are wrong. The Bible says, **"...your sins have come between you and your God."** (Is 59.2 BBE) Can you think of some sins that kids do? No sin at all can be near God because He's perfectly good. Every time you sin, it's like building the wall thicker and higher. There's nothing you can do to take away the wall of sin. Trying to do good things can't take it away. God says for our sin you and I deserve to be kept apart from Him forever in a place of punishment.

But the Good News is that He loves us even though we've sinned. He made a way to take away the wall of sin and save us so we can know Him and be with Him. He sent His own perfect Son Jesus to take away our sin (placing cross piece). The Bible says, **"...the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world."** (1 Jn 4.14 KJV)



Men nailed Jesus to a wooden cross and put Him to death like a criminal. He never sinned, but He loves you so much that He gave His blood and died to take the punishment for your sin. After He died they buried Him, but three days later Jesus came back to life to show that He is God and that He had taken away our sin. Now through Jesus the Son you (moving the YOU next to GOD) can come to God, be forgiven of all your sin and have life forever with Him! The Bible says, **"He who believes in the Son has everlasting life..."** (Jn 3.36 NKJV) The only way you can come to God is by believing in what Jesus did for you.

Do you know you have sinned? Do you know you can't take away your own sin? Do you believe Jesus took away your sin when He died for you? Do you believe He came back to life? Do you believe in Jesus right now to forgive your sin and give you everlasting life?