



DISABILITY MINISTRY

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A story...



Stage 1 Intuitive-Projective faith

Stage 2 Mythic-Literal Faith

Stage 3 Synthetic-Conventional faith

Stage 4 Individuative-Reflective faith

Stage 5 Conjunctive faith

Stage 6 Universalizing faith



Stages of faith development
(Fowler, 1995)

Some mistakes we may make...



The Miracle approach

Isaiah 55:10

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.



The juvenile approach

“Mental age”

Would you see other adult classes doing the same activities?

Leviticus 19:14

Programs for adults do things that children's programs would do...

Crafts

Juvenile songs

Juvenile games



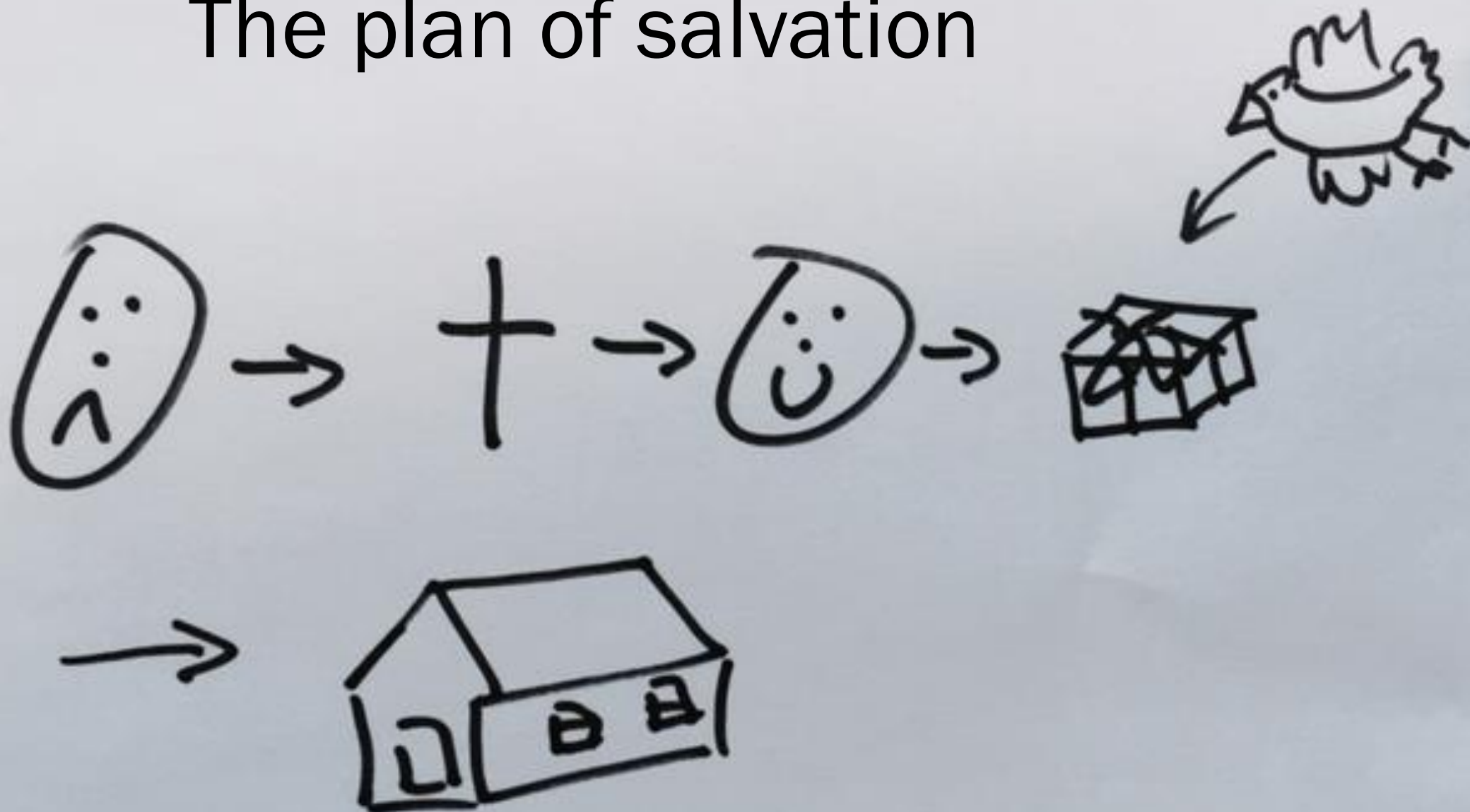


IDEAS FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT

We are so glad you are here!



The plan of salvation





EVERYONE
GETS THE
SAME
BIBLE

Faith development: Key memory verses

Proverbs 3:5

Trust in the Lord with all
your heart, don't lean on
your own understanding.
In all your ways
acknowledge him and
he'll make your paths
straight.



Faith development: Key memory verses

Romans 3:22

We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ, and this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.



Faith development: Key memory verses

Philippians 4:6

Don't worry about
anything but pray
about everything.



Faith development: Key memory verses

Hebrews 4:16

So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy and find grace to help us when we need it most



Key concepts in teaching

Treat students
according to their
age...if adults



- *Adult concepts/topics*
- *Adult information*
- *Adult activities and class structure*
- *Only difference is vocabulary used*

Key concepts in teaching

Integration



Key concepts in teaching

Prayer

“Help me”

- *Praying for others*
- *Commissioning*
- *Desiring prayer*



Key concepts in teaching

Clarity vs. complexity

Functionality – skills with a high probability of being required of someone



Hopefully, you've gleaned some ideas you can use in your own ministry. Persons with intellectual disabilities are able to respond to the Gospel in a variety of ways.



Thanks for listening!

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