Creation to Judgment (C2J)

This version is used among folk Buddhists in Northeast Thailand. (Below translation from Thai) The headings are to help in memorizing.

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Everything good

In the beginning of time God created heaven and the earth. In heaven He created many angles who serve God. On earth He created people, a man and a woman, He created them in His likeness. Between people and God there was a close relationship like a really good family. Everything God created was really good.

Everything bad

However, a problem happened, in heaven an angel and his group thought they would be great like God. However, God expelled these rebellious angels out of heaven sending them down to the earth. These angels are still around and are what we call spirits or (fallen) angels. These rebelling angels contributed to a problem here on earth, people did not obey God and the close family relationship was broken. Death and suffering came to people up until the present time.

Jesus

However God loves all people and sent his messengers in many many generations to say that a *Helper* would come who will restore the relationship between God and people. At the proper time, that *Helper* came, and His name is Jesus. Jesus lived a holy life, he never sinned, he healed people of sicknesses, the deaf were able to hear, the blind could see, Jesus was able to drive evil spirits out those people possessed by spirits, and even people who had died were brought back to life. Despite living a righteous life the religious leaders became jealous of Jesus and made a plan to put Him to death. Jesus was arrested and put to death of a cross, then his dead body was laid in a tomb. God, in heaven saw Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and showed His pleasure by raising Jesus from the dead on the third day.

The Bible says that anyone who repents from their sin and puts their trust in Jesus will receive eternal life, they will be released from the effect of their sin (Karma), they will have the right to be a child of God, and they will receive the Holy Spirit in order to live a life with power and holiness. After Jesus had risen from the dead he spent time with His followers over a period of about 40 days after which he ascended up into heaven.

<u>Judgment</u>

Jesus said that He will return again. Everyone who is alive and everyone who has died will be taken to appear before the judgment seat of Jesus. Each person will make an accounting of their life to God. Those who have put their faith and trust in Jesus will live in God's kingdom forever and those who have not put their faith in Jesus will continue forever separated from God in hell.

<u>Closing question</u>: I am a member in God's family. God also loves you and would like you to be a part of His family. Is that something you want to pursue today?