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ACTS	ICON	SUMMARY OF THE SIX ACTS OF GOD'S STORY
Creation		God creates the heavens and the earth and charges people made in his image to tend to creation and create culture.
Fall		People turn against God and the rebellion rips through all creation, personally, socially, and cosmically., creating a world of brokenness, sickness, decay and death.
Israel		In a surprising response to the rebellion, God chooses to redeem the world by forming a nation to be a sign pointing to shalom, a foretaste embodying his presence, and an instrument bringing his justice and peace, seeking to bless all nations.
Jesus		Amidst the rise and fall of Israel, God becomes flesh as Jesus of Nazareth, the ultimate sign, foretaste and instrument of God's Kingdom, displayed through his life, death and resurrection.
Church		After Jesus' ascension into heaven, his followers are co-missioned to carry on His work of being a sign, foretaste and instrument through the indwelling of His Spirit as they continue to look ahead to His glorious return.
New Creation		At his appointed time, God makes His permanent home on earth, and Jesus' reign is consummated. The long-awaited renewal of creation takes place, bringing total justice, peace and life.

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