

Have you ever let a friend borrow something that's really important to you? The country of France is getting ready to do that in 2020 when they loan England a precious piece of cloth that is nearly 230 feet long, 20 inches tall, and about 950 years old. The cloth, called the Bayeux Tapestry, provides a time line of an important part of British history. The more than 50 different scenes embroidered on it illustrate events leading to a huge battle that changed England's language, laws, and customs forever. Short captions and additional pictures along the tapestry's border give details and help explain the action. People in England are delighted that the tapestry will be in their country for a few years. They believe that seeing the tapestry will help British citizens remember their history and appreciate their heritage.

Think About It . . .

- Why is it important to remember people, places, and events in your history?
- Can you think of a way the Bayeux Tapestry could be compared to the Bible? How is it different?

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History in the Making

Before class, write the three stages of God's plan of salvation and the eight eras of Bible history on the board. Explain that the class is going to work on a "Salvation Tapestry." Give each student a sheet of paper, then allow two minutes for them to choose and quickly illustrate a scene showing a person or event in Bible history. When time is up, ask the students to hold up their scenes and arrange themselves in chronological order to tell the story of God's plan of salvation. Tape together the ends of the papers, forming one long "tapestry." As a class, verbally fill in the gaps of key people or events that no one illustrated. SAY: **Let's be thankful that God's plan of salvation includes you and me!**

What is your part—what does God want you to do—in offering God's plan of salvation to others?