

LESSON PLAN

COMMENCEMENT SUNDAY #3

THE WORDLESS BOOK

Use this lesson whenever you begin a new class. This lesson presents an excellent opportunity for you to spend a class period strictly on the subject of salvation.

When you begin a new class, you have many things to do to get acquainted with your students. You need get the children's names, addresses, phone numbers and maybe their birthdays, but most of all you need to know their spiritual condition. You need to know which ones are saved and know it, and which ones are not saved or are not sure of it. The purpose of **The Wordless Book** lesson is to give them a clear plan of salvation and allow them the opportunity to be saved. This will help you to discover their spiritual condition, which you can use in teaching the other lessons during the year.

Lesson Plan: Use the KEY – HE – SEE – WE – BE plan (explained in the Introductory Notes).

KEY (for Attention): When your father and mother drive the car there are certain colored signs that help them to drive more safely. These colored signs tell them whether they should stop, go, or be cautious. Can anyone tell me what color will tell them to stop the car? (Red) What color will tell them to go? (Green) What color will tell them to be cautious? (Yellow)

If these colors were changed by some people because they wanted yellow stop signs and red go signs and green caution signs, there would be a lot of accidents. Nobody would know what a sign meant until he could read the words on the sign. Also, all of the traffic lights that tell drivers to stop, go, or be cautious, would be worthless. These colors have to mean the same thing to everybody to make driving safe.

Today we want to tell you the story of a Wordless Book that uses colors to show you how to be saved. We will teach you what the colors mean so you can remember the Bible way to be saved.

HE (for Authority): An important verse that you will want to memorize is Revelation 1:5b, "Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood." This verse tells you that it is by the blood of Jesus Christ that you can have your sins washed away and be made clean. Only those who are washed by the blood of Jesus Christ can go to heaven. Our lesson explaining the Wordless Book will tell you why it is necessary to be washed by Jesus' blood and how it is done. So listen carefully as we explain the Wordless Book.

SEE (for Apperception) and WE (for Application): PLEASE do not read these comments until you have read the Scripture for this lesson. First, let the Holy Spirit teach you directly from His Word. The colors of the Wordless Book that we are going to use are BLACK, RED, WHITE, BLUE, GOLD and GREEN. Here is what these colors mean:

BLACK stands for the sinner's heart, which is black with sin. It also stands for the blackness of Hell where God will punish sinners that have kept their sins. Sinners will be sent away from God to this place of "blackness of darkness for ever" (Jude 13). All people have sinned and will not be allowed into Heaven with their sins (Romans 3:23). "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9). "Because that when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened" (Romans 1:21). "If therefore the light that is in you be darkness, how great is that darkness!" (Matthew 6:23). "When your eye is evil, your body also is full of darkness" (Luke 11:34). Jesus said, "Cast the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 25:30).

WE: We must admit that we have sinned against God and we deserve to go to Hell forever. We must admit these two facts before God can save us. If we refuse to admit we have sinned against Him, we are calling Him a liar, because He says that we have sinned. The Bible says, "If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us" (1 Jn 1:10).

RED stands for the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was shed on the cross for us. Jesus said, "This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matthew 26:28). Jesus "loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood" (Revelation 1:5). "The blood of

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Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). "Forasmuch as you know that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold...but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (1 Peter 1:18-19). Jesus "bore our sins in His own body on the tree...by whose stripes" we are healed (1 Peter 2:24). In Jesus "we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins" (Colossians 1:14).

WE: We can have our sins washed away by Jesus' blood even though it was shed on the cross two thousand years ago. Jesus is God and He knew that He was dying for our sins and for the sins of the whole world. His blood has the power to cleanse us from every sin. But His blood will not cleanse us from our sins, if we do not believe it has the power to do it. We must have faith in His power or He is not pleased: Without faith *it is impossible to please him*: for he that comes to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Heb 11:6).

WHITE stands for the sinner that has been washed by the blood of Jesus Christ and has been made clean. How clean? As white as snow? No! He has been made whiter than snow! David said to the Lord, "Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow" (Psalm 51:7). He "cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). "Behold the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). "These are they which...have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Revelation 7:14).

WE: To be made clean, we must believe that God can wash away our sins by the blood of Jesus. Then we must hate our sins and ask Jesus to wash them away. If we believe His promise, we can be made whiter than snow.

GOLD stands for the city of God that is "pure gold like unto clear glass" (Revelation 21:18). This city will be so beautiful that it will look "like a jasper stone, clear as crystal" (Revelation 21:11). It will have twelve gates of pearl and the foundations of the wall will be made of precious stones (Revelation 21:19-21). But better than that, it will be a city where "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying neither shall there be any more pain" (Revelation 21:4). "And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defiles, neither whatever works abomination, nor makes a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life" (Revelation 21:27). Only those who have been washed by Jesus' blood can enter this city.

WE: We should thank God for allowing us to live with Him in His beautiful city. We show our faith in His promise by thanking Him. Have your been cleansed of all your sins by the blood of Jesus? If you have, you will be allowed to live in this city. Thank God for this marvelous gift that He has promised to you.

GREEN stands for the growth that a Christian should experience in his life. "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures" (Psalm 23:1-2). "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word that you may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2). "But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18).

WE: We must not be satisfied that we are a child of God; we must grow so that we are a strong Christian. We should become more like Jesus throughout our lives.

BE (for Action): Have the children bow their heads and ask the children to raise their hand if they are not sure that Jesus has taken away their sins so they can live in God's beautiful city of gold. That way you will know how to help them. Ask the children to stay after the class is dismissed, if any of them want to be sure that Jesus has taken away their sins. Tell them that you will help them understand what they need to do to have all their sins removed from their lives and made clean in God's sight. Deal with them after class. Do not let anything else keep you from helping them receive Jesus as their Savior.