

THE GOSPEL TO
CHILDREN
THROUGH THE
WORLDLESS BOOK

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through the Wordless Book*

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How To Use This Book.

The Wordless Heart is a resource...

Impacting the heart of a child with the Gospel is possible. The secret to this book is to do short sessions each time. An example plan might be this; First, tackle the colours and their relevance in the story of the fall and redemption as you point your child's heart to the scriptures. After that, you could sing, or you could postpone the song to another time when you want to review what was learnt. You could also do each chapter in one day depending on your schedule or spread it across for some days.

Also, you can do a mini workshop with your children where you can consider the whole book or just a portion during your workshop. This should be well planned with meal and refreshments and getting the children involved as much as possible. Also, with each story, talk over the title before reading and discuss what you think you'll learn.

The Song time is a very important part of this book. If possible, it is advised to do hand motions to the songs with your child. When doing the stories, encourage your child to spot the hidden heart shape in each of the illustrated page.

Try to merge the colours to the songs, the illustrated stories, and the scriptures. For example, when singing, ask questions on what was learnt during the Bible readings for each colour and question what the song is teaching the child.

It is also suggested for you to cut out heart shaped colours in order to emphasise the state of the heart from the fall to redemption.

Chapter 1

BROWN

Creation Of The Earth and Creatures.

Bible verses: Gen1:1-3, 27-30

The Goal

To make the child know that there is a Creator and He is called God. He created the earth, and angels, and humans. Nothing happens by accident or evolution.

Method

Read the verses above to your child, or if the child can read, let him read and tell you what it means to him.

You can also get brown paint or a brown pencil to make a colour chart.; or do a scavenger hunt for brown items. Tell the child to remember that whenever he sees brown, he should remember the earth, and that God created the earth. Cutting out a heart shaped brown piece of paper is also useful.

Song:

God made all, He made me, He created all the earth, He created all angels, He made you and He made me. *(Tune: This old man, he plays two, he plays...)*

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Short story 1

The Creative Creator

Sally joined her mother, Mrs. Robertson, in the kitchen to bake different shaped biscuits. “Mum, see what I have made!” said Sally proudly.

“Wow, that is very beautiful, you are now the creator of that heart shaped biscuit,” said Mummy.

“God is also the Creator”, says Sally, “He made the heavens and the earth, and He created me and you, and everybody in the world.”

“Correct, Sally, tell me what else He created,” replies Mummy. “He created animals, and plants, and both the heavens and the Earth!” She answered.

Mum replied, “Well-done Sally, God is our Creator.”

Note: There is a brown heart on the illustrated page, see if you can find it!



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Chapter 2

BLACK

Humans Sinned.

Bible verses: Gen 2:16 -17, 3:1-6, Ps51:4

The Goal

To let the child know that God the Creator gave instructions to His creation called human, but they ended up not obeying God's instruction, therefore, they sinned against God.

Method

Show child a black-coloured heart, and ask him to show you things that are black. Tell him that when God made man and woman, He told them not to eat a particular fruit, but they didn't obey and, made God sad. Because of this, they were no more God's friends, and their children, (every human being) were also separated from God because they were sinners, and that includes your child.

You may ask the child to tell you how he has made anyone sad, or how anyone has ever made him sad, and explain that that is how God felt when Adam and Eve disobeyed Him and became sinners. Ask him to mention attitudes that reflect sin, and let them know that there is still a way to stop being a sinner.

Song

Adam sinned, in the Garden, Eve also sinned, in the Garden, we all sinned through Adam and through Eve. (*Tune: Get on board, little children*).

Turn over to the next page for the story

Short story 2

Disobedience

Sally has a little brother called Joe, though, of course, he always points out he really is only 1 year younger. They were playing in the garden one day when Joe said, “Hey, Sal, let’s put your doll in the toy bath!”

Now, this paper doll was special. Daddy had made it for Sally and said, “Don’t put it in water!” but Joe, of course, didn’t know that, so thought this was a good idea.

Sally too, disobeying Dad, agreed. Immediately the paper doll entered the bubbly water, it got soggy and Sally was very sad.

Sally quickly ran to Daddy, who said, “Sally, you sinned, and I am sorry your doll is ruined, but that’s what happens when you disobey.” Sally hung her head. “I’m like Adam and Eve who disobeyed God, making him sad.” “True Sally.”

Note: There is a black heart on the illustrated page, see if you can find it!



Personal Activity page

Chapter 3: RED

God Saved Humans.

Bible verses: Titus 2:14, Heb 9:14, Revelations 3:20

The Goal

To make the child know that Jesus who is God came to earth, died and shed His blood for him so that he can be free from sin, and as he gives his life to Jesus, Jesus comes to live inside his heart, and henceforth, he will no longer be a sinner like Adam and Eve were.

Method

Show your child things that are red in the house. While holding the red items, tell him of the blood of Jesus that is as red as scarlet, and that was shed to cleanse him from sin. Use this privilege to lead the child to the Lord and encourage him to give his life to Jesus.

Song

Jesus shed His blood on the Cross, His blood was shed for us all, His life given to all, given to me, given to you too. *(Tune: I can see a rainbow)*

Short story 3

Forgiveness And Redemption

It was a lovely day, and Dad sat in the garden. As he did, he thought to himself, “Though Sally disobeyed, I’m going to forgive her and make a new doll. So Dad took a brand-new paper, this time red, and he made for Sally a beautiful new red doll.

Sally was so happy to see the new red doll. “Dad, thank you for my new red doll!” She exclaimed. Dad smiled and said, “You’re welcome, Sally, and you know, this is just like Jesus’ blood giving us another chance to be right with God.”

“And now, just like we adopted Joe into our family, we’re adopted into God’s family!” Dad smiled again. “Exactly, Sally, and everyone who accepts Jesus into their heart just like you accepted this new doll that I made for you are free from Adam’s sin.”

Note: There is a red heart on this illustrated page, see if you can find it!



Personal Activity page

Chapter 4

WHITE

Jesus' Death Made Me Clean

Bible verses: 2 Corinthians 5:21, Psalms 119:9, Matthew 5:8

The Goal

To make a child know that his sins are forgiven and he no longer carries the black dirty heart that Adam gave to all human beings. The blood of Jesus that He shed on Calvary's tree cleansed the child from all sin, and he is now made clean to sin no more.

Method

Get white paper, a white heart-shaped piece of paper, or anything white, then get another piece and draw on it with your child. Afterwards, ask your child if he can still use the paper to draw on. Then explain that because of the blood of Jesus shed for her, and the life of Jesus given up for her on the Cross, her heart that was scribbled on with sin was taken away, and God is giving her a pure heart, a clean heart that can do what God wants.

Song

Children, children, are you clean? yes, yes, yes, yes, we are clean, through Jesus' death on the Cross, He gave His life for us all, His blood cleansed us from our sins, His death made us fully clean. *(Tune: Baa, baa black sheep)*

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Short story 4

Cleansed And Cleaned

A week has gone by since the doll-soaking event, and Sally continues to look after her red doll. Sitting at the kitchen table, Sally says to her brother, “This doll is really special, even more than the last because it’s a replacement for the doll I spoilt before.”

Joe nods. “Sally, I am really sorry for asking you to put the doll in water, but you have really taken care of this doll since dad made you another one. You know, this reminds me of last night’s devotion when Mum told us that Jesus’ death on the Cross cleansed us from our sin, and we must keep our hearts clean now.”

“Yes, my doll reminds me that I need to keep my heart clean for Jesus, it must be white like snow.”

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Personal Activity page

Chapter 5

Green

Christian Children Have To Grow

Bible verses: Colossians 2:7, Psalms 144:12a, 1 Peter 2:2

The Goal

To teach a child that in order to continue to grow to be like Jesus, he must read the Bible everyday. Without the reading of the Bible, he will not know what God has in mind for his growth.

Method

Ask your child to tell you green things that needs to grow. Help him to think of plants and why they need to grow. Ask what happens if the plants don't grow. You may go to the Garden and look at plants, or plant some seeds to see how to grow plants.

Tell the child that the Word of God will help him to learn more about God and how He desires him to grow.

Song

Read your Bible, pray everyday, pray everyday, pray everyday, Read your Bible, pray everyday if you want to grow. *(Tune: Read your Bible..)*

Short story 5

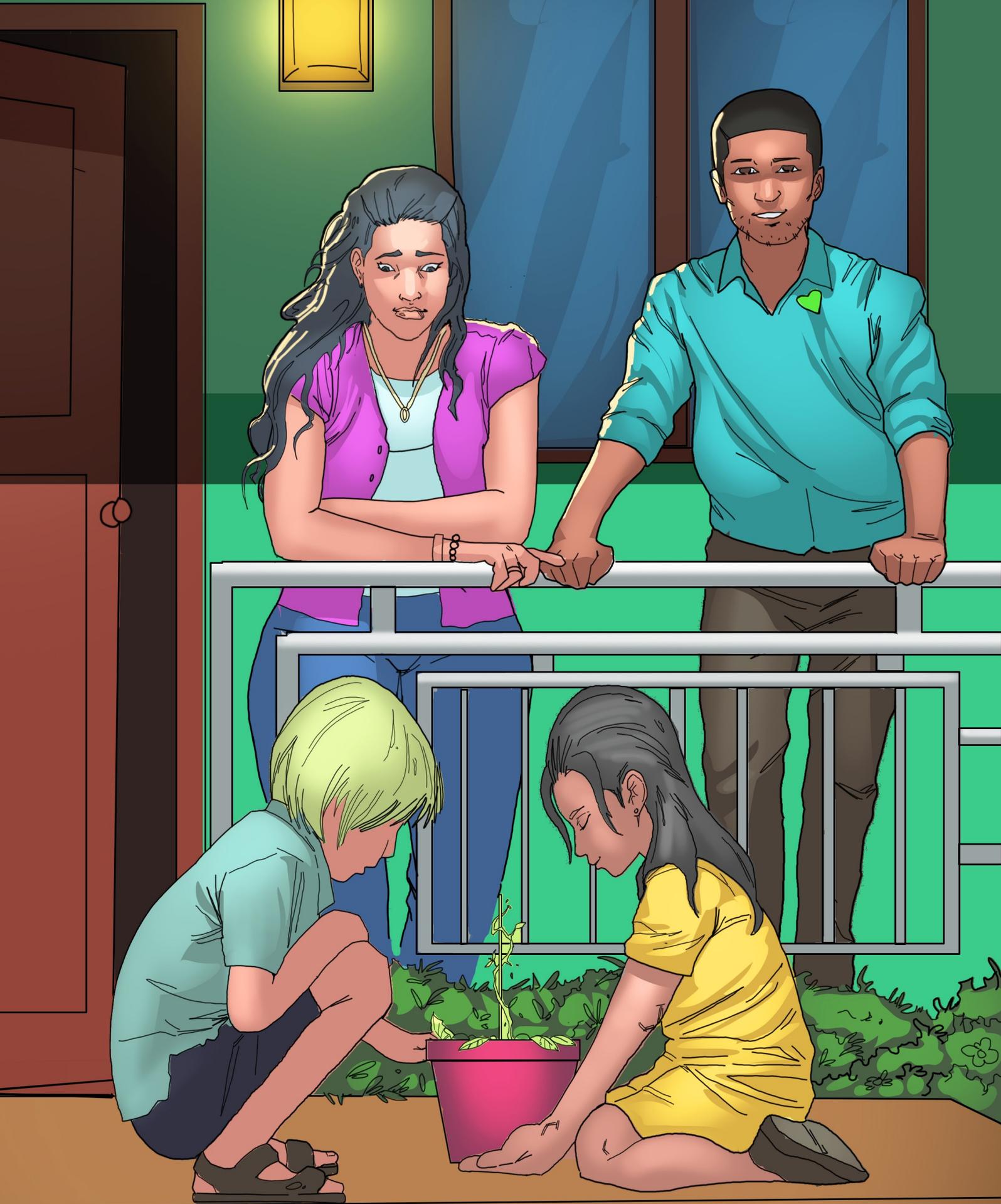
Growing Up

Sally, Joe, Mum and Dad were in the back garden when Sally saw the tomatoes she and Joe had planted a few months ago dying. She quickly called him, “Joe, our tomatoes are dying!” Mum and dad went over to see too and they told them that the reason why was because they were not watered nor exposed to sunlight.

Joe and Sally quickly watered and moved the tomato plants from the shade to a place where it could get sunlight. A few days later, the tomato plant grew again, and Joe pointed out a good lesson, “Just as the tomatoes needs water and sunshine to grow, we need our Bible and Prayer to grow too.”

“That is a very good point.” Mum said.

Note: There is a green heart on this illustrated page, see if you can find it!



Personal Activity page

Chapter 6

Blue

Jesus will come in the sky (rapture)

Bible verses: John 14: 3, Matthew 24:30, Mark13:26, Luke21:27, 1 Thessalonians 4: 16-17, Revelation 1:7

The Goal

To make a child understand that one day, Jesus will come in the sky, and all the people who have Jesus in them will fly up to be with Jesus in the sky.

Method

You might take your child out on a short walk to see the sky, or ask him to look up to the sky from the window of a room. Ask him what colour the sky looks like, and what the things that we may or can see in the sky, and also tell your child that just as we sometimes see aeroplanes in the sky so also will Jesus come in the sky to take those who have the white pure heart that is growing.

Song: Jesus went back into heaven through the sky, He will come back from the heaven through the sky, Jesus went back into heaven, He is coming back from heaven, and I'll fly upward to meet Him in the sky (*Tune: He is coming in clouds of glory*).

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Short Story 6

I'll Fly Away

It was a lovely summer day, and the Robertson's arrived at the airport for their first family holiday to Dubai. After going through security and checking in, they settled into their flight and the pilot announced that the flight would be taking off. In less than 5 minutes of the announcement, the flight took off.

Sally exclaimed, "Look, Mum! We can't see the airport again! Why?" Mum responded, "It's because our flight has taken off and we are now flying in the sky."

Joe said, "We will also fly when Jesus comes to take us, won't we?" Dad replied, "Right, Joe, Jesus is coming to take every pure-hearted Christian to fly with Him to Heaven. Just like our flight took off into the sky we'll take off to meet Jesus in heaven. God will help us to fly like this plane." Sally added, "That will be the best holiday flight ever!"

Note: There is a blue heart on this illustrated page, see if you can find it!



Personal Activity page

Chapter 7

Gold

We Have A Mansion In Heaven.

Bible verses: John 14:1-2, 1 Corinthians 9:24, Revelations 21:21-22

The Goal

To make a child know that heaven is more beautiful than gold, its streets are made of gold, and everyone who gives their heart to Jesus will go with Him when He takes His own in rapture to Heaven.

The Method

In this last part of sharing the Gospel with your child, pick the gold heart, and ask your child to join you to look for things that are gold or a similar colour in the house. Tell your child that there is a very precious place for every Christian, the place is heaven and it is full of gold. You may read some or one of the verses and explain them to your child.

Song

Shiny, shiny, shiny gold, Heaven is full of shiny gold, my house in heaven is shiny gold, Jesus built me a house in heaven, and this house is shiny gold, thank You God for heavenly gold (*Tune: Twinkle, twinkle little star*)

Turn over to the next page for the story

Short Story 7

Go For Gold

It was the Commonwealth games, and the Robertson's settled in their hotel room to watch the athletics. Athletics is the Robertson's favourite sport, and while they watched, England emerged the winner of the 200m women's race. Joe and Sally jumped up and the four of them celebrated the victory looking forward to the medal ceremony.

At the medal ceremony, a gold medal was placed on the neck of the winner. Dad used that opportunity to tell everybody that if we all keep to the Christian race, one day we will make it to heaven and receive our crown of gold and a mansion of gold.

“Wow, Dad, Gold is for sure my favourite colour now, I am really excited for Heaven.” said Joe.

Note: There is a gold heart on this illustrated page, see if you can find it!





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Other resources

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