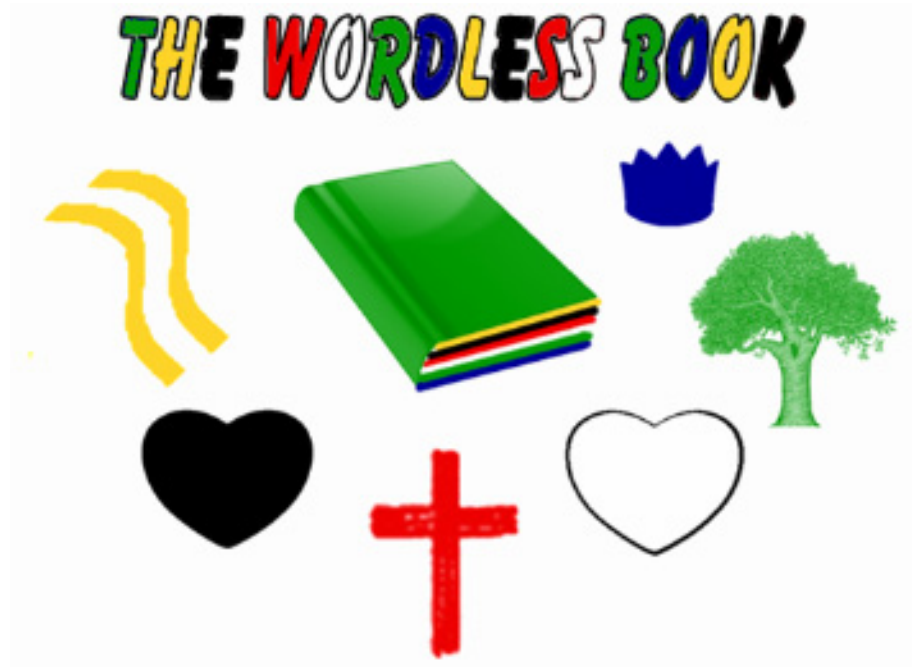


Wordless Book outline



I have not done this presentation in so long, I decided to copy and paste the presentation from 'Child Evangelism Fellowship' (CEF). Most of the text you see below is CEF's arrangement, but below that I added a few important things to cover in it. Here's that link:

www.cefonline.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=130

'This GOLD page [Rev. 21:18,21] reminds us of Heaven. The Bible tells us Heaven has a street of gold! But the best part about Heaven is that God, who created you and me, lives there. The Bible, God's Word, says: "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." --- John 3:16 Jesus, God the Son, is in Heaven preparing a place for all who put their trust in Him. (John 14:2-3) God is holy and perfect. He cannot allow anything in Heaven that is less than perfect, so there's one thing that can never be in Heaven. Can you think of what that might be?

It is sin! That is what this DARK page [Romans 3:23] reminds us of. Sin is anything you think, say, or do that does not please God, like lying, cheating, being selfish, or hurting others. The Bible says: "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." --- Romans 3:23 That means everyone, big or little, young or old! No matter where you live or who you are, you have sinned. Everyone is born with a "want to" to do wrong. God says that sin must be punished (Romans 6:23), and the punishment for sin is to be separated from God forever in a place of suffering....a place called Hell. But God has a wonderful plan so that you will not have to be punished for your sin!

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God sent Jesus Christ, His perfect Son, to be born as a little baby. Jesus lived a perfect life....He never sinned. When He was grown, wicked men nailed Him to a cross. This page is RED [John 3:16] reminding us of Jesus' blood. The Bible says that without the giving of blood there can be no forgiveness of sin (Hebrews 9:22). So Jesus Christ willingly died to take your sin punishment. "...**Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day, according to the Scriptures.**"--- 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 Now, because of what Jesus has done for you, you can have your sins forgiven. Read on to see how!

The Bible says: "**As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on His name.**" --- John 1:12 The WHITE page [John 1:13] reminds us of a CLEAN heart. How can you have a clean heart? **A** = Admit to God you are a sinner and want to turn away from those sins. **B** = Believe in Jesus Christ, that He is God's perfect Son who died for your sin, was buried, and rose again. **C** = Call on Him to save you from your sin. Would you like to do that right now? He has promised to hear, and once you are His child, He will never leave you (Hebrews 13:5). Take a moment and talk to God right now. It will change your life forever. Only one more color! What can it mean?

GREEN [II Peter 3:18] stands for things that grow. When you ask God to forgive you and save you, you become His child. God wants you to get to know Him better and to grow to become more like Him. These four things will help you grow:

1. PRAY (talk to God every day)
2. READ & OBEY THE BIBLE (to know what He says, then do it)
3. TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS
4. GO TO A BIBLE-BELIEVING CHURCH (where you can learn more about pleasing Him)

As a child of God, if you should sin again, stop and tell Him about it. He promises in His Word... "**If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**" --- 1 John 1:9 Ask God to help you live a life to please Him! Share the Good News of this story with someone else.'

Helpful comments and tips:

The verse references next to the page colors are the ones that I found on this site:
http://www.kidology.org/zones/zone_post.asp?post_id=120

I'm personally glad that CEF didn't include what's called the 'sinner's prayer' here because it really doesn't help - it's missing things, and it does cause that person to rely on that little prayer they prayed when they are walking in willful disobedience. The best thing to do with children and adults we talk with is to let them pray - if they sincerely want to repent from their sins, leave behind their old way of life and just grow in following Christ, then it will come out in their own prayer. If that's not where their heart is, then, of course, what is really in their heart will also come out. Praying for the every single person we witness to is a great idea, but some don't want that, and that's okay.

Another thing to keep in mind, kids are smart! My family had the wonderful opportunity to sing Bible songs and teach kids the gospel for at least 3 years - 16 classes every Sunday morning (2s through K5), and we have done some other events since then. We still warmly remember those years, and have learned more of how we would want to do it differently in the future. This outline above is really set up (from my experience) for 2-5 year olds. Each year older than that has a better grasp on life and should be treated according to their knowledge and in keeping with their personality and eagerness to learn - presenting God's truth in simple enough form for them to understand and think about. And what you share with kids about God and His Word, sticks with them the rest of their lives. :)

So, key points I see above are:

- 1) You have to talk about Hell, on par with their understanding.
- 2) You have to talk about sin, clarifying that it's not the accidents that hurt them, but the intentional wrong choices.
- 3) Include clear information on how when we genuinely believe in Jesus we will obey Him. And if we only want to please Him to get something in return, then we have not given Him all of our lives. Also, you need to include that when we follow Jesus, some people won't want to be our friends anymore, but we need to keep growing more in love for Jesus, and spending more time in His Word (especially the New Testament for those who are young, in age, and young in the faith.)
- 4) Talk about the eternal rewards of those who are faithful in trying to please Jesus throughout their lives.

Well, haha, yeah, that was my best attempt at putting the things I've been studying into young kid-level lingo :) ~ But, I do hope those ideas help and inspire more people to be able to use, this very helpful plan of how to lead kids and (even adults) to a genuine relationship with Jesus Christ, as their Master and Savior.

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