THE WORDLESS BOOK

LESSON AIM: To teach students that they can easily share their faith with others using the wordless book.

KEY SCRIPTURE: The Roman Road (Romans 3:23, 6:23, 5:8, 5:19, 10:9-10 and 8:1) and John 3:16)

REVIEW QUESTIONS: ("Ok, who remembers from last week's lesson...)

- 1) Who remembers all the different parts of the Armor of God?
- 2) What kind of a battle does the Bible say we are fighting?
- 3) Which part of the body is there no armor for? Why not?
- 4) Review last week's verse; have the students explain it in their own words.

INTRODUCTION

I would like to tell you a wonderful story from this book. It's my favorite story in the whole world! One thing that makes it so special is that it's a true story - right from God's Word, the Bible. Do you see what's different about this book? Instead of using words to tell the story, it uses colors. That's why it's called the "Wordless Book."

Lesson:

<u>The Gold page-</u> The story begins on the gold page. It reminds me of the street of gold in Heaven that the Bible talks about. Do you know who lives in heaven?

God does and He wants you to be in Heaven with Him some day.

You usually like to be with people you love, don't you? That's why God wants you to be with Him in Heaven - *He loves you very much!* In the Bible, God's Word, He says, "I have loved you with an everlasting love." (Jeremiah 31:3)

That means that God loved you even before you were born! You could put your name in there and say, "God has loved me with an everlasting love." and it would be just as true.

God wants you to be in Heaven someday with Him, but there is something that can keep you from being there - sin.

<u>The Black page</u> - This dark page reminds me of the darkness of sin. Sin is the bad things that people do. It is anything that you do or say or think or even feel that is against God. It is things like lying, cheating, disobeying your parents, fighting with brothers or sisters or not being kind to someone.

The Bible says that everyone has sinned; it plainly says, "for all have sinned." (Romans 3:23) When the Bible says, "all have sinned", that includes both you and me too, doesn't it?

Yes, you and I and everybody else in the whole world have sinned and done wrong things. The Bible says you and I were born with a kind of "want to" to do wrong. Your mother didn't have to teach you how to disobey, did she? Neither did mine.

You probably get punished for doing wrong things at home, don't you? Those are the kinds of things God calls sin. God has a punishment for sin. It is to be separated from Him forever in a place of punishment the Bible calls Hell. But God doesn't want that.

Remember, He loves you and wants you to be in Heaven with Him someday. In fact, He wants to be your Heavenly Father right now.

But if I were to end the story right now it would seem like no one is going to heaven. Because God will not allow sin in Heaven and everyone has sinned! But God made a way for the problem of sin to be taken care of: The <u>red page</u> tells about that.

<u>The Red page-</u> Jesus is God's perfect Son, He is God the Son. That means that He is God and He became a man and lived a perfect life. The Lord Jesus was the only person in all of history to ever live His entire

life without sinning.

You would think that everyone would love someone like that, and yet when He grew up, wicked men took the Lord Jesus and nailed Him to a wooden cross. This red page reminds me that they left Him there to bleed and die.

When He died He was taking the punishment for something He didn't even do. He was willingly taking the punishment for every sin that you and I and everyone in the world has ever done. The punishment was to die. And the Lord Jesus knew that the only way that your sin could be forgiven would be if *He* would die for you. *Jesus died for your sins*. The Bible says that "without the shedding of blood there is no [forgiveness]". (Hebrews 9:22b)

As He died, the Lord Jesus said, "It is finished." Everything that needed to be done for your sins to be taken away had been done by Him on the cross.

They buried His body. But three days later He proved that He could take away your sins and give you everlasting life by coming back to life! And without dying again, He returned to Heaven, where He is today.

Because Jesus is God's Son who died for you, you can become His child right now!

<u>The Clean Page</u> - You remember that God loves you so much and wants to be your Heavenly Father and have you live with Him in Heaven someday. But your sin separates you from Him. That's why He sent His Son, the Lord Jesus to die on the cross for you.

The Bible says, "But as many as <u>received</u> Him (the Lord Jesus), to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who <u>believe</u> in His name." (John 1:12) That means that if you <u>believe</u> with all your heart that Jesus died for you and rose again and <u>receive</u> Him by inviting Him to come and take away your sins, He will make you a part of God's forever family - God will become your Heavenly Father right now, and someday you will share God's home with Him in Heaven.

Have you ever believed and received the Lord Jesus so you could become God's child?

I'm not talking about whether you attend church or have been baptized or if your parents are Christians. Those things are good, but they cannot take away even one sin. He wants *you* to believe and receive Him. If you believe that Jesus, God's Son died for *your* sins on the cross and rose again, would you tell God right now:

- 1. that you know you have sinned.
- 2. that you believe Jesus, God's Son, died for you and rose again.
- 3. that you are inviting Him to be your Savior and your Heavenly Father.

You could pray something like this:

Dear God,

I know that I have sinned and done wrong against you. I believe that Jesus is God's Son and that He took the punishment for all my sins by dying on the cross. I believe He came back to life again. I receive you now as my only Savior from sin. Thank you for making your child right now as you promised. In Jesus' name, amen.

If you really prayed these words and meant it, God has just made you a part of His forever family! It's not because I said so, But because He promised (remember John 1:12?), and God never breaks His promises. Let me show you another great promise for you in God's Word. Hebrews 13:5 says, (God is speaking) "I will never leave you, nor forsake you." Will the Lord Jesus ever leave you? He promises, "No." How about if you sin again? No, God says, "I will never leave you." And Hebrews 13:6 says, "The Lord is my helper." He will give you the power to do what is right.

When you become God's child, He wants you to grow to know Him better each day. The last page, the green page, tells you how.

<u>The Green Page</u> - Green reminds me of things that grow. (Like trees and grass and plants.) When you become God's child, He wants you to get to know Him better - to grow in how well you know Him.

Sin can keep that from happening. But God promises in I John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." That means that if you sin you need to confess (tell on yourself) to God. "He is faithful" means He will always forgive you. And "just" means that God is fair to forgive you because He already punished every sin you've ever done when Jesus died for you on the cross.

You can get to know God better by reading and obeying His Word, the Bible. I hope you have a Bible at home that you can read.

Another thing that can help you grow in God is by talking to God in prayer.

Going to a church, Sunday school or Released Time or Good News Club, that teach from the Bible will help you know Him better too.

You can also tell others about Jesus! In fact, If you have just become God's child right now, would you let me know? I would like to thank God for what He has just done for you. It would be a good idea for you to thank Him right now as well.

Conclusion:

If I am God's child and you are God's child, do you know what that means? We are part of the same family! Welcome to God's family!

Challenge

What about you? As a part of God's family, if you truly love God, you will want to tell others about this wonderful news how they can have eternal life. Practice sharing the wordless book and ask the Holy Spirit to fill you and give you boldness to share with other people. Regardless of who they are, God will give you the power to share with them and show them God's love.

MEMORY VERSE:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

John 3:16