

# The Wordless Book

## Study Notes

The *Wordless Book*, a proven evangelistic tool used to lead thousands of people to Christ, equips you to *immediately* begin sharing the Gospel message with boys and girls and people of all ages.

Originally it was designed with only 3 pages – black, red, and white – when introduced by **Charles Spurgeon** in 1866 in his sermon titled “The Wordless Book.” It is not known when the gold page was added but 9 years later **D.L. Moody** used the “book of colors” at a children’s service where an estimated 12,000 were present to hear his message on “a book with four leaves – black, red, white, and gold.”

**Fanny Crosby**, the famous hymn writer, would often take from her purse a little wordless book and tell the children, whom she dearly loved, the story of the Savior.

In 1895 the book was taken to India with **Amy Carmichael**. Amy and her helper made a satin flag of gold, black, red, and white, raised it in her ox cart and traveled village by village sharing the Gospel.

**Ruth Overholtzer**, wife of **CEF founder J. Irvin**, discovered the book in 1924. She found it in a bookstore operated by **Dr. Harry Ironside**, who became pastor of Moody Memorial Church in Chicago.

When CEF began to print the little book 15 years later they added the final color to represent Christian growth.

Spurgeon said, “A child of 5, if properly instructed can as truly believe and be regenerated as an adult.” The Lord used this statement in Mr. O’s life to begin Child Evangelism Fellowship when he was 60 years old. The ministry has grown to be the largest evangelistic outreach in the world to children.

It is our prayer that you use this book with passion to reach the next generation with the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ!

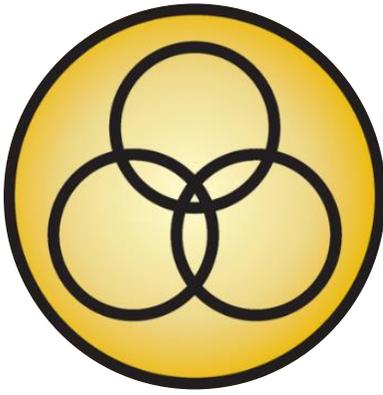
### Our Purpose

To evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, to establish (disciple) them in the Word of God and to connect them to a local church for Christian living.

### Statement of Faith

#### WE BELIEVE...

1. That “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God.”
2. That the Godhead eternally exists in three persons—
3. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
4. In the personality and deity of the Lord Jesus Christ.
5. In the personality and deity of the Holy Spirit.
6. That man was created in the image of God, after His likeness, as stated in the Word of God, but the whole human race fell in the fall of the first Adam
7. That Jesus Christ became the sinner’s substitute before God, and died as a propitiatory sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.
8. That Christ, in the fullness of the blessings He has secured by His death and resurrection, is received by faith alone.
9. That the Church is composed of all those who truly believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior.
10. That all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ are called into a life of separation from worldly and sinful practices
11. In the evangelization of the world.
12. In the personal return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
13. That the souls of those who have trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation do at death immediately pass into His presence.
14. That the souls of the lost remain after death in misery until the final judgment of the great white throne
15. In the reality and personality of Satan.



# The Gold Page

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## Who God Is

Always start with an introduction...

**Introduction:** “Hi \_\_\_\_\_. Have you ever seen a little book like this? What do you notice about it? You’re right! It doesn’t have any words or pictures, but it tells the greatest story ever told. This story comes from the Bible. Would you like to hear it?”

### What does the Gold Page remind you of?

- 1) **Creator** \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) **Love** \_\_\_\_\_

### John 3:16a “For God so loved the world...”

- 3) **Wrote the Bible** \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) **Holy (perfect---never did anything wrong)** \_\_\_\_\_

## HEAVEN

- 5) **Perfect place** \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) **Streets of Gold** \_\_\_\_\_

**Link:**

**But there is one thing that keeps you apart from God. That is sin.**



# The Dark Page

## Problem/Need

- 1) **Definition:** Anything we think, say, or do that displeases God and breaks his laws. (use hand motions with children)

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- 2) **Examples of sin**

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- 3) **All have sinned**

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**Romans 3:23, "For ALL have sinned..."**

- 4) **Sin nature (the want-to to do wrong)**

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- 5) **Punishment:**

**Separation from God**

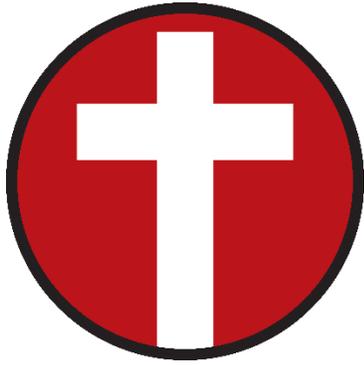
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- 6) **Unable to save ourselves**

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**Link:**

But God has a wonderful plan, so you and I don't have to be punished for our sins.



# The Red Page

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## Solution/Way

### 1) Who Christ Is:

Perfect man

Son of God

### 2) What Christ Did:

Willingly took your punishment

Gave His blood

**Hebrews 9:22**

Died, was buried, rose again

**I Corinthians 15:3-4**

Was seen by 500, by 100, by disciples

Alive in heaven now

**LINK:**

**And now because of what the Lord Jesus did for you,  
you can have your sins forgiven.**



# The Clean Page - Invitation

## 1. Read and explain John 1:12

a) When you "**receive Him**", you are accepting that Jesus took *your* punishment when He died for *your* sins on the cross.

b) To "**believe on His name**" is to trust God by believing that Jesus died on the cross for you. When you believe, God gives you the right to become His child forever.

## 2. Ask: "**Would you like to become God's child?**"

(If "no", ask "Why?") --- If "yes", ask thought provoking questions:

- a) Why do you need the Lord Jesus?
- b) What did Jesus do so you can have your sins forgiven?
- c) What happened 3 days after they buried Jesus?
- d) How can you become God's child?
- e) Would you like to receive Jesus and become His child right now?

Say: "**Now that you have 'believed' in Christ, pray and tell God. "**

Explain that "prayer" is talking to God

Tell God why you need Jesus

Tell God what you believe Jesus did for you

Tell God you receive Jesus as your Savior

Thank God for forgiving you

Say: "**Whose child are you now?**" (allow child to answer)

Say: "**How do you know?**" (allow child to answer)

**Assurance:** Read John 1:12 --Put child's name in verse.

Say: "**When you become God's child, He gives you some promises.**"

- 1. Hebrews 13:5b "*I will never leave you...*" ----(Use your hand to demonstrate)
- 2. Hebrews 13:6 "*...the Lord is my helper.*" -----(Use your hand to demonstrate)

**Confession:** Show & Read 1 John 1:9

Definition: telling on yourself to God

LINK:

When you become God's child, you can get to know Him better.



# The Green Page

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## Spiritual Growth

2 Peter 3:18

*"But GROW in grace, and in the knowledge of our  
Lord and Savior Jesus Christ..."*

• **G** o to church and Sunday School (GNC)

• **R** ead your Bible and Pray

• **O** bey what God says

• **W** itness, tell others about Jesus & what Jesus did for you

3) Give child a kid's tract

4) Child says a "Thank You" prayer

5) Pray for the child