

Sharing God's Love Through the Wordless Book

Give an Introduction

1. Introduce yourself (start building a relationship)

2. Introduce the *Wordless Book*



- “What’s different about this book . . .”
- “Would you like to hear a story from this book . . .”
- “It’s true because it comes from God . . .”

This gold color reminds me about heaven . . .

Heaven

*Describe things that are in heaven and things that are not in heaven (Revelation 21,22)



In Heaven

Not in Heaven



The best thing about heaven is God is there . . .

1. God is love (**God loves you and me**)



John 3:16

*Define God’s kind of love: He always does what is best for you

*Describe characteristics of God’s love

- It is everlasting
- It is for everyone
- He wants you in heaven some day



2. God is holy—meaning He’s pure, right, good, makes no mistakes

Link to next color: “God loves you and wants you to live in heaven, but there is one thing that will keep you out . . .”

The Dark Page

This dark color reminds me of what will keep you out of heaven—**Sin!**

Define sin:



All have sinned (**you and I have sinned**)

Romans 3:23

Give specific examples appropriate to the age of the child:

✓ A “thinking” sin: _____

✓ A “speaking” sin: _____

✓ A “doing” sin: _____



A holy God must punish sin. The punishment for sin is death (separation from God forever)

Link to next color: “*You deserve to be punished for your sins forever, but this next page reminds me of what God did so you would not have to be punished . . .*”

The Red Page

This red color reminds me of the one who God sent to take your punishment for you . . .

Who is Jesus?



1. Jesus is God

*He is holy . . . love . . . eternal

*One day He left heaven and came to earth to do something for you



2. Jesus is man

Jesus was born as a baby . . . like you were . . .

The only difference is *Jesus had no sin*



What did Jesus do for you?

1. Jesus died for your sins

1 Corinthians 15:3,4

*Describe substitution: He took the punishment you deserved. He gave His blood . . . His life for you. You should have been punished, but He was for you.



2. Jesus rose from the dead . . . and is now in heaven.

Link to next color: *“Because Jesus died for your sins and rose again, there is something that He can give you . . .”*

The Clean Page

This clean color reminds me of the special gift Jesus wants to give you today . . .



Describe the new clean life

This is a new kind of life that He wants to give you. It's the kind of life that:

1. You need to get into heaven
2. Gives you power to say "no" to sin and temptation
3. Gives you power to say "yes" to things that please God
4. Lasts forever



Explain a condition/promise verse on salvation

<i>Verse</i>	<i>Condition</i>	<i>Promise</i>
John 3:16		
John 1:12		
Acts 16:31		

*To Believe on Jesus means you need to:

Admit . . . you have sinned

Believe . . . Jesus died for your sins

Choose . . . for Him to give you a new clean life

*When you believe in Jesus . . . He will keep His promise from the verse.



Would you like to believe on Jesus right now?

Counseling for Salvation

The purpose of counseling a person for salvation is for you to discover what his understanding is of the message that you have shared up to the invitation question. It is where you change your approach from teaching truths to asking ***thinking questions*** that will reveal his readiness to make a personal decision for Christ. It is also a time where you can correct any misunderstandings or answer any further questions he may have about what you have shared. Before you ask this person to pray to receive eternal life, you need to make sure that he:



- ✓ Admits he is a sinner
- ✓ Believes Christ died for his sins (took his place)
- ✓ Is ready to choose to receive the new life through faith in Christ

Ask thinking questions that will reveal whether or not the person understands:

- (1) His need to receive Jesus and this new life. Start with one of the following questions (appropriate for your condition/promise verse), and continue asking thinking questions until he admits he is a sinner. If he is not willing to admit this, he is not ready to receive Christ yet.

**"Why do you want to receive this new clean life?"*

**John 1:12* _____

**Acts 16:31* _____

**Romans 10:13* _____

(Use the terms found in the condition/promise verse that you used on the clean page)

- (2) His belief that Jesus (the God-Man) died as his substitute

"What did Jesus do for you?"

Continue asking *thinking questions* until the person expresses his understanding that Christ fully paid for his sins on the cross as his substitute.

- (3) His understanding of how the new clean life is received and his willingness to make that choice now

**"How do you receive this new clean life?"*

(or whatever the promise is from your condition/promise verse)

*If necessary, show your condition/promise verse again and ask, *"What does it say you must do?"*

**"What does it mean to believe on Jesus (from the condition; show the colors for each)?"*

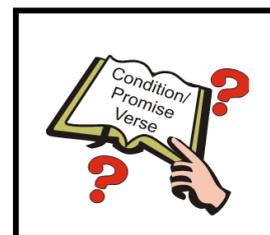
→*Admit what?* _____

→*Believe what?* _____

→*Choose what?* _____

Counseling for Assurance

Many Believers of all ages have shared how doubts about their salvation hindered their spiritual growth and gave them great anguish. One of the main reasons for this is that many based their assurance on their feelings or on what others said to them. The purpose of counseling a person for assurance of salvation is to help him learn to base his assurance of eternal life on biblical truth rather than on his feelings or comments from others. Your goal is to help the person accept the truth that if he truly believed on the Lord Jesus (the condition), then God did what He said He would do (the promise).



Ask the person:

(1) *"What did God just give you (or do for you)?"*

(Use the terms from the condition/promise verse you used)

Verse	Question	Expected Response
John 3:16	<i>"What did God just give you?"</i>	<i>Eternal life</i>
Acts 10:43	<i>"What did God just do for you?"</i>	<i>Forgave me</i>
Acts 16:31		
Romans 10:13		
John 1:12		

*If he does not know how to answer, or if he answers incorrectly, show him the condition/promise verse and ask: *"What did He say He would do if you believed?"*

*When he answers correctly, go to the next question:

(2) *"How do you know that happened?"*

Answers will vary, but you want to guide him to the right response (so that his assurance is based on God's promise).

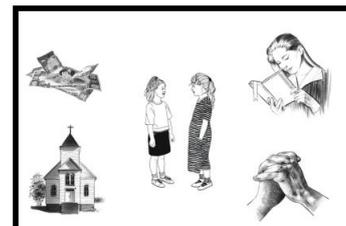
Possible Response	Counselor's Response
<i>"You told me"</i>	<i>"Yes, because God tells me . . ."</i>
<i>"I'm not sure"</i>	Show the verse; <i>"What did God promise?"</i>
<i>"I feel happy inside"</i>	<i>"Feelings may change, but God's promise won't"</i>

Give additional assurance (if needed, or if time allows)

- ◆ Let the person put his name in the condition/promise verse
- ◆ Show Hebrews 13:5 (using his five fingers to remember the promise)

Counseling for Spiritual Growth

People who have just received a new clean life need to learn how to grow spiritually. The green page of the *Wordless Book* is where you begin showing them how to start important spiritual habits that will lead to spiritual growth and maturity. You should try to take them to the application level of learning in at least two areas of growth--Bible reading and prayer. Be sure to include teaching on confession of sin when you teach about prayer since unconfessed sin develops a barrier to spiritual maturity. You should be ready to give teaching on other areas of growth if time allows, or if you may never see this person again.



*The green page reminds me of what needs to happen in your new clean life. Explain God's command to grow (2 Peter 3:18).

*Explain at least two ways to start growing spiritually:

(1) Bible reading and memorization (2 Timothy 2:15)

- *Give basic facts about the Bible (who wrote it, what it is like, etc.).
- *The Bible shows you what you need to know, be like, and do.
- *Read from it each day.
- *Begin with the New Testament (it is written directly for Believers today)
Start by reading: _____
- *Let him/her begin reading now.
- *Think about what you read and obey it.
- *Memorize one important verse each week.

(2) Prayer (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

- *Explain what prayer is (talking to God).
- *Explain what he/she can pray about:
 - ✓Thanksgiving
 - ✓**Confession**
 - ✓Requests
- *Explain that God answers prayer with yes, no, or wait.
- *Let him/her pray a prayer of thanks for his new clean life.

(3) Explain other subjects of growth as time allows:

- ✓Giving (time, money, abilities) to those in need
 - ✓Attending a Sunday school/church where they can learn the Bible
 - ✓Witnessing to unsaved friends
- *Pray with him/her.
 - *Give a tract or portion of Scripture.
 - *Follow up this person as you are able (get contact details).